

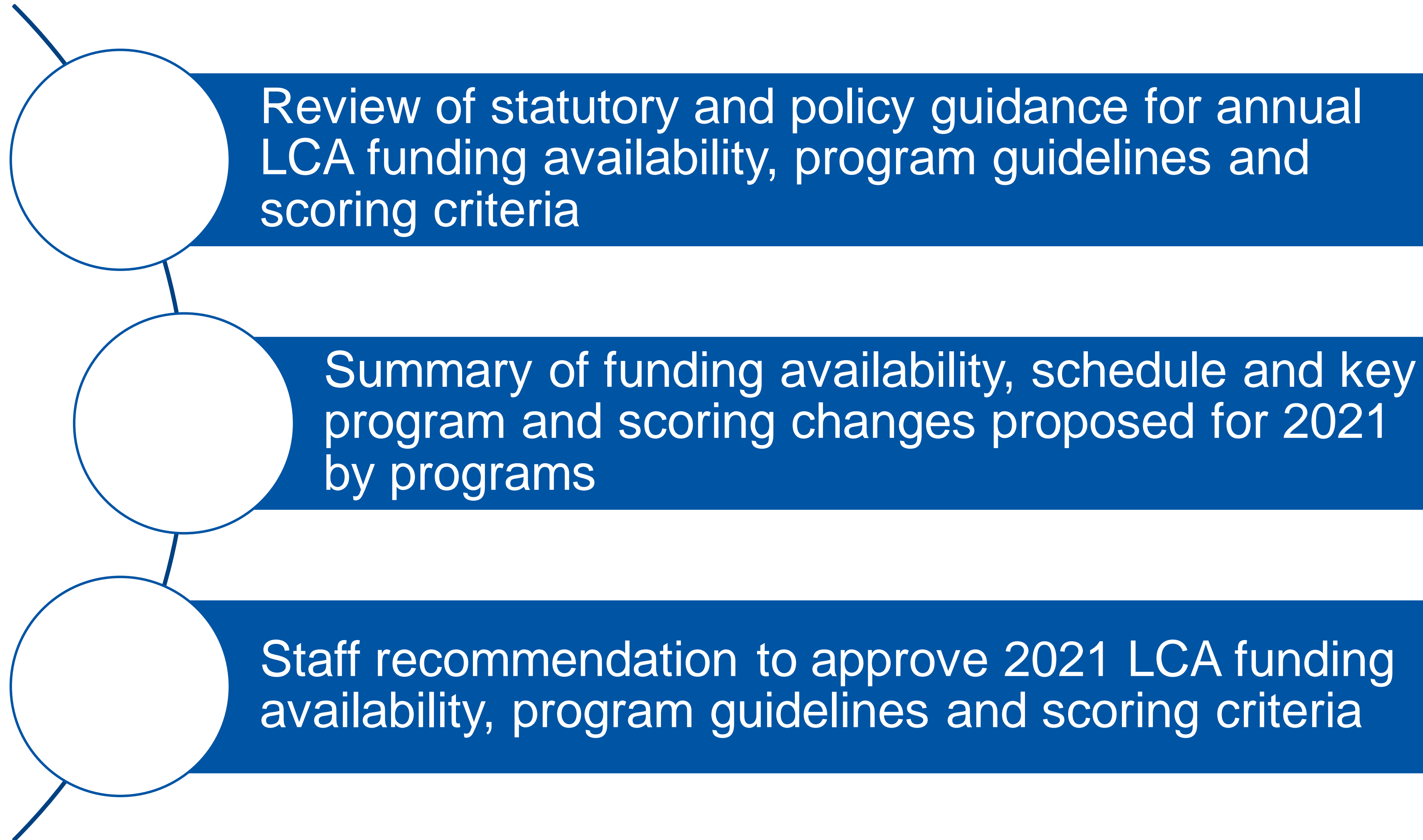
2021 Livable Communities Act Funding Availability, Program Guidelines and Scoring Criteria

