Community Development Committee

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Proposed Action

Information item only. Feedback from the Committee will be incorporated into the upcoming action on the annual fund distribution plan.

Background

The Livable Communities Act (LCA) requires that the Council prepare an annual plan for distribution of the Livable Communities funds that includes program criteria developed by the Council. Previous conversations with Community Development Committee (see the November 15, 2021, December 6, 2021 (Pre-Development policy expansion), January 3, 2022 (SEED), January 3, 2022 (LHIA) and January 18, 2022 information items) for the 2022 cycle of LCA programs have focused on program design and scoring criteria. This information item will review funding availability recommendations, eligibility for the Livable Communities Demonstration Account – Transit Oriented Development (LCDA-TOD) program, and proposed 2022 scoring criteria for discussion with the Community Development Committee before recommending approval of the comprehensive 2022 LCA Fund Distribution Plan scheduled for the February 23, 2022, regularly scheduled committee meeting.

2022 Funding Availability

Staff have reviewed 2021 program demand and consulted with Community Development Finance and Administration staff to consider any recommendations for funding availability beyond the statutorily determined base amounts.

The base amounts available for each program in 2022 are shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1. 2022 LCA Base Revenues

Program	2022 Base Revenues
Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA)	\$5M
Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA)	\$13M
Local Housing Incentives Account (LHIA)	\$1.5M

As in past years, there are reserves available to program to supplement available funding in each program. Some reserves are restricted to a specific program; others are unrestricted and may be allocated to any program. Programmable reserves available for consideration in 2022 are shown in Table 2.

Table 2. Programmable reserves for 2022

Programmable Reserves	TBRA	LCDA	LHIA
Restricted Reserves	\$1M	\$6M	\$0M
Unrestricted Reserves		\$5M	

Staff is recommending allocation of these reserves by program as described in the remainder of this report.

Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA)

The Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) program supports brownfield redevelopment and has a base funding allocation of \$5M. Staff's funding recommendations are shown in Table 3.

Table 3. 2022 TBRA funding recommendation

Category	TBRA	Seeding Equitable Environmental Development (SEED)
Base Funding Allocation (\$5M)	\$5M	\$0M
Restricted Reserves Allocation (of \$1M available)	\$0	\$500,000
Unrestricted Reserves Allocation (of \$5.5M available)	\$0	\$0
Total funding availability recommended for 2022	\$5M (two cycles of \$2.5M; up to \$125,000 available for site investigation each cycle)	\$500,000 (two cycles of \$250,000)

Recommendations or requirements for other funding considerations are as follows:

Site Investigation:

Local Match: 25%

Grant Terms: 1 year from date of award

• Term extensions: None

• Award Limits: \$50,000 per project

Application Limit: None

Contamination Cleanup:

• Local Match: None

Grant Terms: 3 years from date of award

Term extensions: up to 2 years

 Award Limits: 50% of total available funding per city and no more than 75% of total available funding within Minneapolis and St. Paul (this is inclusive of all TBRA programs)

• Application Limit: None

 Excess available funding: If funding applied for or awarded through TBRA is less than the funding available, the remaining funds may be made available for award through the TBRA SEED category

Seeding Equitable Environmental Development (SEED)

Local Match: None

Grant Terms: 2 years from date of award

• Term extensions: None

Award Limits: \$50,000 for investigation

• Application Limit: None

- Geographic restriction: Sites that meet specific place-based equity criteria, as described and mapped in the *January 3*, 2022 information item
- Excess available funding: If funding applied for or awarded through TBRA SEED is less than the funding available, the remaining funds may be made available for award through the regular TBRA categories

Local Housing Incentives Account (LHIA)

The LHIA annual funding base is \$1.5M and the Council has consistently supplemented this base using interest earnings, from LCA program accounts, or General Purposes Levy revenues through the Council's special initiative funding process. Between 2015 and 2019, the average investment over base was just under \$1M. In 2020 and 2021 the Council made historic LHIA amounts available above the base in the amounts of \$4M and \$6.5M, respectively.

LHIA funding is pooled with Minnesota Housing's Consolidated Request for Proposals (RFP) each year with some portion awarded to multi-family rental projects and some portion awarded to single-family homeownership projects. While the exact split of the total LHIA funding across the two housing types is not set in the Fund Distribution Plan, multi-family rental projects consistently receive the majority share of the total funding. Since 2015, the share of LHIA funding going to single-family homeownership projects, through the Consolidated RFP, has been as low as 6% of the total LHIA funding available and as high as 32% of the total.

Staff is proposing an Affordable Homeownership Pilot in 2022 to determine if Council homeownership priorities can more successfully be met by making LHIA single-family homeownership awards through a Council-run process outside the consolidated RFP. While this does not preclude making single-family homeownership awards through the Consolidated RFP in 2022, the intent is to prioritize multi-family rental awards in 2022 while we launch the Affordable Homeownership Pilot.

Because it is a pilot, staff recommends the Council use strategic initiative funding to try the pilot in 2022. This minimizes disruption to base LHIA funding availability while we test the pilot. If successful, the pilot could be funded long-term out of the base LHIA amount and any programmable reserves. Long term investment in the program will be dependent upon pilot outcomes. Staff recommend an initial pilot investment of \$1-2M to sufficiently gauge pilot interest and ensure there are enough projects to evaluate pilot outcomes (Table 4). Staff anticipate the Council will allocate strategic initiatives later in the first quarter of 2022.

Table 4. 2022 LHIA funding recommendation with special initiative funding

Category	LHIA	LHIA Affordable Homeownership Pilot
Base Funding Allocation (\$1.5M)	\$1.5M	\$0
Unrestricted Reserves Allocation (of \$5M available)	\$2M	\$0
Special Initiatives Funding (unknown amount)	\$0	\$2M
Total funding availability recommended for 2022	\$3.5M	\$2M

If special initiative funding is not used to fund the pilot, staff recommend funding as shown in Table 5.

Table 5. 2022 LHIA funding recommendation without special initiative funding

Category	LHIA	LHIA Affordable Homeownership Pilot
Base Funding Allocation (\$1.5M)	\$1.5M	\$0
Unrestricted Reserves Allocation (of \$5M available)	\$1M	\$1M
Total funding availability recommended for 2022	\$2.5M	\$1M

Recommendations or requirements for other funding considerations are as follows.

Local Match: 100% dollar for dollar match from grantee

Grant Terms: 3 years from date of award

Term extensions: NoneAward Limits: NoneApplication Limit: None

Staff is aware that there is some interest in award limits for the Affordable Homeownership Pilot. Staff recommend not setting an award limit to provide maximum flexibility in considering awards given the program is a pilot and we do not know what award requests will look like or to what degree proposals will achieve pilot priorities. However, staff will carefully consider award recommendations for the pilot knowing that there is a keen balance between achieving pilot priorities and funding as many affordable homeownership opportunities as possible.

<u>Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA) and LCDA – Transit Oriented</u> Development (LCDA-TOD)

LCDA and LCDA-TOD funding recommendations reflect that they will combine their Pre-Development programs into a single process, in two cycles. Staff's funding recommendations are show in Table 6.

Table 6. 2022 LCDA and LCDA-TOD funding recommendations

Category	LCDA Development	LCDA-TOD Development	LCDA and LCDA-TOD Pre-Development
Base Funding Allocation (\$13M)	\$7M	\$4M	\$2M
Restricted Reserves Allocation (\$6M available)	\$2M	\$1M	\$0
Unrestricted Reserves Allocation (of \$5M available)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total funding availability recommended for 2022	\$9M	\$5M	\$2M

Recommendations or requirements for other funding considerations are as follows:

Pre-development (includes policy expansion):

- Local Match: None
- · Grant Terms: 2 years from date of award
- Term extensions: Up to 1 year
- Award Limits: \$300,000 per city, per round for regular Pre-Development in Round 1; Same limits, but inclusive of up to \$50,000 per city, for Pre-Development policy expansion in Round 2
- Application Limit: No more than six per city or county applicant
- Excess available funding: If funding applied for or awarded through Pre-development is less than the funding available, the remaining funds may be made available for award through the regular LCDA or LCDA – TOD Development categories

Development:

- Local Match: None
- Grant Terms: 3 years from date of award
- Term extensions: Up to 2 years
- Award Limits:
 - LCDA: If eligible applications from suburban communities exceed 60% of available funds, no more than 40% of the funds may be granted to projects in Minneapolis and St. Paul.
 - LCDA-TOD: \$2 million per city
- Application Limit: No more than three per city or county applicant
- Excess available funding: If funding applied for or awarded through LCDA or LCDA-TOD is less
 than the funding available, the remaining funds may be made available for award through
 whichever program has requests for more funding than is available.

Summary of All Programs

The culmination of funding recommendations for all programs, assuming special initiative funds support the Affordable Homeownership Pilot, is shown in Table 7.

