Livable Communities Act Livable Communities Demonstration Account

2021 Round Two LCDA Pre-Development Funding Recommendation

September 7, 2021

Community Development Committee







Livable Communities Demonstration Account Purpose

LCA grants help communities achieve development goals that create **more housing choice**, support **living wage job** creation, and connect jobs, housing, and regional amenities in an **efficient and effective** way.



2021 Funding Availability

As part of the Fund Distribution Plan, the Council approved:

 Up to \$1,000,000 for LCDA Pre-Development grants to be awarded in two application rounds with \$500,000 available in each funding opportunity







Review Process

July 21, 2021: the Council received six LCDA Pre-Development applications

Applications undergo an evaluation by a staff team from the Community Development division



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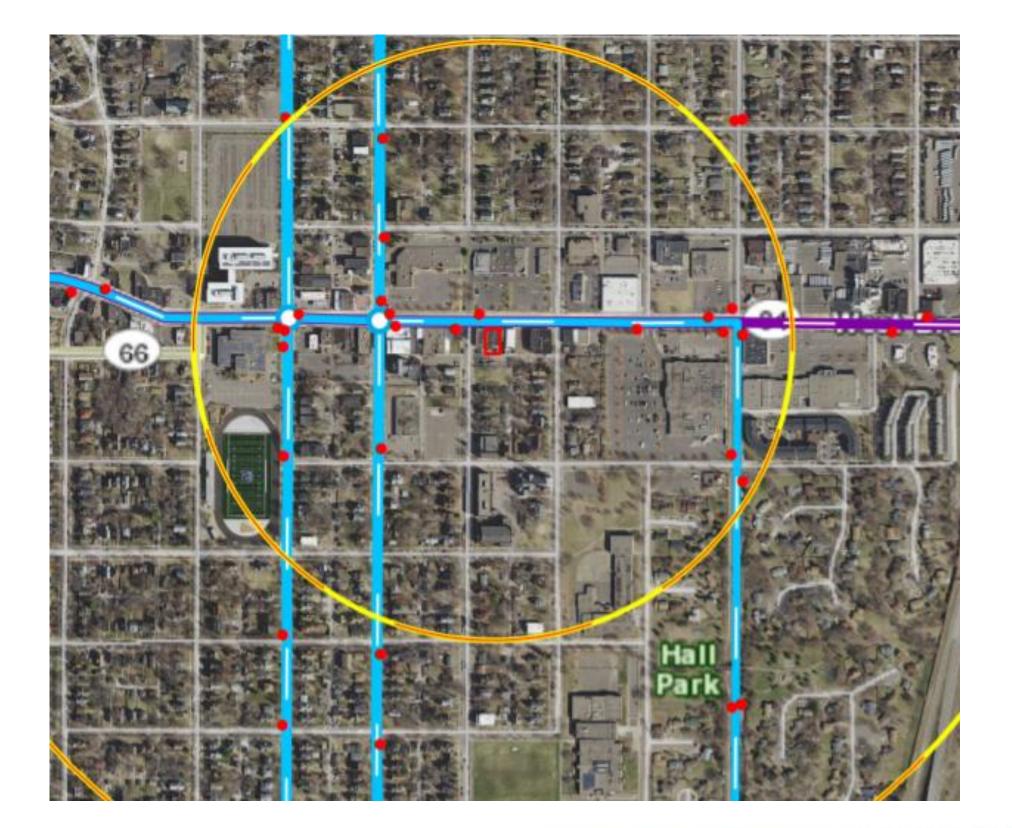


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| Project | Applicant | Score (45 points possible) | Amount Requested | Amount Recommended |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 921 W Broadway | City of Minneapolis | 43 | \$75,000 | \$75,000 |
| 2415 - 2017 W Broadway | City of Minneapolis | 38.5 | \$75,000 | \$75,000 |
| 7701 Brooklyn Boulevard | Brooklyn Park EDA | 38.5 | \$75,000 | \$75,000 |
| Hardman Triangle | City of South Saint Paul | 35.5 | \$45,000 | \$45,000 |
| 1490 E 7th Street | City of Saint Paul | 35 | \$75,750 | \$75,750 |
| The Villas Townhomes | Brooklyn Park EDA | 33.75 | \$75,000 | \$75,000 |
| | | | Total Allocated | \$500,000 |
| | | | Total Requested | \$420,750 |
| | | | Total Recommended | \$420,750 |
| | | | Total Remaining | \$79,250 |