Community Development Committee

February 16, 2021

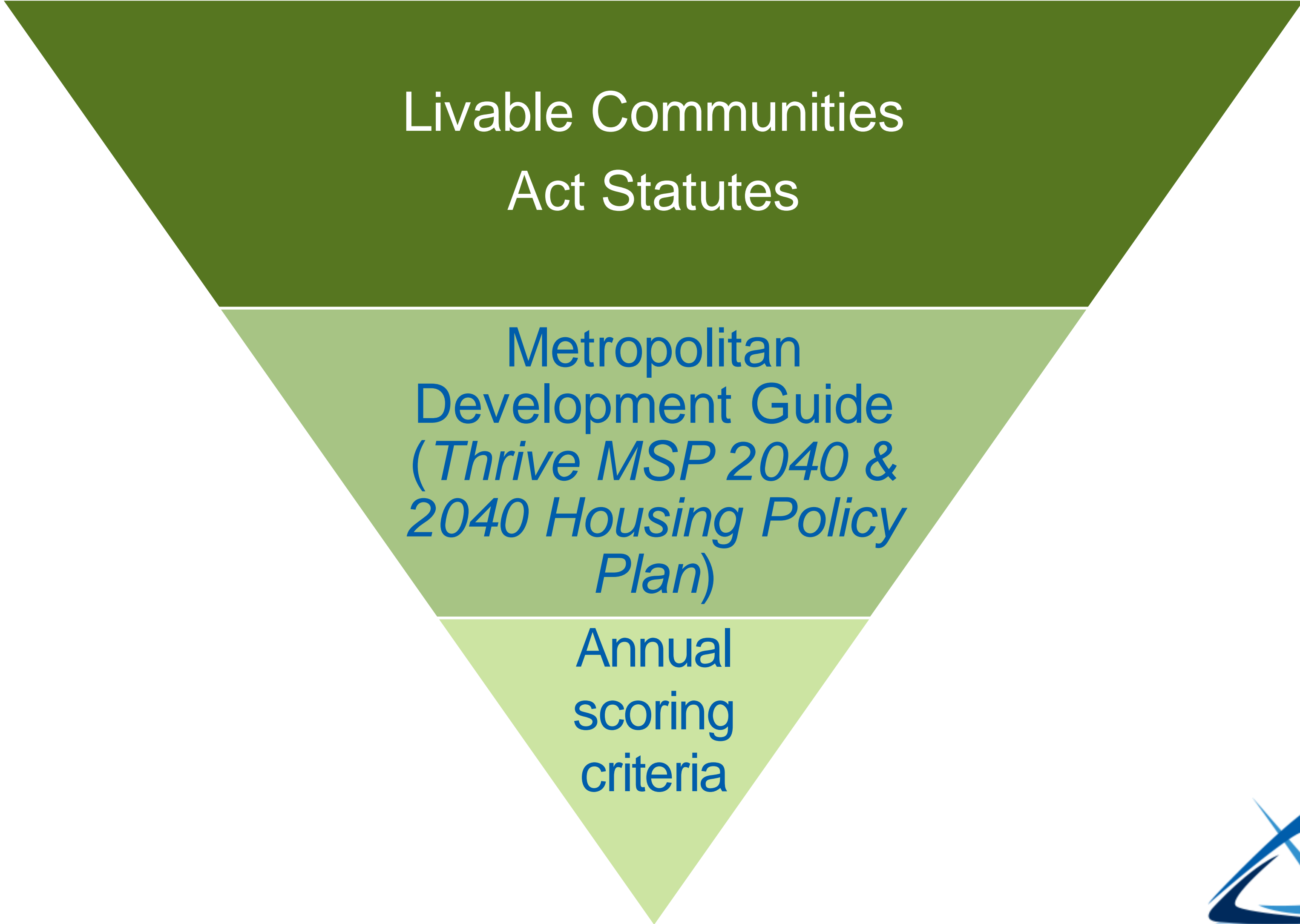


Today's presentation



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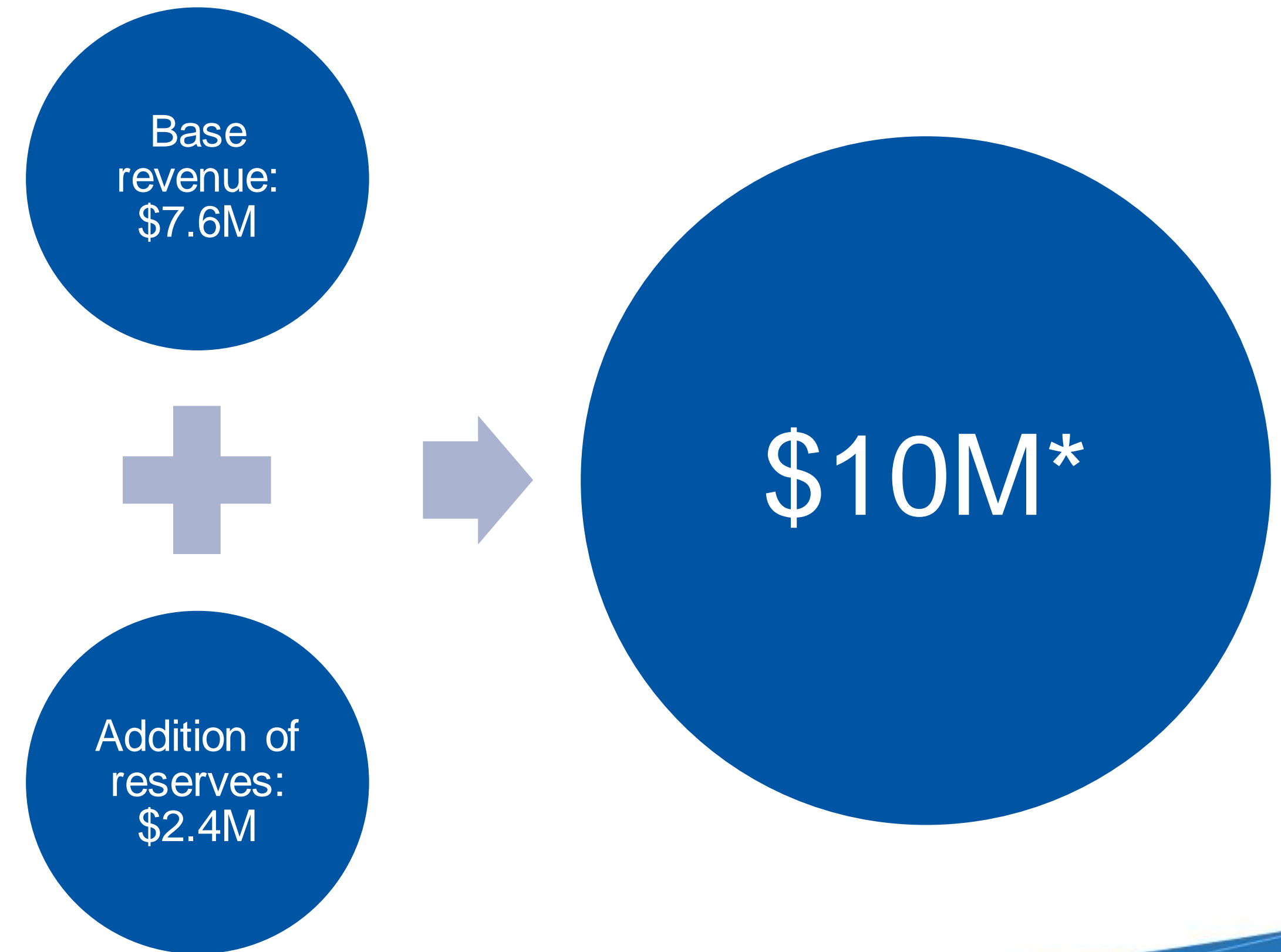
“The council shall prepare an annual plan for distribution of the fund based on the criteria for project and applicant selection.”



Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA)

Schedule:

Month	Activity
March	Notice of Funding Availability
September 27	Applications due
January 2022	Community Development Committee Recommendations and Council Awards