Table 7. 2022 LCA Funding Availability Recommendations

Category	TBRA LCDA		TBRA LCDA		LHIA	
Base Funding	\$5	\$5M		\$13M		
Restricted Reserves Programming Recommended	\$0.5M		0.5M \$3M		\$3M	
Unrestricted Reserves Programming Recommendation	\$	60	\$0		\$2M	
Recommended Total	\$5.	.5M	\$16M		\$3.5M	
Recommended Program Distributions	TBRA: \$5M	SEED: \$0.5M	LCDA: \$9M	TOD: \$5M	Pre-D: \$2M	LHIA: \$3.5M*

^{*}This assumes the LHIA pilot is funded with special initiatives.

Finally, for all programs, the following limit applies:

 The Metropolitan Council reserves the right to award less than the amount requested and to award less than the available funding in a funding cycle.

LCDA-TOD Eligibility

TOD-Eligible Areas are limited geographic areas eligible for LCDA-TOD funding based on levels of transit service and a transit project's stage of development. The criteria to determine areas eligible for TOD funding is as follows:

- LCDA-TOD Development The transit project has completed environmental review or received a Record of Decision.
- LCDA Pre-Development The transit project is in environmental review and included in the Transportation Policy Plan Current Revenue Scenario or the lead agency has adopted the Final Corridor Plan for arterial bus rapid transit.

LCDA-TOD projects must be located within a Council-identified Developed Area, Developing Area, or a Rural Center. Regional park land is ineligible in all respects. The project must also be within a TOD Eligible Area, described as within:

A ½-mile radius of an existing station on the following transit corridors:

- LRT: METRO Blue Line and Green Line
- BRT: METRO Orange Line, Red Line, A Line, and C Line
- Northstar Commuter Rail Line

A ½-mile radius of a proposed station on the following planned transit corridors:

- LRT: METRO Blue Line and Green Line Extensions
- BRT: METRO Gold Line, Purple Line (formerly Rush Line), and D Line

A ½-mile radius of a bus stop or station with significant infrastructure on high-frequency express routes. High-frequency express service is defined as bus service providing either six or more trips during at least one of the peak morning hours between 6:00 AM and 9:00 AM, or every 10 minutes during the peak morning hour.

A ¼-mile radius of a bus stop along high-frequency local bus lines, defined as those routes providing service at least every 15 minutes between 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM on weekdays and between 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM on Saturdays.

Due to changes in service frequency due to the COVID-19 pandemic 2020 service levels were used to determine 2021 and 2022 TOD eligibility.

Additionally, projects located within a ½-mile radius of proposed stations on the following planned transit corridors are eligible for LCDA-TOD Pre-Development grants:

Riverview Corridor, B Line, and E Line BRT

Blue Line Extension

In August 2020 the Metropolitan Council and Hennepin County announced the need to advance the METRO Blue Line Extension Light Rail (BLRT) project without using approximately eight miles of freight railroad property, as initially planned. With a change to the corridor alignment the BLRT no longer met eligibility thresholds for LCDA-TOD Development grants where transit corridors must have completed environmental review or received a Record of Decision.

The 2021 LCDA-TOD program maintained the eligibility of the BLRT and used previously eligible station areas as of 2020. This was done for several reasons including:

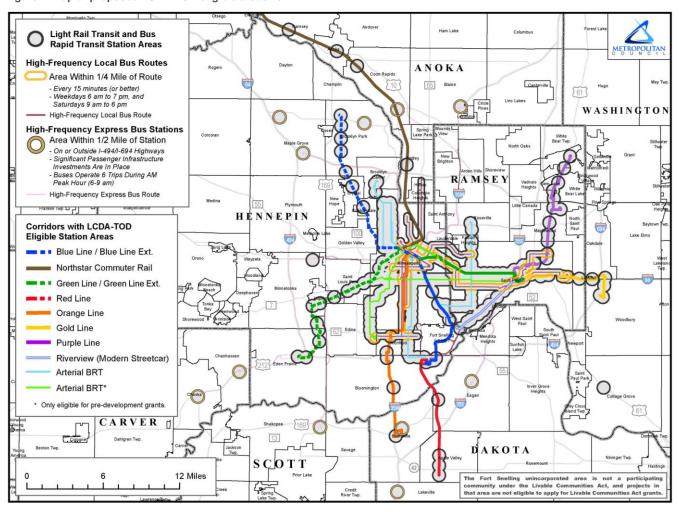
- 1. A majority of the alignment through Brooklyn Park, Crystal, and Robbinsdale was expected to remain relatively unchanged.
- 2. Sites in the City of Minneapolis where several alignment alternatives are under consideration were able to submit applications to either the LCDA or the LCDA-TOD programs.
- 3. There was a desire to maintain as many funding opportunities as possible for prospective applicants in historically disinvested neighborhoods throughout North Minneapolis where different route alternatives were under consideration.
- 4. There was a desire to maintain consistency with BLRT partner Hennepin County which included the previously eligible station areas as of 2020 for its TOD grant funding opportunities in 2021.

A new BLRT route option was expected by the end of 2021 that had the support of corridor residents, businesses, and cities. However, public input, technical evaluation, and an anti-displacement initiative are still ongoing, and the Final Route Modification Report is expected in Spring 2022. The community-supported route alignment is expected to complete environmental review and municipal consent by 2024 and engineering, including station area planning, by 2026.

Staff recommends that the Council continue to maintain BLRT eligibility as of the 2020 alignment for 2022 LCDA-TOD Development and Pre-Development grants, with the exception of four station areas that are no longer part of the current alignment alternatives under consideration. These four station areas are located in between the City of Minneapolis and the City of Golden Valley and include Van White, Penn Avenue, Plymouth Avenue, Golden Valley Road. The geographic coverage for TOD eligible Areas that result from removing the four station areas will be minimal. C Line and D Line stations will maintain TOD Eligible Areas for a majority of the BLRT station area geography from the four station areas to be removed. This approach will also maintain consistency between the LCDA-TOD program and BLRT partner Hennepin County which is removing Van White, Penn Avenue, Plymouth Avenue, and Golden Valley Road stations from eligibility in their TOD grant programs.

The LCDA-TOD eligible areas as described above are shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1. Map of proposed LCDA-TOD eligible areas 2022



Scoring Criteria

At the <u>January 18, 2022</u> Community Development Committee meeting, staff presented a summary of scoring criteria changes proposed for the TBRA, LCDA and LCDA-TOD programs, but time for discussion was cut short. The proposed scoring changes are primarily tweaks to the major changes that were made for 2021, and these changes are again attached to this report showing both a redlined and clean version of the proposed criteria. The redlined criteria attachment further includes a bracketed explanation for each change proposed. A more comprehensive evaluation of the scoring overhaul for 2021 will take place over 2022, as there is not enough turnaround between completing the 2021 cycle and adopting the 2022 Fund Distribution Plan to do formal evaluation and engagement.

Staff did hear in the short discussion on January 18 that outreach and engagement is very important across the full spectrum of our stakeholders: cities, developers, community members and the people living and working in the projects we fund. That feedback will be incorporated into the evaluation exercises planned for 2022, including surveys, workshops, and many formal and informal conversations.

Staff will conclude the discussion of this funding availability information item with time to address any remaining questions or concerns about scoring criteria, especially those that would prohibit adoption of the 2022 Fund Distribution Plan.

Attachments

Attachment 1: Redline version of proposed scoring criteria for 2022 in the Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA), Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA), and LCDA – Transit Oriented Development (LCDA-TOD) programs

Attachment 2: Clean version of proposed scoring criteria for 2022 in the TBRA, LCDA and LCDA-TOD programs

Attachment 1: 2022 Redline version of proposed 2022 scoring criteria for TBRA, LCDA and LCDA-TOD

This is a redlined version of the proposed 2022 criteria. Text shown in brackets briefly describes the rationale for the proposed change.

Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA)

The TBRA helps clean up contaminated land and buildings for subsequent development. These grants are intended to provide the greatest public benefit for the money spent, strengthen the local tax base, and create and preserve jobs and/or affordable housing. The TBRA is funded by a property tax levy established in statue that may not exceed \$5,000,000 annually.

