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

Livable Communities Act



# Original Purpose

Add a two-year pilot targeted to sites in Areas of Concentrated Poverty that would allow awarding Contamination Cleanup funds to projects on sites without an identified development project, with the goal of creating jobs by catalyzing redevelopment.

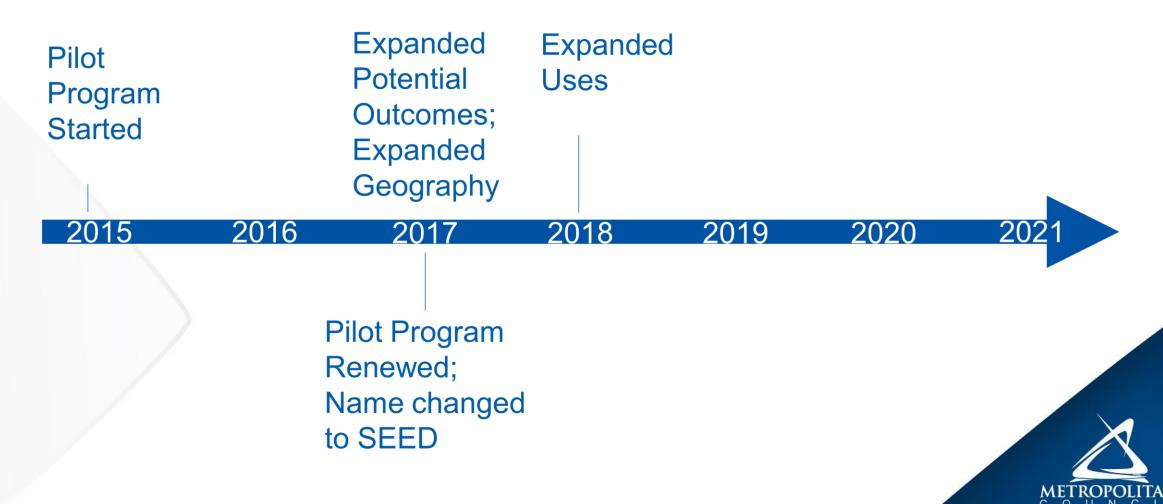


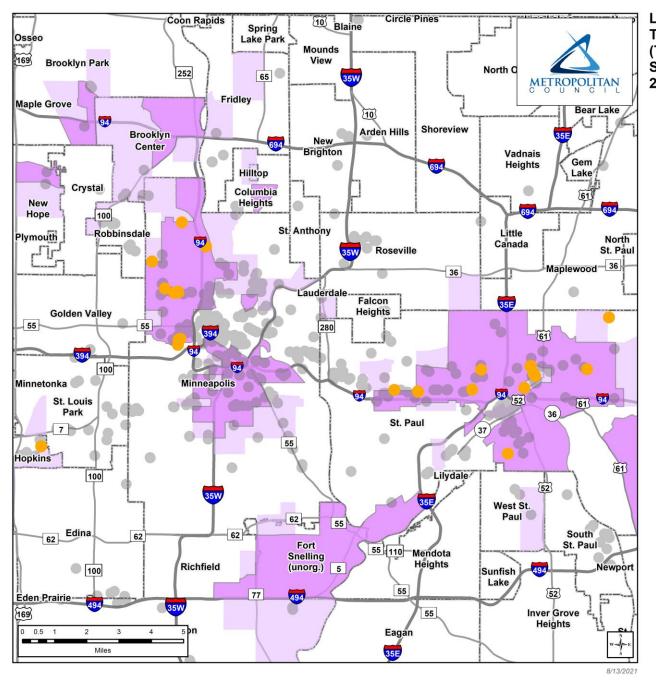
## Grant Guideline Summary

Funding	Offered between \$250,000 - \$1M per Year
Uses	<ul> <li>Grant activities include investigation, cleanup or both.</li> <li>Initially only used for environmental investigation, interior asbestos or lead-based paint abatement</li> <li>Later, could be used for partial soil cleanup with an approved cleanup plan</li> </ul>
Geography	Areas of Concentrated Poverty within LCA participant cities
Outcomes	Catalyze redevelopment on site with potential for redevelopment



# SEED Programmatic Milestones





Livable Communities
Tax Base Revitalization Account
(TBRA)
SEED/Pilot Grant Awards
2015 to Round 1 2021