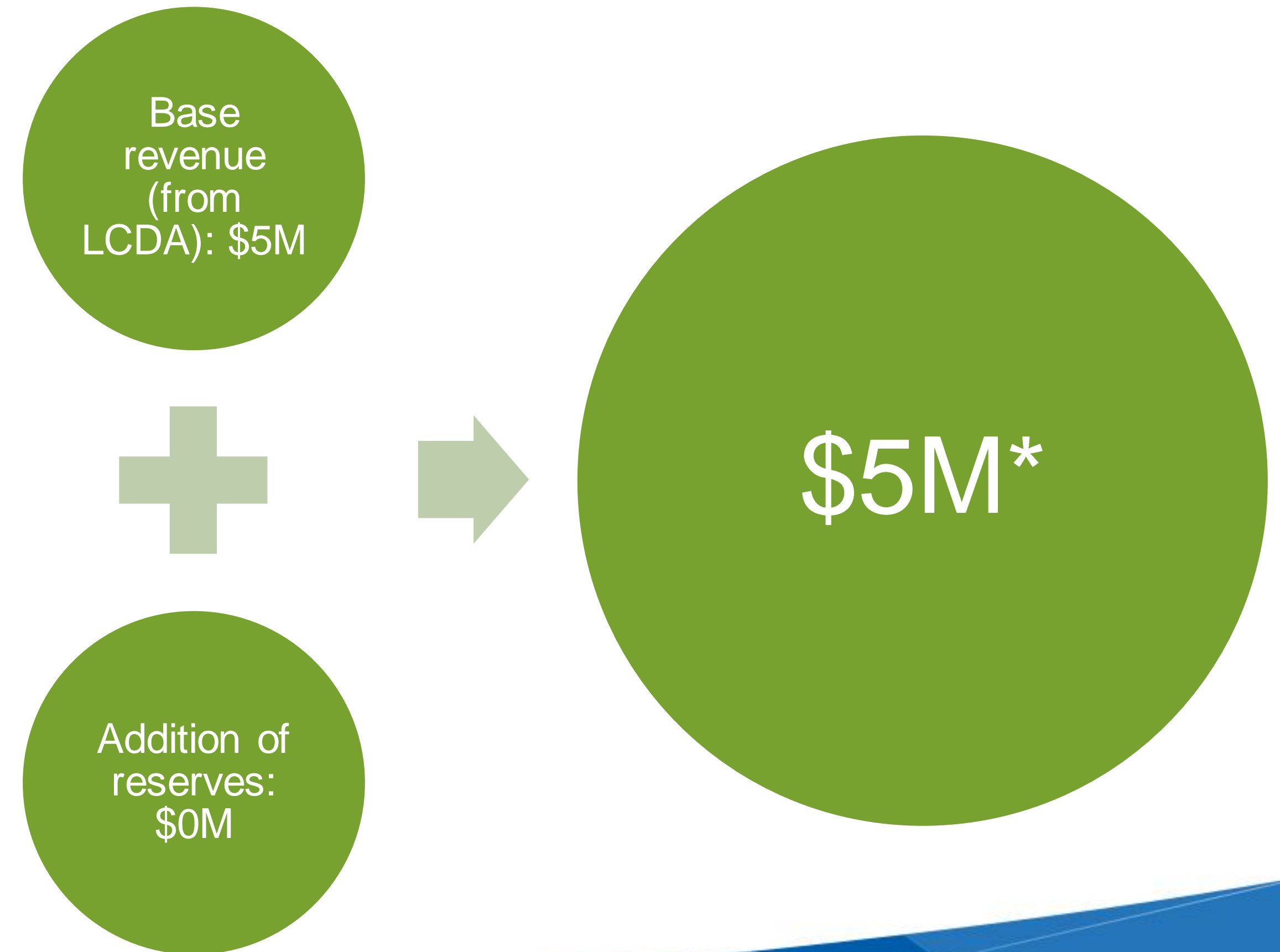


**\$1,000,000 will be made available for pre-development grants*

LCDA – Transit Oriented Development (LCDA-TOD)

Schedule:

Month	Activity
March	Notice of Funding Availability
September 7	Applications due
December	Community Development Committee Recommendations and Council Awards



**\$1,000,000 will be made available for pre-development grants*

Summary of Key Scoring Changes: LCDA and LCDA - TOD

- Removal of Demonstration and Innovation criteria
- Changes to point distribution to aligns more closely with statutory purpose and Thrive outcomes
- Changes to equity criteria:
 - Measurable
 - Explicitly connected to inequity being addressed
 - Opportunities for all types of communities to achieve points
 - Minimum equity-specific Step One points threshold to proceed to Step Two
- Changes to readiness criteria and approach

LCDA and LCDA-TOD Predevelopment

Schedule:

SPRING

Month	Activity
March	Notice of Funding Availability
April 21	Applications due
July	Community Development Committee Recommendations and Council Awards

Spring:
\$500,000 each

FALL

Month	Activity
May	Notice of Funding Availability
July 21	Applications due
September	Community Development Committee Recommendations and Council Awards