Table 1. TBRA Site Investigation Scoring Rubric

What: Proposed Project Outcomes			
Category	Criteria	Points	
Tax Base	Increase to the tax base of the recipient municipality	5	
Jobs and Housing	Create or preserve affordable housing opportunities with priority given to projects that serve populations not currently served by the local housing market and for projects with the deepest affordability Increase in affordable rental or ownership housing units for households with incomes at or below 60% of Area Median Income (AMI) [Use wording that matches LCDA/TOD]	5	
	Increase or retain the number of new full-time equivalent jobs in the region through adaptive reuse, infill development or redevelopment Create or preserve permanent employment opportunities with priority given to projects with living wage jobs [Use wording that matches LCDA/TOD]	-	
	Develop vacant lots or re-use vacant buildings		
Compa ct,	Increase the use of transit and alternatives such as walking or biking	15	
Connec ted Develo	Support efficient growth in the region through adaptive reuse, infill development or redevelopment		
pment	Demonstrate a market demand for future redevelopment proposals [Moved from Project Process for clarity]	<u>5</u>	
Environme ntal Impact	Investigate contaminated sites with the greatest potential to improve the environment and reduce risk to human health	12	
	Potential to support equitable environmental protection based on project location and potential impact of exposure	6	
Subtotal Out	come	43 <u>48</u>	

Table 1, Continued: TBRA Site Investigation Scoring Rubric

How: Proposed Project Process			
Category	Criteria	Points	
	Address a residential and/or workforce need that was identified by or with residents or workers most impacted by inequities Support pre-development that includes or plans for meaningful and inclusive community engagement with a variety of stakeholders including local representatives anticipated to be most impacted by a future redevelopment project* [Use wording that matches LCDA/TOD]	6 <u>4</u>	
Process	The city is taking steps toward addressing racial and other inequities at the local level, especially efforts to implement equitable development practices* Address a city or neighborhood community or economic need and demonstrate a need for public financing [Use wording that matches LCDA/TOD]	6 <u>3</u>	
	Demonstrate a market demand for future redevelopment proposals [Moved to Project Outcomes]	5	
Subtotal Pro	cess	17 7	
	Who: Proposed Project Team		
Category	Criteria	Points	
	Project team's capacity to begin an environmental investigation and commit sources for required matching fund contribution		
	The team demonstrates a need for public financing [Moved From Project Process]		
Capacity	The project team, including partners, is designed to reflect and be responsive to those underrepresented and most impacted by the project; or the predevelopment activities will seek to build such partnerships in a meaningful way [Added criterion that matches LCDA/TOD] Demonstrate public applicant's capacity to oversee environmental	10 15	
	investigations	10 15	
Subtotal Team			
TOTAL			
	Applications must score at least 35 of the total 70 available points		

Table 2. TBRA Contamination Cleanup Scoring Rubric

	What: Proposed Project Outcomes	
Category	Criteria	Points
Tax Base	Increase to the tax base of the recipient municipality Add tax revenue in the near term. (Projects not in or not expected to be in a Tax Increment Finance district earn 5 points because all the affected tax jurisdictions benefit immediately)	25
Jobs and Housing	Create or preserve affordable housing opportunities with priority given to projects that serve populations not currently served by the local housing market and for projects with the deepest affordability Increase in affordable rental or ownership housing units for households with incomes at or below 60% of Area Median Income (AMII) [Use wording that matches LCDA/TOD] Create new affordable housing that furthers the City's ability to meet their share of the region's need for affordable housing, considering what the need is across levels; OR Preserve and rehabilitate affordable housing, prioritizing communities at highest risk of losing Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (NOAH) and/or communities with higher rates of housing cost burdened households Preserve existing affordable housing units if the building undergoes substantial rehabilitation, it ensures the extension of long-term affordability with income restrictions on tonants with incomes at or below 60% of Area Median Income (AMI) — AND— it includes federal subsidy (e.g., project-based-Section 8) as part of the redevelopment financing [Use wording that matches LCDA/TOD] Create or preserve permanent employment opportunities with priority given to projects with living wage jobs. Increase or retain jobs in the region in the region through adaptive reuse, infill development, or redevelopment [Use wording that matches LCDA/TOD] Preserve and/or increase the number of permanent living wage jobs in the region. Create jobs in priority high-growth and high-opportunity sectors of the region's economy including technology or environment; and/or advance city job growth priorities [Use wording that matches LCDA/TOD] Increase permanent living wage jobs in a qualifiedan area of concentrated poverty or high unemployment Seeding Equitable Environmental Development (SEED) eligible area* [Incorporates expansion of SEED eligible areas]	25

Table 2, continued. TBRA Contamination Cleanup Scoring Rubric

	What: Proposed Project Outcomes	
Category	Criteria	Points
Compa ct, Connec ted	Support efficient growth in the region through adaptive reuse, infill development or redevelopment Increase the use of transit and alternatives such as walking or biking	20
Develo pment	Demonstrate a market demand for future redevelopment proposals [Moved from Project Process]	<u>5</u>
	Cleanup contaminated sites with the greatest potential to improve the environment and reduce risk to human health	25
	Maximize access to local and regional parks and trails through outreach, site design, or programming	
	Conserve vital existing regional natural resources features and functions	
Environm ent and Livability	Conserve, restore or protect the region's water resources through environmentally sound opportunities for recharging groundwater with best management practices for stormwater	
Livability	Commitment to resilient energy infrastructure using renewable and/or district energy sources	<u>20</u>
	Increase job opportunities within micro-enterprises, worker-owned businesses, or other business models that support wealth creation	
	Potential to support equitable environmental protection based on project location and potential impact of exposure	
Subtotal O	utcome	120

Table 2, continued. TBRA Contamination Cleanup Scoring Rubric

How: Proposed Project Process			
Category	Criteria	Points	
	Address a residential and/or workforce need that was identified by or with residents or workers most impacted by racial or other disparities* Include or plan for meaningful and inclusive community engagement with a variety of stakeholders including those least represented and most impacted by the future redevelopment project* [Use wording that matches LCDA/TOD]	<u>10</u>	
Process	The city is taking steps toward addressing inequities at the local level, especially efforts to implement equitable development practices* Address a city or neighborhood community or economic need identified in consideration or partnership of those most impacted and least represented; and demonstrate a need for public financing* [Use wording that matches LCDA/TOD]	<u>4</u>	
	Demonstrate a market demand for future redevelopment proposals- [Moved to Project Outcomes]	5	
Subtotal Process			
	Who: Proposed Project Team		
Capacit y	Demonstrate public applicant's capacity to oversee environmental cleanups The team can demonstrate a need for public financing [Moved from Project Process] The project team, including partners, is designed to reflect and be responsive to those underrepresented and most impacted by the project; or the predevelopment activities will seek to build such partnerships in a meaningful way [New criterion that matches LCDA/TOD]	16	
Subtotal Te	Project team's readiness to proceed with project site cleanup and construction	16	
TOTAL		150	
	Applications must score at least 75 of the total 150 available points		

	What: Proposed Project Outcomes	
Category	Criteria	Points
Tax Base	Potential to increase the tax base of the recipient municipality based on the current tax base of the subject property and changes to the property classification OR based on the desired land use per a current request for proposals for redevelopment	5
Jobs and Housing	Potential to create or preserve living wage jobs or affordable housing opportunities based on existing land use designation and proximity to existing employment centers Potential to add or retain new jobs or add or preserve housing choices through adaptive reuse, infill development or mixed-use redevelopment based on existing land use designation and proximity to existing employment centers [Use wording that matches LCDA/TOD]	5
Co mpa ct, Con nect ed Dev elop men	Develop vacant lots or re-use vacant buildings Potential to increase the use of transit and alternatives such as walking or biking Interim use that increases visibility or improves marketability of the redevelopment opportunity Demonstrate a market demand for future redevelopment proposals [Moved from Project Process] Potential to increase the intensity of land use based on existing improvements, if any, and existing zoning designation	15 20
Environm ental Impact	Identify or reduce risk to human health from suspected or known environmental contaminants, pollutants, hazardous substances or hazardous building materials and characterization of risks particularly to vulnerable populations (e.g., infants, children and elderly) based on the current property use at or adjacent to the subject property	15
impaor	Potential to support equitable environmental protection based on project location and potential impact of exposure	6
Subtotal O	utcome	46 51
	How: Proposed Project Process	
Category	Criteria	Points
	Address a residential and/or workforce need that was identified by or with residents or workers most impacted by inequities Include or plan for meaningful and inclusive community engagement with a variety of stakeholders including those least represented and most impacted by the future redevelopment project* [Use wording that matches LCDA/TOD]	16 4
Process	The city is taking steps toward addressing inequities at the local level, especially efforts to implement equitable development practices Address a city or neighborhood community or economic need identified in consideration or partnership of those most impacted and least represented; and demonstrate a need for public financing* [Use wording that matches LCDA/TOD]	3
	Demonstrate a market demand for future _redevelopment proposals [Moved to Project Outcomes]	5
Subtotal Pr		16 7

Table 3, continued. TBRA SEED Scoring Rubric

	Who: Proposed Project Team			
Category	Criteria	Points		
	Project team's capacity to begin an environmental investigation and commit sources for required matching fund contribution			
	The team can demonstrate a need for public financing [Moved from Project Process]			
	The project team, including partners, is designed to reflect and be responsive to			
Capacity	those underrepresented and most impacted by the project; or the predevelopment activities will seek to build such partnerships in a meaningful	912		
Capacity	Wav	8 <u>12</u>		
	[New criterion that matches LCDA/TOD]			
	Project team's capacity to begin a partial soil cleanup or soil vapor mitigation			
	Public applicant's capacity to oversee environmental investigations or partial cleanup			
Subtotal Te	Subtotal Team			
TOTAL				
	Applications must score at least 35 of the total 70 available points			

Local Housing Incentives Account (LHIA)

The LHIA helps expand and preserve lifecycle and affordable housing, both rented and owned. The LHIA annual base funding includes \$500,000 transferred from the LCDA tax levy plus \$1 million from the Council's general fund.

LHIA Threshold Criteria

- A significant component of the project must serve households with incomes at or below 60% of Area Median Income (AMI) with a minimum affordability term of 15 years, for rental projects.
- Grantees must have an adopted Fair Housing Policy in order to receive Livable Communities
 Act funding.
- Projects must have affirmative fair housing marketing plans.

