

2020 Livable Communities Act Fund Distribution Plan

Funding and Schedule Discussion

February 3, 2020

Community Development Committee



2020 Fund Distribution Plan (FDP) Timeline

Community Development Committee Meeting	Topic	Intended Outcome
January 21, 2020	Scoring criteria	Discussion and Committee direction
February 3, 2020	Fund allocations and grant schedules	Discussion and Committee direction
February 18, 2020	Entire FDP	Recommend adoption of 2020 FDP



Metropolitan Council meeting	Topic	Outcome
February 26, 2020	Entire FDP (Committee report)	Adoption of 2020 FDP

Livable Communities Act (LCA) Programs - Minn. Stat. 473.25

LCDA

- Local Tax Levy
- Minn. Stat. 473.253
- Development, Pre-development, TOD

LHIA

- Local Tax Levy
- Minn. Stat. 473.254
- Affordable Housing

TBRA

- Local Tax Levy (Fiscal Disparities)
- Minn. Stat. 473.252
- Cleanup, Investigation, SEED Programs

Livable Communities Act Funding

	TBRA	LCDA	LHIA
2019 Budget (authorized + programmed reserve)	\$5.9M	\$12.5M	\$2.5M
2020 Budget (authorized only)	\$5M	\$11.8M	\$2M*
Available to Program			
Restricted Reserves: must be allocated to specific program	\$1.5M	\$5M	\$0
Unrestricted Reserves: may be allocated to any program	\$5.5M		

*\$1.5M authorized in statute, \$0.5M increased authorized in 2020 budget



2020 Investment Considerations - Broadly

No addition of reserves

Pro

- Allows us to build more reserves for 2021 which could be used to incorporate new ideas and programs

Con

- Doesn't provide as much funding for 2020 projects as we did for 2019 projects

Some addition of reserves

Pro

- Offers more funding (as we have done in the past) without depleting reserves

Con

- Doesn't provide as much funding for 2020 projects as we could

Addition of all available reserves

Pro

- Allows for most impact in 2020

Con

- Leaves less balance to continue to build reserves and apply to possible 2021 initiatives

LHIA Investment Options

- Council goal to spend more on affordable housing investment
- There are always more applicants/projects than funding available

2020 Authorized Budget

\$2.0M

Past Practice

+\$0.5M -
\$1.0M

Largest Possible

+\$5.5M

LCDA Investment Options

- Consistently make \$5,000,000 available for LCDA- TOD, leaving approximately \$7-8M for LCDA
- LCDA usually receives more applications than available funding
- \$5,000,000 seems "right-sized" for LCDA – TOD

2020 Authorized Budget

\$11.8M

Past Practice

+\$1M

Largest Possible

+\$10.5M

TBRA Investment Options

- There are often more applicants than funding, particularly clean-up funds
- Seeding Equitable Economic Development (SEED) funding also comes from this account

2020 Authorized Budget

\$5M

Past Practice

+\$1-\$1.4M

Largest Possible

+\$7M

Funding Recommendations

	TBRA	LCDA	LHIA
2020 Budget (base only)	\$5M	\$11.8M	\$2M
Available to Program			
Restricted Reserves: must be allocated to specific program	\$1.5M	\$5M	\$0
Unrestricted Reserves: may be allocated to any program	\$5.5M		
Staff Recommendation	+\$1M	+\$2.2M	+1M



Funding Recommendations

	TBRA		LCDA		LHIA
2020 Budget (base only)	\$5M		\$11.8M		\$2M
Staff Recommendation	+\$1M		+\$2.2M		+\$1M
Recommended Total	\$6M		\$13M		\$3M
Recommended Program Distributions	TBRA: \$5.75M	SEED: \$0.25M	LCDA: \$9M	LCDA- TOD: \$5M	\$3M

2020 Schedule: LCDA and LCDA–TOD

Pre-development

Spring

Month	Activity
March	Notice of Funding Availability
May 1	Applications due
June	Community Development Committee recommendations
July	Council awards

Fall

Month	Activity
September	Notice of Funding Availability
November 2	Applications due
December	Community Development Committee recommendations
December / January	Council awards

2020 Schedule: LCDA

Month	Activity
March	Notice of Funding Availability
March/April	Design Workshops
	Project Concept Plans due
July 31	Applications due
August/September	Staff and Livable Communities Advisory Committee review and rank proposals
October	Community Development Committee Recommendations
November	Council Awards

TOD eligible areas

Regular Applications

A ½-mile radius of an existing/proposed station on:

- METRO Blue Line, Green Line, and Extensions
- METRO Red, Orange and Gold Lines
- METRO A, C, and D Lines
- Northstar Commuter Rail Line
- High frequency express routes

A ¼-mile radius of a:

- Bus stop along high frequency local bus lines

Pre-Development

A ½-mile radius of a proposed station on:

- Rush Line
- Riverview

2020 Schedule: LCDA - TOD

Month	Activity
March	Notice of Funding Availability
March/April	Design workshops
	Project Concept Plans due
July 1	Applications due
July/August	Staff and Livable Communities Advisory Committee review and rank proposals
September	Community Development Committee recommendations
September/October	Council awards

2020 Schedule: LHIA

Month	Activity
April 2	Minnesota Housing/Funding partners issue Notice of Funding Availability
May 14	Multifamily Intent to Apply form due
June 4	Application deadline
July/August	Minnesota Housing staff review applications
September/October	Minnesota Housing/Funding partner application evaluation and selection meetings
November	Minnesota Housing board acts on funding recommendations
December	Community Development Committee recommendations
December	Council awards

Additional Questions and Discussion

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