LCDA Development Funding Recommendation



2021 Funding Recommendation

- 1. That the Metropolitan Council award eight Livable Communities Demonstration Account grants, totaling \$9,304,250 and;
- 2. Authorize its Community Development Director to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council.

LCDA Program Purpose

Projects funded by the LCDA program support development and redevelopment projects that:

- Link housing, jobs, services, and transit
- Demonstrate efficient and cost-effective use of land and infrastructure
- Support Thrive 2040 outcomes of stewardship, prosperity, equity, livability, and sustainability.

Application and Evaluation Process

Applications undergo a two-step evaluation process:

Step One: Staff Review Step Two: LCAC Review



2021 Calendar

February Fund Distribution Plan Approved

March Notice of Funding Availability

April/May Virtual Design Workshops

Sept. Applications Due

October Step One Review - Staff

December Step Two Review – Livable Communities

Advisory Committee

Jan. 18 Community Development Committee

Jan. 26 Metropolitan Council



2021 Funding

Program	2021 Funding	Eligible Activities		
LCDA Development	\$9 million	Affordable housing preservation, stormwater management, site preparation, placemaking activities site acquisition		
LCDA Pre- Development	\$500,000 each round	Community engagement, site plan development, feasibility and market studies, capital needs assessment for affordable housing preservation		

Funding Recommendation

Applicant	Project Name	Step One	Step Two	Combined Step One and Step Two (must be over 65)	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
City of Minneapolis	Northrup King Residential	50.00	46.14	96.14	\$1,907,000	\$1,907,000
City of Minneapolis	Simpson Commuity Shelter and Apartments	47.50	44.14	91.64	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
City of Minneapolis	Plymouth Avenue Apartments	48.00	40.64	88.64	\$450,000	\$314,700
City of Richfield	Minnesota Independence College and Community	42.00	42.93	84.93	\$1,210,000	\$1,210,000
City of Oakdale	Cornerstone Village - Oakdale	47.50	36.50	84.00	\$565,000	\$565,000
City of Columbia Heights	Affordable Housing and Community Food Site	42.00	38.67	80.67	\$1,232,000	\$1,232,000
City of Chaska	City Square West	42.00	35.51	77.51	\$1,914,000	\$1,914,000
City of Edina	Cornerlia View	41.50	31.50	73.00	\$1,315,700	\$661,550
City of Saint Paul	Farwell Yards	45.50	39.50	85.00	\$4,304,929	\$0
City of Saint Paul	398-402 Front Ave (Glow)	44.00	37.64	81.64	\$108,000	\$0
City of Saint Paul	176 S. Robert Street	48.50	32.93	81.43	\$1,115,000	\$0

City of Minneapolis

Northrup King



\$1,907,000

- Mixed-income, mixeduse project developed by Artspace
- Creative business space available for artists
- Public space and environmental sustainability elements

City of Minneapolis

Simpson Community



\$1,500,000

- All affordable housing project
- Redevelop emergency shelter on site
- Services and facilities for unhoused residents

City of Minneapolis

Plymouth Ave Apartments



\$314,700

- All affordable housing project
- Units for High Priority
 Homeless and Persons
 with Disabilities
- Job and service connections to Northpoint Health & Wellness

City of Richfield

MICC



\$1,210,000

- All affordable housing project
- Supporting individuals with ASD find housing and receive job training
- MICC services located in new building

City of Oakdale

Cornerstone Village



\$565,000

- Mixed-income housing project
- Units targeted towards families with a member who has an I/DD
- Stormwater management system and inclusive playground

City of Columbia Heights

Affordable Housing and Food



\$1,232,000

- Affordable housing project
- Redevelopment of SACA food shelf
- Environmental sustainability elements like stormwater management

City of Chaska

City Square West



\$1,914,000

- Mixed-income housing project
- Partnership project with Mercado business relocation support
- Public plaza to offer gathering space downtown

City of Edina

Cornelia View



\$661,550

- Affordable senior housing project
- Mixed-income development
- High Priority Homeless units with Simpson Housing

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