LHIA Competitive Criteria

- Rental proposals creating or preserving affordability for persons at or below 30% of AMI;
- New affordable housing that furthers the City's ability to meet their share of the region's need for affordable housing, considering what the need is across affordability bands

OR

Preserved/rehabilitated affordable housing, prioritizing communities at highest risk of losing Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (NOAH) and/or communities with higher rates of housing cost burdened households.

- Proposals that serve large families by providing three or more-bedroom units;
- Proposals meeting the needs of individuals and households experiencing longterm homelessness;
- Proposals that provide a housing type not currently available or serve a population not currently served in or near the project area.

<u>Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA) and Transit Oriented</u> Development (TOD) Predevelopment

The LCDA supports development and redevelopment projects that link housing, jobs and services and use community and regional infrastructure efficiently. TOD is focused on high-density projects that contribute to a mix of uses in the TOD-eligible area. TOD-eligible areas can be along light rail, commuter rail, bus rapid transit, and high frequency bus corridors. The LCDA is funded by a property tax levy that is distributed among the regular LCDA, the LCDA-TOD, and the LHIA.

LCDA and TOD Pre-Development

LCDA and TOD's Pre-development program is scored by Council staff using the following criteria.

LCA is focused on addressing racial inequity in the region given race is the largest predictor of inequitable outcomes in jobs, housing, and other LCA goals. Project addressing racial equity will be prioritized in scoring. Projects addressing other inequities will earn points towards how they address those inequities but will not receive full points unless they also consider the intersection of racial inequity.

Table 4. LCDA and TOD Pre-Development Scoring Rubric

What: Proposed Pre-Development Outcomes	
Category	Points
The goals and vision of the proposed project would meet one or more of the following LCA Thrive goals:	and/or
Increase choice in local housing options by adding new housing types and creating affordable housing opportunities. Priority for projects with deep affordability and/or serving a special population	10 8
Create or preserve permanent jobs opportunities with priority for accessible, living wage jobs	
Intensify land uses on the site and take advantage of connections between housing, jobs, services and amenities across the region and in the project area	
Minimize climate impact by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and conserving natural resources	
Support and incentivize the region's economic competitiveness by Further equity outcomes in access to affordable housing, access to living wage jobs, climate impacts, and regional connections* [The focus of the projects is to realize more equitable outcomes for the region's	
residents. That equitable outcomes improve the region's economic competitiveness is more detail than is required here.]	

What: Proposed Pre-Development Activity Outcomes

The pre-development activities will further the project's ability to meet LCA and/or Thrive geals: [It is not possible to effectively score on the quality of potential work or the impact that work will have on the project. Scorers will focus on the expected outcomes of the proposed project in the "What" section rather than specific requested activities.]

Create or preserve affordable housing, including depth of affordability, housing types, or special populations served, through activities such as public engagement, market studies, etc.

Create or preserve permanent, living wage jobs, through activities such as workforce training compatibility, business incubation, cooperative ownership models, public engagement, etc.

Create compact, efficient development, through activities such as density studies, market studies, design charrettes, etc.

Achieve connectedness within the project area through activities such as site design, micromobility studies, and accessibility and universal design development as well as across the region through activities such as parking/traffic studies, etc.

Use sustainable development practices that minimize greenhouse gas emissions and conserve/ protect natural resources, through activities such as stormwater designing and planning, renewable energy source feasibility, etc.

Maximize equitable outcomes in terms of race in the project area and for the region, through activities such as community benefits agreements, developing Health Impact Assessments, build capacity of development team to include equitable development strategies, etc.

How: Proposed Project Process

Project process will include analysis of who will benefit most from the project and in what ways, and use findings to influence equitable development strategies and outcomes

Provide meaningful and appropriate engagement, including a variety of stakeholders that represent the demographics of the residential and/or workforce community, centering those under-represented and most impacted by the project-inequities*

Project team will create deliverable summarizing the outcomes of the predevelopment activities with respect to LCA/Thrive goals

Degree to which overall Pre-development efforts and proposed grant activities further vision/goals of the future development project.

[A summary of the deliverables and impact on the project is submitted in the final grant report but is not an effective scoring criterion.]

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Who: Proposed Project Team	
The strength of the partnership between the applicant (City/County/HRA/EDA) and development partner(s), including the level of support and engagement the applicant has with the project	
The project team, including partners, is designed to reflect and be responsive to those underrepresented and most impacted by the project; or the predevelopment activities will seek to build such partnerships in a meaningful way*	10
The project team is able to use the grant, if awarded, within the 24-month grant term The project forms partnerships between government, private for-profit, and nonprofit sectors.	
[The strength and type of partnerships has proven to be a more accurate predictor of project success.]	
Total Points	32

^{*}While equity will be considered as a part of all scoring criteria, criteria noted with an asterisk (*) specify that it is equity-specific criteria.

LCDA Development

LCDA's Development program is scored in two steps. A staff evaluation team reviews and scores eligible grant applications using the Step One criteria (left column, lavender background). Members of the Council's Livable Communities Advisory Committee then score using the Step Two criteria (right column, peach background).

LCA is focused on addressing racial inequity in the region given race is the largest predictor of inequitable outcomes in jobs, housing, and other LCA goals. Project addressing racial equity will be prioritized in scoring. Projects addressing other inequities will earn points towards how they address those inequities but will not receive full points unless they also consider the intersection of racial inequity.

Table 5. LCDA Development Scoring Rubric

	What: Proposed Project	t Outco	omes
	Step One – Scored by staff		Step Two – Scored by LCAC
	Criteria	Points	Criteria Points
Housing	Increase local housing choice and build community resilience by diversifying Create or preserve affordable housing types opportunities with priority given to projects that or serving serve populations not currently served by the local housing market, and priority given for projects with the deepest affordability, and for those including supportive services or other needed services [Simplify wording and reward projects including supportive services for residents] Increase regional housing choice by creating Create new affordable housing that furthers the City's ability to meet their share of the region's need for affordable housing, considering what the need is across affordability levels; OR Preserve and rehabilitate affordable housing, prioritizing communities at highest risk of losing Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (NOAH) and/or communities with higher rates of housing cost burdened households [Simplify wording]	8	The new or preserved housing supports the future residents through design, programming/services, and/or community created or preserved through the housing development mix of affordability Create or preserve intentional community connections and relationships in the development and support current or future residents through design, programming, and/or services [Shifting focus to community benefiting outcomes rather than the potential yearingles to applicate
	Support and incentivize the region's economic competitiveness by Furthering racial equity outcomes in housing access* [The focus of the projects is to realize more equitable outcomes for the region's residents. That equitable outcomes improve the region's economic competitiveness is more detail than is required here.]	2*	the potential vehicles to achieve those outcomes.]

	What: Proposed Project	t Outco	omes	
	Step One – Scored by staff		Step Two – Scored by LCAC	
	Criteria	Points	Criteria	Points
Jobs	Create or preserve permanent employment opportunities; with priority given to for projects with living wage jobs [Simplify wording] Create or preserve jobs that support economic stability of the community in the project area [Economic stability is a broader metric that captures the goal of increased jobs but can include workforce development or other opportunities that increase the economic stability of residents.]	8	Create jobs that expand choices in employment either for the local community or the community the project intends to serve; and/or support the creation/preservation of small, locally or cooperatively owned businesses. Support economic growth of the community through expanded jobs options supporting cooperatively owned businesses or supporting the economic stability of the community the project is intending to serve [Focus on economic opportunity rather than jobs alone]	7
	Create employment economic opportunity in priority high-growth and high-opportunity sectors of the region's economy including the technology or environment sectors; and/or advance city job growth priorities and/or create/preserve industrial jobs with access to regional transit systems sites proximate to rail freight facilities or ports. [Consistent with a focus on economic opportunity rather than employment opportunities alone. New language aligns with LCDA-TOD and regional economic framework.] Support and incentivize the region's economic competitiveness by Furthering racial equity outcomes in access to economic opportunity jobs* [The focus of the projects is to realize more equitable outcomes for the region's residents. That equitable outcomes improve the region's economic competitiveness is more detail than is required here.]	2*	The business model, business type, or hiring practices of the business creating or preserving the jobs support economic mobility, economic stability, or wealth creation, especially among populations that experience economic disparities [Rewards projects that are focusing on economic stability and wealth creation rather than jobs alone - added to be consistent with the shift towards economic opportunity and to help projects with broader economic impacts be competitive.]	