Minneapolis

921 W Broadway



- Redevelopment of existing site to include housing, office, and renovated commercial space.
- Long-time local business owner
- Funding for feasibility study, community engagement, soil testing, and site plan development





LCDA Minneapolis **Pre-Development** 2415 – 2017 W Broadway



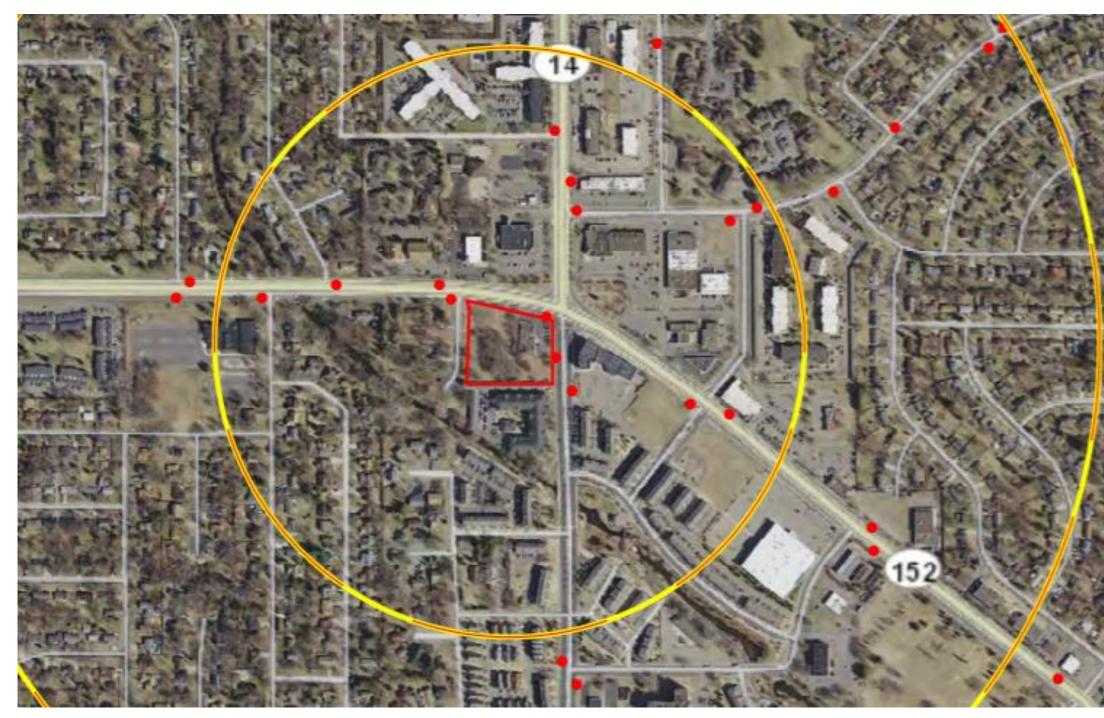
- Creating 100+ units of mixed-income housing
- Public space to enhance connectivity
- Strong community engagement and priority on local wealth building
- Soil testing, site plan development, feasibility study, community engagement, passive building designs





Brooklyn Park

7701 Brooklyn Boulevard



- Create more commercial space and job opportunities in the area
- Interest in introducing housing to the site
- Community engagement, site plan development, market study, passive building design, soil testing





South Saint Paul

Hardman Triangle



- Create new housing and employment opportunities in the area
 - Well-connected to transit and recreational trails
 - Soil testing, community engagement, site plan development





Saint Paul

1490 7th Street E



Recommended Award: \$75,750

- Redevelopment of 13.8 acre site
- Plan to include commercial space, affordable housing, light industrial, and office space as well as green space
- Soil testing, stormwater management plan, passive building design







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Brooklyn Park

The Villas Townhomes



- Redevelopment possibilities for site with existing housing
- Interest in expanding development to nearby vacant lot
- Site plan development, feasibility study, passive building design, soil testing.





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