SEED Grants 2015 - May 2021

All TBRA Awards

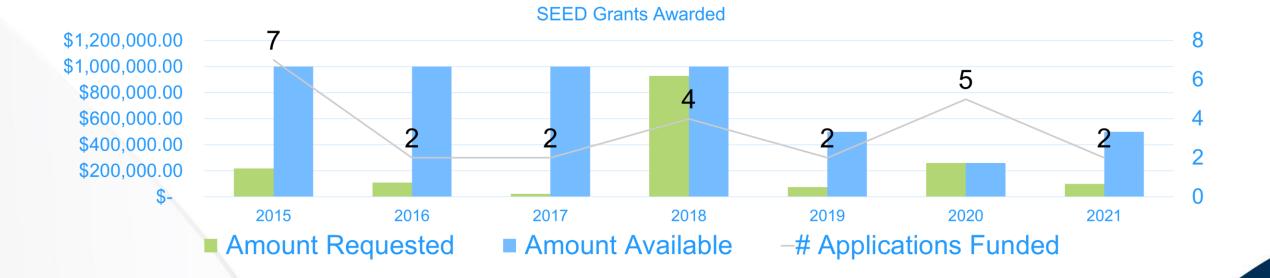
Areas of Concentrated Poverty (ACPs)

Historic ACPs



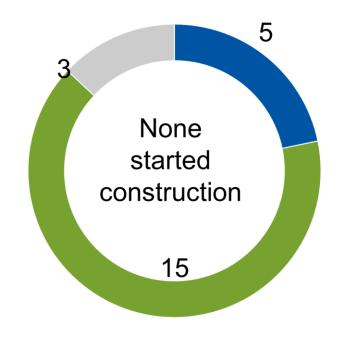


## Awards by Year





## Project Outcome Status



- Awarded but Not spent
- Partially spent
- Received additional grants/other funding



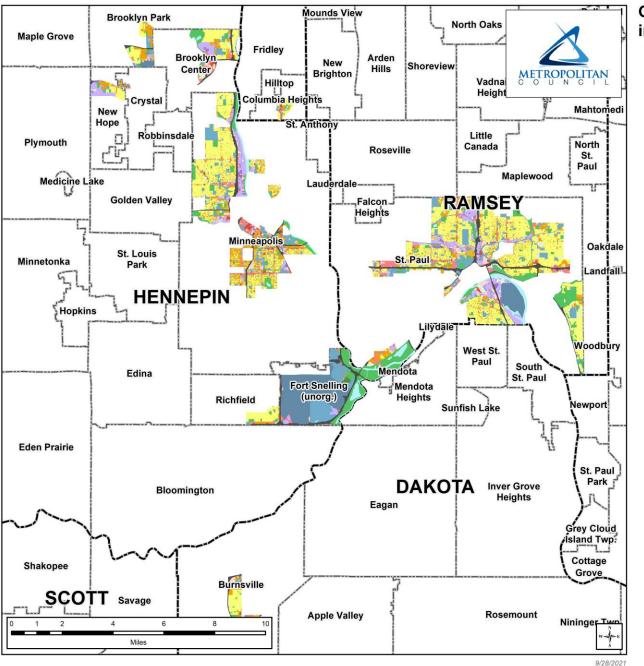
### Prior Feedback

## From Other Grantors / Counties

- Timing
- Adding non-cleanup related uses

### From Cities

- Don't deal with contaminated sites
- No (or little) redevelopment
- Focus on public sites only
- Not aware / too early
- Allows city to be more strategic
- Eligibility/'No project' status was unclear
- Other needs are a higher priority
- Eliminate match



### Generalized Land Use in ACPs





# Grant Management

#### **Strengths**

More Accessible
Focus more attention on "cold" submarkets
Most useful on publicly-owned sites

### **Opportunities**

Make more easily accessible for high priority corridors

**Program Assessment** 

#### <u>Weakness</u>

Low # of requests
Only 2 cities regularly apply
Development slow to start

### Threat Minimal impact



### Discussion Questions

What is the primary purpose of the SEED program?

• What is the best way to achieve that purpose?



## Next Steps

- Staff will return prior to February 2022 with any remaining considerations
  - Following up on today's feedback
  - Proposed changes to eligibility or scoring criteria
  - Funding availability
- Final recommendations for SEED will be considered in the comprehensive LCA Fund Distribution Plan business item in February 2022



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