Table 5, continued. LCDA Development Scoring Rubric

	What: Proposed Projec	t Outco	omes
	Step One – Scored by staff		Step Two – Scored by LCAC
	Criteria	Points	Criteria Points
Compac t, Connect ed Develop ment	Intensify Increase land uses and density or intensity of land use on the site or in the project area if new construction; OR Preserve or intensify land use and density on of the site or in the project area in a way that uses an existing building more efficiently [Including points for preservation of land uses on the site allows for preservation and adaptive reuse projects to be more competitive] Takes advantage of available connections between housing, jobs, services and amenities across the region using existing and planned transit and transportation systems [Transit is included in transportation systems and LCDA does not have an explicit focus on public transit]	8	Provide design-led strategies, specific to the population the project is intending to serve, that support or expand pedestrian, bicycle, and other micromebility infrastructure for people to walk, bike, or use other kinds of transportation in and around the project site, including accessibility and universal design features, especially those that contribute to larger existing or planned networks [Rewards projects who are designing with the end user in mind and changes the wording to be more human centered.]
	Increase diversity of land uses and activities in the project area in a way that increases activity in the area and/or access to services and amenities, with a focus on complementary uses and human-centered experiences [Addresses the experience of being in the project area rather than the diversity of land uses alone.] Support and incentivize the region's economic competitiveness by Furthering racial equity outcomes in access to services and amenities* [The focus of the projects is to realize more equitable outcomes for the region's residents. That equitable outcomes improve the region's economic competitiveness is more detail than is required here.]	2*	Create a welcoming public realm and access to green space that facilitates social interactions and increases community resilience within the site and project area [Moved from the Environment and Livability section as it more accurately speaks to the compact and connected nature of the development project.]

Table 5, continued. LCDA Development Scoring Rubric

What: Proposed Project Outcomes				
	Step One – Scored by staff		Step Two – Scored by LCAC	
	Criteria	Points	Criteria	Points
Environ ment an d Livabil ity	Maximize access to local and regional parks and trails and green space through outreach, site design, or programming [Added to include consideration of other forms of green space access] Minimize greenhouse gas emissions Conserve natural resources and follow sustainable site design practices, including reuse/preservation of an existing building [Added to allow preservation and adaptive reuse projects to be competitive.]	10 8	Mitigate negative environmental impacts on residents or workers in the area; priority for projects in areas most impacted by past environmental harms [Step Two criteria did not previously incude environmental sustainability metrics.] The project uses sustainable site and/or building design practices to increase resilience and mitigate environmental harm; priority for equitable environmental outcomes [Step Two criteria did not	7
	Further equity outcomes in access to local and regional parks and/or address environmental sustainability in locations where residents have	2*	previously include environmental sustainability metrics.]	
	been most impacted by environmental harms* [Previously not an explicit equity criterion for the Environment and Livability section - this was added to be consistent with the scoring for other Project Outcomes sections.]		Optional narrative about project outcomes	2

Table 5, continued. LCDA Development Scoring Rubric

What: Proposed Project Outcomes					
	Step One – Scored by staff		Step Two – Scored by LCAC		
	Criteria	Points	Criteria	Points	
Process	Address a or identify a specific residential and/or workforce community need that was identified by or with in consideration of those least represented and residents or workers most impacted by current and historic racial inequities* [Simplify wording for clarity]	engagement, including stakeholders that represent the demographics of the resident and/or workforce community, centering those undergraphics of the resident and/or workforce community, centering those undergraphics of the resident and/or workforce community, centering those undergraphics of the resident and/or workforce community, centering those undergraphics of the resident and/or workforce community, centering those undergraphics. [Further clarify the priority for addressing identified equity]	engagement, including stakeholders that represent the demographics of the residential and/or workforce community, centering those underrepresented and most impacted by inequities. [Further clarify the priority for	engagement, including stakeholders that represent the demographics of the residential and/or workforce community, centering those underrepresented and most impacted by inequities. [Further clarify the priority for addressing identified equity concerns.] The project and the team use a strategic and integrated approach to addressing equity issues [Reward projects that are taking a holistic approach to addressing equity] Optional narrative about project	
	Address the need for affirmative efforts to increase racial diversity and inclusion in the community, if current community residential and/or workforce demographics do not reflect a variety of races and ethnic backgrounds relative to the region* The City is taking steps toward addressing inequities at the local level, especially efforts to implement equitable development practices* [Simplify wording for clarity]	5 <u>3</u> *			

Table 5, continued. LCDA Development Scoring Rubric

	Who: Proposed I	Project 1	Геат	
	Step One – Scored by staff		Step Two – Scored by LCAC	
	Criteria	Points	Criteria	Points
Project Team	The project team is able to use the grant, if awarded, within the 36-month grant term The project forms partnerships between government, private for-profit, and non-profit sectors [The strength and type of partnerships has proven to be a more accurate predictor of project success. The revised criterion also better reflects stated priorities in the LCA statutory language.] Local efforts to contribute to the project financially, considering the context of community capacity The applicant and development partner(s')	8	The funding sources identified, not necessarily committed, for the project reasonably reflect what is necessary to complete the project [Captures the capacity of the project team to identify necessary sources to fully fund the project]	5
	plan to work together to complete grant activities	<u>2*</u>	Equity	
	The project team, including partners, is designed to be reflective of and responsive to the community the project is intending to serve* [Moved from Step Two to Step One and included in the minimum equity score].		The intended outcomes of the project will result in more equitable outcomes [Added as a holistic equity metric to support projects focused on equitable outcomes]	<u>2</u>
	Step One Total	60 - <u>58</u>	Step Two Total	<u>4042</u>
Application	ns must score at least 4039 of the total 6058 the 4618 equity poir			10 12 of

Applications must score at least 65 of the total 100 available points to be eligible for funding

<u>Livable Communities Demonstration Account – Transit Oriented Development (LCDA-TOD)</u>

Using targeted funds from the LCDA, this program is focused on high-density projects that contribute to a mix of uses in the TOD-eligible area. TOD-eligible areas can be along light rail, commuter rail, bus rapid transit, and high frequency bus corridors.

LCDA-TOD's Development program is scored in two steps. A staff evaluation team reviews and scores eligible grant applications using the Step One criteria (left column, lavender background). Members of the Council's Livable Communities Advisory Committee then score using the Step Two criteria (right column, peach background).

LCA is focused on addressing racial inequity in the region given race is the largest predictor of inequitable outcomes in jobs, housing, and other LCA goals. Project addressing racial equity will be prioritized in scoring. Projects addressing other inequities will earn points towards how they address those inequities but will not receive full points unless they also consider the intersection of racial inequity.

Table 6. LCDA-TOD Development Scoring Rubric

What: Proposed Project Outcomes				
	Step One – Scored by staff		Step Two – Scored by LCA	C
	Criteria	Points	Criteria	Points
Housing	Increase local housing choice and build community resilience by diversifying Create or preserve affordable housing types opportunities with priority given to projects that or serving serve populations not currently served by the local housing market, priority-given for projects with the deepest affordability, and for those including supportive services or other needed services [Simplify wording and prioritizing projects that include supportive services for residents] Increase regional housing choice by creating Create new affordable housing that furthers the City's ability to meet their share of the region's need for affordable housing, considering what the need is across affordability bands levels; OR Preserve and rehabilitate affordable housing, prioritizing communities at highest risk of losing Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (NOAH) and/or communities with higher rates of housing cost burdened households [Simplify wording] Support and incentivize the region's economic	8	The new or preserved housing supports the future residents through design, programming/services, and/or community created or preserved through the housing development mix of affordability Create or preserve intentional community connections and relationships in the development and support current or future residents through design, programming, and/or services [Shifting focus to community benefiting outcomes rather than the potential vehicles to	7
	competitiveness by Furthering racial equity outcomes in housing access* [The focus of the projects is to realize more equitable outcomes for the region's residents.]	2*	achieve those outcomes]	

	What: Proposed Project Outcomes				
	Step One – Scored by staff		Step Two – Scored by LCAC		
	Criteria	Points	Criteria	Points	
	Create or preserve permanent employment opportunities; with priority given to for projects with living wage jobs [Simplify wording]		Create jobs that expand choices in employment either for the local community or the community the project intends to serve; and/or support the creation/preservation of small, locally or cooperatively owned businesses. Support economic growth of the community through expanded jobs options supporting cooperatively owned businesses or supporting the economic stability of the community the project is intending to serve [Focus on economic opportunity rather than jobs alone]		
Jobs	Create or preserve jobs that support economic stability of the community in the project area [Economic stability is a broader metric that captures the goal of increased jobs but can include workforce development or other opportunities that increase the economic stability of residents] Create jobs economic opportunity in priority high-growth and high-opportunity sectors of the region's economy including technology or environment; and/or advance local city job growth priorities, and/or create/preserve industrial jobs with access to regional transit systems [Consistent with a focus on economic opportunity rather than employment opportunities alone]	8	The business model, business type, or hiring practices of the business creating or preserving the jobs support economic mobility, economic stability, or wealth creation, especially among populations that experience economic disparities [Rewards projects focusing on economic stability and wealth creation beyond jobs alone - added to be consistent with the shift towards economic opportunity in other criteria and to help projects with broader economic impacts to be competitive]		
	Support and incentivize the region's economic competitiveness by Furthering racial equity outcomes in access to economic opportunity jobs*	2*			

Table 6, continued. LCDA-TOD Development Scoring Rubric

	Category	Points	Category	Points
Compac t, Connect ed Develop ment	centered experiences in a way that generates greater transit ridership, a higher diversity of trip purposes	<u>15</u> 12	Provide design-led strategies, specific to the population the project is intending to serve, that support or expand pedestrian, bicycle, and other micro-mobility infrastructure for people to walk, bike, or use other kinds of transportation in and around the project site, including accessibility and universal design features, especially those that contribute to larger existing or planned networks [Rewards projects that are designing with the end user in mind and changes the wording to be more human centered] [Moved from the Environment and Livability section as it more accurately speaks to the compact and connected nature of the development project] Catalyze or position the station area for additional transit-oriented development in a way that leverages public infrastructure and does not contribute to displacement of existing residents or businesses	<u>10</u> 9