Fall:
\$500,000 each

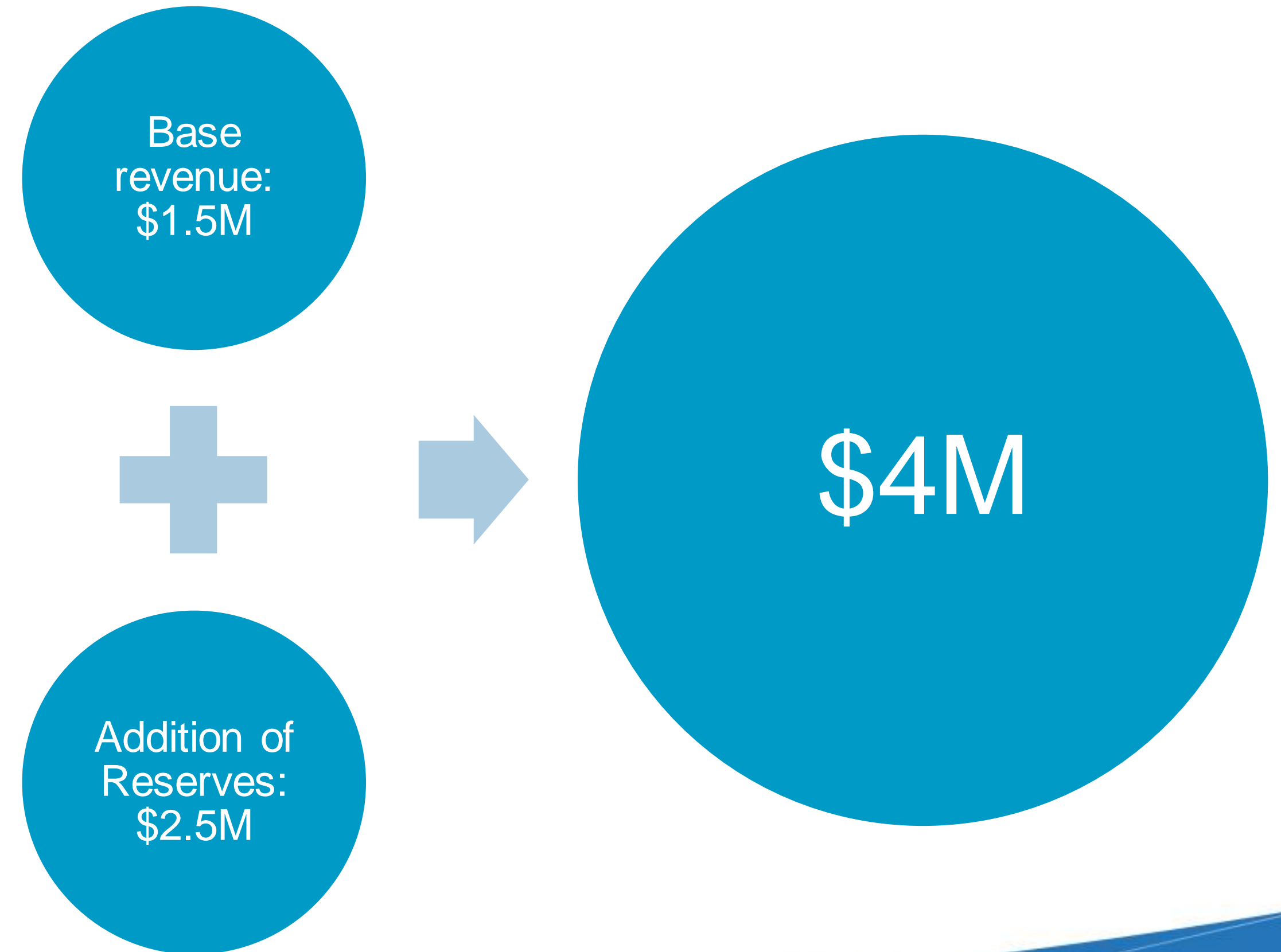
Summary of Key Changes: LCDA and LCDA – TOD Pre-development

- Change to allow a 1-year grant term extension for qualifying projects
- Increase of maximum grant award from \$100,000 to \$150,000
- Removal of Demonstration and Innovation criteria
- Changes to equity criteria:
 - Measurable
 - Explicitly connected to inequity being addressed
 - Opportunities for all types of communities to achieve points

Local Housing Incentives Account (LHIA)

Schedule:

Month	Activity
April 14	Notice of Funding Availability
May 20	Intent to Apply form due
July 15	Applications due (to Minnesota Housing)
December	Minnesota Housing Board acts on funding recommendations
January	Community Development Committee Recommendations and Council Awards



Summary of Key Scoring Changes: LHIA

- Additional criteria to prioritize new or preserved units relative to the community's affordable housing needs and goals
- Change the number of bedrooms needed to achieve large unit prioritization from 2 to 3

Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) and Seeding Equitable Environmental Development (SEED)