Table 6, continued. LCDA-TOD Development Scoring Rubric

	Category	Points	Category	Points
	Further the transit-oriented nature of the station area as a node and/or district of TOD given the specific conte xt of its communities and transit corridor; priority-given to projects that advance a broader local TOD vision for the shared transit corridor.; to for projects that implement part of a broader adopted plan or vision for the transit station or corridor advance a broader local TOD vision for the shared transit corridor [Simplifying wording and clarifying the priority for alignment with adopted plans]		Create a welcoming public realm and access to green space that facili tates social interactions and increases community resilience within the site and throughout station area [Moved from the Environment and Livability section as it more accurately speaks to the compact and connected nature of the development project]	
	Support and incentivize the region's economic competitiveness by fFurthering racial equity outcom es in access to services and amenities and choice of transportation and transit options* [The focus of the projects is to realize more equitable outcomes for the region's residents. That equitable outcomes improve the region's economic competitiveness is more detail than is required here]	2*		
Environ ment and Livabilit y	Maximize access to local and regional parks and trails and green space through outreach, site design, or programming [Added to include consideration of other forms of green space access]	10 8	Create a welcoming public realm and access to green space that facilitates social interactions and increases community connections within the site and throughout station area, including consideration of accessibility and universal design Mitigate negative environmental impacts on residents or workers in the area; priority for projects in areas most impacted by past environmental harms [Step Two criteria did not previously include environmental sustainability metrics]	7

Table 6, continued. LCDA-TOD Development Scoring Rubric

	Category	Points	Category	Points
	Minimize greenhouse gas emissions		Catalyze or position the station area for additional transit-oriented development in a way that leverages public infrastructure and does not contribute to displacement of existing residents or businesses. The project uses sustainable site and/or building design practices to increase resilience and mitigate environmental harm; priority for equitable environmental outcomes. [Step Two criteria did not previously include environmental sustainability metrics]	
Environ ment and Livability	Conserve natural resources and follow sustainable site design practices, including reuse/preservation of an existing building [Added to allow preservation and adaptive reuse projects to be more competitive] Further equity outcomes in access to local and regional parks and/or address environmental sustainability in locations where residents have been most impacted by environmental harms* [Previously there was not an explicit equity criterion for the Environment and Livability section - this was added to be consistent with the scoring for other Project Outcomes sections]	<u>2*</u>	Create a welcoming public realm and access to green space that facilitates social interactions and increases community connections within the site and throughout station area, including consideration of accessibility and universal design Mitigate negative environmental impacts on residents or workers in the area; priority for projects in areas most impacted by past environmental harms [Step Two criteria did not previously include environmental sustainability metrics]	7
	Subtotal Outcomes	47	Subtotal Outcomes	31

How: Proposed Project Process				
	Criteria	Points	Criteria	Points
Process	Address or identify a specific residential and/or workforce community need that was determined with those least represented and most impacted by current and historic racial inequities Address a residential and/or workforce need that was identified by or with residents or workers most impacted by inequities* [Simplify wording]	10 <u>5*</u>	Provide meaningful engagement, including with stakeholders that represent the demographics of the residential and/or workforce community, centering those underrepresented and most impacted by inequities by the project [Further clarify the priority for addressing identified equity concerns] The project and the team use a strategic and integrated approach to addressing equity issues [Reward projects that are taking a holistic approach to addressing equity]	<u>67</u>
	Address the need for affirmative efforts to increase racial diversity and inclusion in the community, if current community residential and/or workforce demographics do not reflect a variety of races and ethnic backgrounds relative to the region The City is taking steps toward addressing inequities at the local level, especially efforts to implement equitable development practices* [Simplify wording]	<u>3*</u>	Optional narrative about project process	1
	Subtotal Process	10 8	Subtotal Process	<u>67</u>
	Who: Proposed Proj	ect Team	ו	
	Criteria	Points	Criteria	Points
Project Team	The project team is able to use the grant, if awarded, within the 36-month grant term The project uses partnerships between government, private forprofit, and nonprofit sectors [The strength and type of partnerships has proven to be a more accurate predictor of project success. The revised criterion also better reflects stated priorities in the LCA statutory language.] Local efforts to contribute to the project financially, considering the context of community capacity	10 7	The funding sources identified, not necessarily committed, for the project reasonably reflect what is necessary to complete the project. The project team, including partners, is designed to be reflective and responsive to those under-represented and most impacted by the project. [Captures the capacity of the project team to identify necessary sources to fully fund the project]	<u>65</u>

The applicant and development partner(s') plan to work together to complete grant activities The project team, including partners, is designed to be reflective of and responsive to the community the project is intending to serve* [Moved from Step Two to Step One and included in the minimum equity score]	<u>2*</u>	Equity The intended outcomes of the project will result in more equitable outcomes [Added as a holistic equity metric to support projects focused on equitable outcomes]	2	
Subtotal Team	10	Subtotal Team	6 <u>7</u>	
Step One total	64 - <u>65</u>	Step Two total	4 6 - <u>45</u>	
Applications must score at least 42 of the total 6465 Step One points to move to Step Two with 4012 of the 4618 equity points (*) awarded.				
	Applications must score at least 75 of the total 110 available points to be eligible for funding			

Attachment 2. Clean version of proposed scoring criteria for 2022 in the TBRA, LCDA and LCDA-TOD programs

Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA)

The TBRA helps clean up contaminated land and buildings for subsequent development. These grants are intended to provide the greatest public benefit for the money spent, strengthen the local tax base, and create and preserve jobs and/or affordable housing. The TBRA is funded by a property tax levy established in statue that may not exceed \$5,000,000 annually.

Table 1. TBRA Site Investigation Scoring Rubric

	What: Proposed Project Outcomes	
Category	Criteria	Points
Tax Base	Increase to the tax base of the recipient municipality	5
Jobs and	Create or preserve affordable housing opportunities with priority given to projects that serve populations not currently served by the local housing market and for projects with the deepest affordability	- 5
Housing	Create or preserve permanent employment opportunities with priority given to projects with living wage jobs	3
	Develop vacant lots or re-use vacant buildings	
Compa ct,	Increase the use of transit and alternatives such as walking or biking	15
Connec ted Develo	Support efficient growth in the region through adaptive reuse, infill development or redevelopment	
pment	Demonstrate a market demand for future redevelopment proposals	5
	Investigate contaminated sites with the greatest potential to improve the environment and reduce risk to human health	12
Environme ntal Impact	Potential to support equitable environmental protection based on project location and potential impact of exposure	6
Subtotal Outcome		48

Table 1, Continued: TBRA Site Investigation Scoring Rubric

	How: Proposed Project Process		
Category	Criteria	Points	
Process	Address a residential and/or workforce need that was identified by or with residents or workers most impacted by inequities		
	The city is taking steps toward addressing racial and other inequities at the local level, especially efforts to implement equitable development practices	3	
Subtotal Pro	cess	7	
	Who: Proposed Project Team		
Category	Criteria	Points	
Capacity	Project team's capacity to begin an environmental investigation and commit sources for required matching fund contribution The team demonstrates a need for public financing		
	The project team, including partners, is designed to reflect and be responsive to those underrepresented and most impacted by the project; or the predevelopment activities will seek to build such partnerships in a meaningful way Demonstrate public applicant's capacity to oversee environmental investigations	15	
Subtotal Tea	am	15	
TOTAL		70	
	Applications must score at least 35 of the total 70 available points		

Table 2. TBRA Contamination Cleanup Scoring Rubric

	What: Proposed Project Outcomes	
Category	Criteria	Points
Tax Base	Increase to the tax base of the recipient municipality Add tax revenue in the near term. (Projects not in or not expected to be in a Tax Increment Finance district earn 5 points because all the affected tax jurisdictions benefit immediately)	25
Jobs and Housing	Create or preserve affordable housing opportunities with priority given to projects that serve populations not currently served by the local housing market and for projects with the deepest affordability Create new affordable housing that furthers the City's ability to meet their share of the region's need for affordable housing, considering what the need is across affordability levels; OR Preserve and rehabilitate affordable housing, prioritizing communities at highest risk of losing Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (NOAH) and/or communities with higher rates of housing cost burdened households Create or preserve permanent employment opportunities with priority Given to projects with living wage jobs Create jobs in priority high-growth and high-opportunity sectors of the region's economy including technology or environment; and/or advance city job growth priorities Increase permanent living wage jobs in a qualified Seeding Equitable Environmental Development (SEED) eligible area	25

Table 2, continued. TBRA Contamination Cleanup Scoring Rubric

	What: Proposed Project Outcomes	
Category	Criteria	Points
Compa ct, Connec ted	Support efficient growth in the region through adaptive reuse, infill development or redevelopment Increase the use of transit and alternatives such as walking or biking	20
Develo pment	Demonstrate a market demand for future redevelopment proposals	5
	Cleanup contaminated sites with the greatest potential to improve the environment and reduce risk to human health	25
	Maximize access to local and regional parks and trails through outreach, site design, or programming	
	Conserve vital existing regional natural resources features and functions	
Environm ent and Livability	Conserve, restore or protect the region's water resources through environmentally sound opportunities for recharging groundwater with best management practices for stormwater	
Livability	Commitment to resilient energy infrastructure using renewable and/or district energy sources	20
	Increase job opportunities within micro-enterprises, worker-owned businesses, or other business models that support wealth creation	
	Potential to support equitable environmental protection based on project location and potential impact of exposure	
Subtotal O	utcome	120

Table 2, continued. TBRA Contamination Cleanup Scoring Rubric

	How: Proposed Project Process	
Category	Criteria	Points
Process	Address a residential and/or workforce need that was identified by or with residents or workers most impacted by racial or other disparities	10
	The city is taking steps toward addressing inequities at the local level, especially efforts to implement equitable development practices	4
Subtotal P	rocess	14
	Who: Proposed Project Team	
	Demonstrate public applicant's capacity to oversee environmental cleanups	
	The team can demonstrate a need for public financing	
Capacit y	The project team, including partners, is designed to reflect and be responsive to those underrepresented and most impacted by the project; or the predevelopment activities will seek to build such partnerships in a meaningful way	16
	Project team's readiness to proceed with project site cleanup and construction	
Subtotal Team		16
TOTAL		150
	Applications must score at least 75 of the total 150 available points	

	What: Proposed Project Outcomes	
Category	Criteria	Points
Tax Base	Potential to increase the tax base of the recipient municipality based on the current tax base of the subject property and changes to the property classification OR based on the desired land use per a current request for proposals for redevelopment	5
Jobs and Housing	Potential to create or preserve living wage jobs or affordable housing opportunities based on existing land use designation and proximity to existing employment centers	5
Со	Develop vacant lots or re-use vacant buildings	
mpa ct,	Potential to increase the use of transit and alternatives such as walking or biking	
Con nect	Interim use that increases visibility or improves marketability of the redevelopment opportunity	20
ed Dev	Demonstrate a market demand for future redevelopment proposals	
elop men t	Potential to increase the intensity of land use based on existing improvements, if any, and existing zoning designation	
Environm ental Impact	Identify or reduce risk to human health from suspected or known environmental contaminants, pollutants, hazardous substances or hazardous building materials and characterization of risks particularly to vulnerable populations (e.g., infants, children and elderly) based on the current property use at or adjacent to the subject property	15
трасс	Potential to support equitable environmental protection based on project location and potential impact of exposure	6
Subtotal O	utcome	51
	How: Proposed Project Process	
Category	Criteria	Points
Process	Address a residential and/or workforce need that was identified by or with residents or workers most impacted by inequities	4
	The city is taking steps toward addressing inequities at the local level, especially efforts to implement equitable development practices	3
Subtotal Pr	ocess	7

Table 3, continued. TBRA SEED Scoring Rubric

Who: Proposed Project Team		
Category	Criteria	Points
	Project team's capacity to begin an environmental investigation and commit sources for required matching fund contribution	
	The team can demonstrate a need for public financing	
Capacity	The project team, including partners, is designed to reflect and be responsive to those underrepresented and most impacted by the project; or the predevelopment activities will seek to build such partnerships in a meaningful way	12
	Project team's capacity to begin a partial soil cleanup or soil vapor mitigation	
	Public applicant's capacity to oversee environmental investigations or partial cleanup	
Subtotal To	eam	12
TOTAL		70
	Applications must score at least 35 of the total 70 available points	

Local Housing Incentives Account (LHIA)

The LHIA helps expand and preserve lifecycle and affordable housing, both rented and owned. The LHIA annual base funding includes \$500,000 transferred from the LCDA tax levy plus \$1 million from the Council's general fund.

LHIA Threshold Criteria

- A significant component of the project must serve households with incomes at or below 60% of Area Median Income (AMI) with a minimum affordability term of 15 years, for rental projects.
- Grantees must have an adopted Fair Housing Policy in order to receive Livable Communities
 Act funding.
- Projects must have affirmative fair housing marketing plans.

LHIA Competitive Criteria

- Rental proposals creating or preserving affordability for persons at or below 30% of AMI;
- New affordable housing that furthers the City's ability to meet their share of the region's need for affordable housing, considering what the need is across affordability bands

OR

Preserved/rehabilitated affordable housing, prioritizing communities at highest risk of losing Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (NOAH) and/or communities with higher rates of housing cost burdened households.

- Proposals that serve large families by providing three or more-bedroom units;
- Proposals meeting the needs of individuals and households experiencing longterm homelessness;
- Proposals that provide a housing type not currently available or serve a population not currently served in or near the project area.

<u>Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA) and Transit Oriented</u> <u>Development (TOD) Predevelopment</u>

The LCDA supports development and redevelopment projects that link housing, jobs and services and use community and regional infrastructure efficiently. TOD is focused on high-density projects that contribute to a mix of uses in the TOD-eligible area. TOD-eligible areas can be along light rail, commuter rail, bus rapid transit, and high frequency bus corridors. The LCDA is funded by a property tax levy that is distributed among the regular LCDA, the LCDA-TOD, and the LHIA.

LCDA and TOD Pre-Development

LCDA and TOD's Pre-development program is scored by Council staff using the following criteria.

LCA is focused on addressing racial inequity in the region given race is the largest predictor of inequitable outcomes in jobs, housing, and other LCA goals. Project addressing racial equity will be prioritized in scoring. Projects addressing other inequities will earn points towards how they address those inequities but will not receive full points unless they also consider the intersection of racial inequity.

Table 4. LCDA and TOD Pre-Development Scoring Rubric

What: Pre-Development Project Outcomes	
Category	Points
The goals and vision of the proposed project would meet one or more of the following LCA Thrive goals:	and/or
Increase choice in local housing options by adding new housing types and creating affordable housing opportunities. Priority for projects with deep affordability and/or serving a special population	
Create or preserve permanent jobs opportunities with priority for accessible, living wage jobs	
Intensify land uses on the site and take advantage of connections between housing, jobs, services and amenities across the region and in the project area	10
Minimize climate impact by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and conserving natural resources	
Further equity outcomes in access to affordable housing, access to living wage jobs, climate impacts, and regional connections*	

How: Proposed Project Process	
Project process will include analysis of who will benefit most from the project and in what ways, and use findings to influence equitable development strategies and outcomes	
Provide meaningful and appropriate engagement, including a variety of stakeholders that represent the demographics of the residential and/or workforce community, centering those under-represented and most impacted by inequities*	12
Degree to which overall Pre-development efforts and proposed grant activities further vision/goals of the future development project.	
Who: Proposed Project Team	
The strength of the partnership between the applicant (City/County/HRA/EDA) and development partner(s), including the level of support and engagement the applicant has with the project	
The project team, including partners, is designed to reflect and be responsive to those underrepresented and most impacted by the project; or the predevelopment activities will seek to build such partnerships in a meaningful way*	10
The project forms partnerships between government, private for-profit, and nonprofit sectors	
Total Points	32
Applications must score at least 22 of the 32 available points	

^{*}While equity will be considered as a part of all scoring criteria, criteria noted with an asterisk (*) specify that it is equity-specific criteria

LCDA Development

LCDA's Development program is scored in two steps. A staff evaluation team reviews and scores eligible grant applications using the Step One criteria (left column, lavender background). Members of the Council's Livable Communities Advisory Committee then score using the Step Two criteria (right column, peach background).

LCA is focused on addressing racial inequity in the region given race is the largest predictor of inequitable outcomes in jobs, housing, and other LCA goals. Project addressing racial equity will be prioritized in scoring. Projects addressing other inequities will earn points towards how they address those inequities but will not receive full points unless they also consider the intersection of racial inequity.