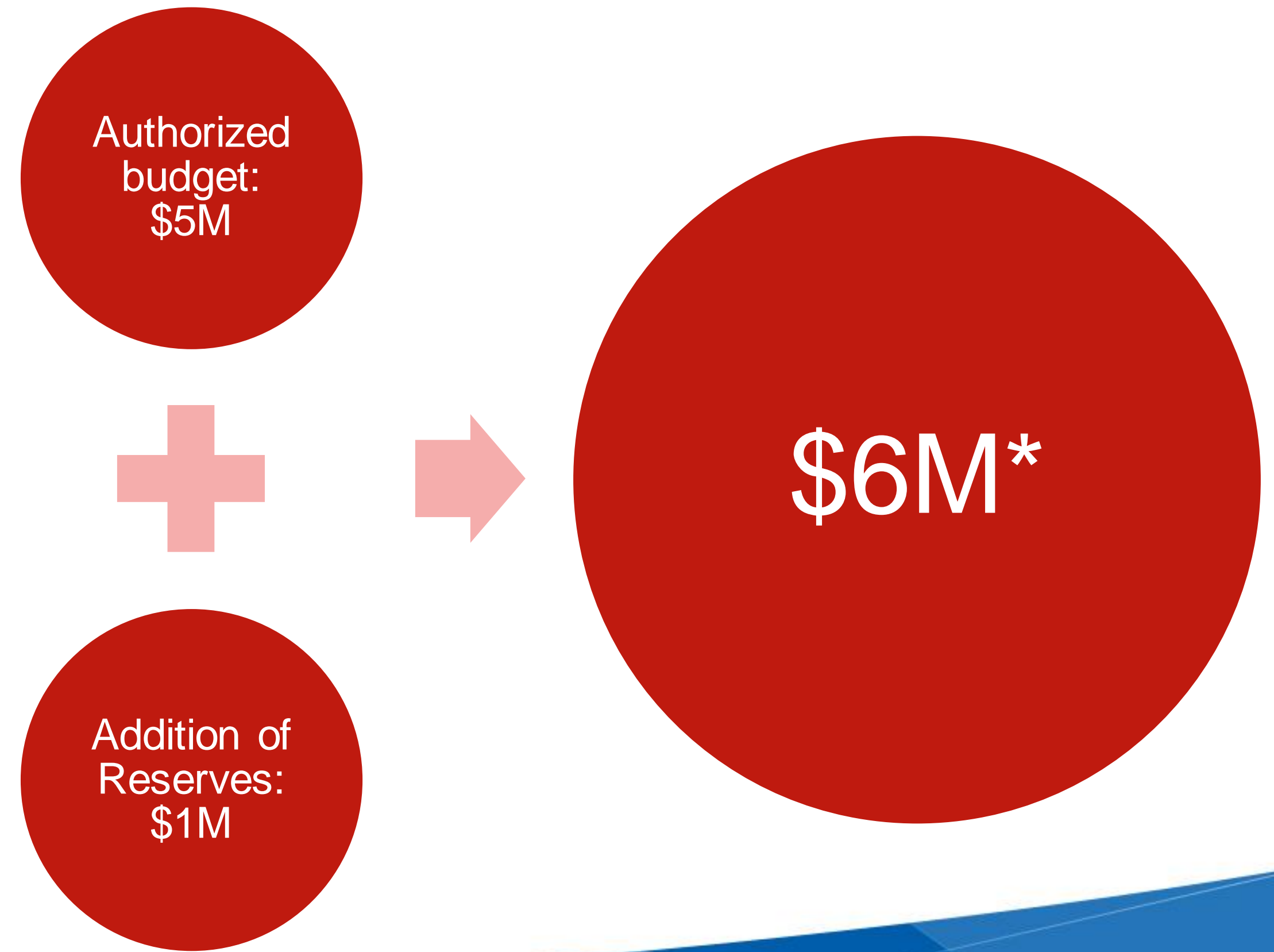
Schedule:

SPRING

Month	Activity
March	Notice of Funding Availability
May 3	Applications due
June	Community Development Committee Recommendations and Council Awards

FALL

Month	Activity
August	Notice of Funding Availability
November 1	Applications due
December	Community Development Committee Recommendations
January	Council Awards



***Funding recommendation is \$5.5M for TBRA and \$500,000 for SEED**



Summary of Key Scoring Changes: TBRA

- Minimum affordability consideration at 60% Area Median Income (AMI) instead of 80% AMI
- Additional criteria to prioritize projects with equitable outreach and engagement and to support equitable environmental protection
- Additional criterion to prioritize jobs in areas of higher poverty or unemployment

Proposed action

- Approve the 2021 Livable Communities Act funding availability, program guidelines and scoring criteria

Thank you!

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