Table 5. LCDA Development Scoring Rubric

	What: Proposed Project Outcomes					
	Step One – Scored by staff		Step Two – Scored by LCAC			
	Criteria	Points	Criteria	Points		
Housing	Create or preserve affordable housing opportunities with priority given to projects that serve populations not currently served by the local housing market, for projects with the deepest affordability, and for those including supportive services or other needed services Create new affordable housing that furthers the City's ability to meet their share of the region's need for affordable housing, considering what the need is across affordability levels; OR Preserve and rehabilitate affordable housing, prioritizing communities at highest risk of losing Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (NOAH) and/or communities with higher rates of housing cost burdened households Further equity outcomes in housing access*	2*	Create or preserve intentional community connections and relationships in the development and support current or future residents through design, programming, and/or services	7		

Table 5, continued. LCDA Development Scoring Rubric

	What: Proposed Project Outcomes				
	Step One – Scored by staff		Step Two – Scored by LCAC		
	Criteria	Points	Criteria	Points	
Jobs	Create or preserve permanent employment opportunities; priority for projects with living wage jobs Create or preserve jobs that support economic stability of the community in the project area	- 8	Support economic growth of the community through expanded jobs options supporting cooperatively owned businesses or supporting the economic stability of the community the project is intending to serve The business model, business type, or hiring practices of the business creating or preserving the jobs support economic mobility, economic stability, or wealth creation, especially		
	Create economic opportunity in priority high- growth and high-opportunity sectors of the region's economy including technology or environment; and/or advance city job growth priorities and/or create/preserve industrial jobs with access to regional transit systems				
	Further equity outcomes in access to economic opportunity*	2*	among populations that experience economic disparities		

Table 5, continued. LCDA Development Scoring Rubric

	What: Proposed Project	t Outco	omes	
	Step One – Scored by staff		Step Two – Scored by LCAC	
	Criteria	Points	Criteria	Points
Compac t, Connect ed Develop ment	Increase density or intensity of land use on the site or in the project area if new construction; OR Preserve or intensify land use and density on of the site or in the project area in a way that uses an existing building more efficiently Takes advantage of available connections between housing, jobs, services and amenities across the region using existing and planned transportation systems	8	Provide design-led strategies, specific to the population the project is intending to serve, that support or expand infrastructure for people to walk, bike, or use other kinds of transportation in and around the project site, especially those that contribute to larger existing or planned networks	7
	Increase diversity of uses and activities in the project and/or access to services and amenities, with a focus on complementary uses and human-centered experiences Further equity outcomes in access to services and amenities*	2*	Create a welcoming public realm and access to green space that facilitates social interactions and increases community resilience within the site and project area	
Environ	Maximize access to local and regional parks and trails and green space through outreach, site design, or programming Minimize greenhouse gas emissions	. 8	Mitigate negative environmental impacts on residents or workers in the area; priority for projects in areas most impacted by past environmental harms	
ment an d Livabil ity	Conserve natural resources , including reuse/preservation of an existing building		The project uses susainable site and/or building design practices to increase resilience and mitigate environmental	7
	Further equity outcomes in access to local and regional parks and/or address environmental sustainability in locations where residents have been most impacted by environmental harms*	2*	mitigate environmental harm; priority for equitable environmental outcomes	

	How: Proposed Proje	ect Pro	ocess		
	Step One – Scored by staff		Step Two – Scored by LCAC		
	Criteria	Points	Criteria	Points	
Process	Address a residential and/or workforce need that was identified by or with residents or workers most impacted by inequities	5*	Provide meaningful engagement, including stakeholders that represent the demographics of the residential and/or workforce community, centering those underrepresented and most impacted by inequities	7	
	The City is taking steps toward addressing inequities at the local level, especially efforts to implement equitable development practices*	3*	The project and the team use a strategic and integrated approach to addressing equity issues		
	Who: Proposed Project Team				
	Step One – Scored by staff		Step Two – Scored by LCAC		
	Criteria	Points	Criteria		
Project	The project forms partnerships between government, private for-profit, and non-profit sectors Local efforts to contribute to the project financially, considering the context of community capacity The project team, including partners, is	8	The funding sources identified, not necessarily committed, for the project reasonably reflect what is necessary to complete the project	5	
Team	designed to be reflective of and responsive to the community the project is intending to serve*	2*	Equity		
		2	The intended outcomes of the project will result in more equitable outcomes	2	
	Step One Total	58	Step Two Total	42	
Applications must score at least 39 of the total 58 Step One points to move to Step Two with 12 of the 18 equity points (*) awarded.					
Ар	plications must score at least 65 of the total 100 a	available	e points to be eligible for funding		

<u>Livable Communities Demonstration Account – Transit Oriented Development (LCDA-TOD)</u>

Using targeted funds from the LCDA, this program is focused on high-density projects that contribute to a mix of uses in the TOD-eligible area. TOD-eligible areas can be along light rail, commuter rail, bus rapid transit, and high frequency bus corridors.

LCDA-TOD's Development program is scored in two steps. A staff evaluation team reviews and scores eligible grant applications using the Step One criteria (left column, lavender background). Members of the Council's Livable Communities Advisory Committee then score using the Step Two criteria (right column, peach background).

LCA is focused on addressing racial inequity in the region given race is the largest predictor of inequitable outcomes in jobs, housing, and other LCA goals. Project addressing racial equity will be prioritized in scoring. Projects addressing other inequities will earn points towards how they address those inequities but will not receive full points unless they also consider the intersection of racial inequity.

Table 6. LCDA-TOD Development Scoring Rubric

What: Proposed Project Outcomes				
	Step One – Scored by staff		Step Two – Scored by LCAC	
	Criteria	Points	Criteria Points	
Housing	Create or preserve affordable housing opportunities with priority given to projects that serve populations not currently served by the local housing market, priority for projects with the deepest affordability, and for those including supportive services or other needed services Create new affordable housing that furthers the City's ability to meet their share of the region's need for affordable housing, considering what the need is across affordability levels; OR Preserve and rehabilitate affordable housing, prioritizing communities at highest risk of losing Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (NOAH) and/or communities with higher rates of housing cost burdened households	8	Create or preserve intentional community connections and relationships in the development and support current or future residents through design, programming, and/or services	
	Further equity outcomes in housing access*	2*		

	What: Proposed Project	Outcom	nes	
	Step One – Scored by staff		Step Two – Scored by LCAC	;
	Criteria	Points	Criteria	Points
	Create or preserve permanent employment opportunities; priority for projects with living wage jobs	8	Support economic growth of the community through expanded jobs options supporting cooperatively owned businesses or supporting the economic stability of the community the project is intending to serve	
Jobs	Create or preserve jobs that support economic stability of the community in the project area Create economic opportunity in priority high-growth and high-opportunity sectors of the region's economy including technology or environment; and/or advance city job growth priorities, and/or create/preserve industrial jobs with access to regional transit systems Further equity outcomes in access to economic opportunity *		The business model, business type, or hiring practices of the business creating or preserving the jobs support economic mobility, economic stability, or wealth creation, especially among populations that experience economic disparities	7
Compac t, Connect ed Develop ment	Increase the level of station area activity through greater density or intensity of land use on the site or in the station area if new construction; OR Preserve or intensify land use and density on the site or in the station area in a way that uses an existing building more efficiently Increase diversity of-uses and activities and/or access to services and amenities in the transit corridor and station area, with a focus on complementary uses and human-centered experiences Generate greater transit ridership, a higher diversity of trip purposes viable via transit, and reduce the need to use and own a personal vehicle Takes advantage of available connections between housing, jobs, services, resources and amenities across the region using existing and planned transit and/or transportation systems	15	Provide design-led strategies, specific to the population the project is intending to serve, that support or expand infrastructure for people to walk, bike, or use other kinds of transportation in and around the project site, especially those that contribute to larger existing or planned networks Catalyze or position the station area for additional transit-oriented development in a way that leverages public infrastruct ure and doesn't contribute to displacement of existing residents or businesses	

Table 6, continued. LCDA-TOD Development Scoring Rubric

	Criteria	Points	Criteria	Points
	Further the transit-oriented nature of the station area as a node and/or district of TOD given the specific context of its communities and transit corridor; priority for projects that implement part of a broader adopted plan or vision for the transit station or corridor Further equity outcomes in access to services and amenities and choice of transportation and transit options*	2*	Create a welcoming public realm and access to green space that facilitates social interactions and increases community resilience within the site and throughout the station area	
Environm ent and Livability	Maximize access to local and regional parks and trails and green space through outreach, site design, or programming	8	Mitigate negative environmental impacts on residents or workers in the area; priority for projects in areas most impacted by past environmental harms	
	Minimize greenhouse gas emissions Conserve natural resources, including reuse/preservation of an existing building		The project uses sustainable site and/or building design practices to increase resilience and mitigate environmental harm; priority for equitable environmental outcomes	7
	Further equity outcomes in access to local and regional parks and/or address environmental sustainability in locations where residents have been most impacted by environmental harms*	2*	Mitigate negative environmental impacts on residents or workers in the area; priority for projects in areas most impacted by past environmental harms	
	Subtotal Outcomes	47	Subtotal Outcomes	31

How: Proposed Project Process							
	Criteria	Points	Criteria	Points			
Process	Address a residential and/or workforce need that was identified by or with residents or workers most impacted by inequities*	5*	Provide meaningful engagement, in cluding with stakeholders that represent the demographics of the residential and/or workforce community, centering those underrepresented and most impacted by inequities The project and the team use a strategic and integrated approach to addressing equity issues	7			
	The City is taking steps toward addressing inequities at the local level, especially efforts to implement equitable development practices*	3*					
	Subtotal Process	8	Subtotal Process	7			
Who: Proposed Project Team							
	Criteria	Points	Criteria	Points			
Project Team	The project uses partnerships between government, private forprofit, and nonprofit sectors Local efforts to contribute to the project financially, considering the context of community capacity	8	The funding sources identified, not necessarily committed, for the project reasonably reflect what is necessary to complete the project	5			
	The project team, including partners, is designed to be reflective of and responsive to the community the project is intending to serve*	2*	Equity The intended outcomes of the project will result in more equitable outcomes	2			
	Subtotal Team	10	Subtotal Team	7			
	Step One total	65	Step Two total	45			
Applications must score at least 42 of the total 65 Step One points to move to Step Two with 12 of the 18 equity points (*) awarded.							
Applications must score at least 75 of the total 110 available points to be eligible for funding							