



# Funding Recommendations

2022 Livable Communities Act Pre-Development Recommendations





# Livable Communities Act

## Program Goals

- Create more housing choice
- Support living wage jobs creation
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and conserve natural resources
- Improve connections between housing, jobs, and amenities across the region
- Create more equitable development outcomes



# Pre-Development Grants

## Feasibility Analysis



Downtown Artist Housing, Chaska

## Project Studies



98<sup>th</sup> Street Station, Bloomington

## Infrastructure Systems



Towerside District Stormwater System, Minneapolis

## Development Planning



Northstar TIF Masterplan, Fridley

## Design & Engagement



Downtown Longfellow, Minneapolis



# Funding Availability



## 2022 Fund Distribution Plan

As part of the Fund Distribution Plan, the Council approved up to \$2,000,000 for LCA Pre-Development grants to be awarded in two application rounds with \$1,000,000 available in each funding opportunity.

# Process

## Application

July 18, 2022: the Council received five LCA Pre-Development applications

## Review

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

# Evaluation Criteria

## Scoring Categories

- What: Project Outcomes (LCA & Thrive Goals)
- How: Project Process
- Who: Project Team

What: Pre-Development Project Outcomes		
The goals and vision of the proposed project would meet one or more of the following LCA and/or Thrive goals:		
<i>Criteria:</i>		<i>Points</i>
LCA and Thrive Goals	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
	Create or preserve permanent jobs opportunities with emphasis on 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, including accessibility and universal design	
	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: Pre-Development Project Process		
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	12
	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	
	Degree to which overall Pre-development efforts and proposed grant activities further vision/ goals of the future development project	
Who: Proposed Project Team		
Who Is Involved	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	10
	The project team, including partners, is designed to reflect and be responsive to those under-represented and most impacted by the project; or the predevelopment activities will seek to build such partnerships in a meaningful way	
	The project forms partnerships between government, private for-profit, and non-profit sectors	
<b>Total</b>		<b>32</b>
<b>Applications must score at least 22 of the 32 points available</b>		



# Funding Recommendation

## 2022 Round Two Funding Recommendation

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Applicant	Project	Points	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
City of Brooklyn Center	Immigrant Opportunity Center - Center for Asian and Pacific Islanders (CAPI)	24.5	\$125,000	\$125,000
City of Little Canada	2750 Rice Street	15	\$37,000	\$0
City of Minneapolis	Nic@Lake	24	\$150,000	\$150,000
City of Minneapolis	14 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Townhomes	26	\$60,000	\$60,000
City of Saint Paul	965 Payne Ave. / Inclusive Design Center	22.5	\$207,900	\$207,900
			<b>Total Recommended</b>	<b>\$542,900</b>
			<b>Total Requested</b>	<b>\$579,900</b>
			<b>Total Available</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
			<b>Total Remaining</b>	<b>\$457,100</b>

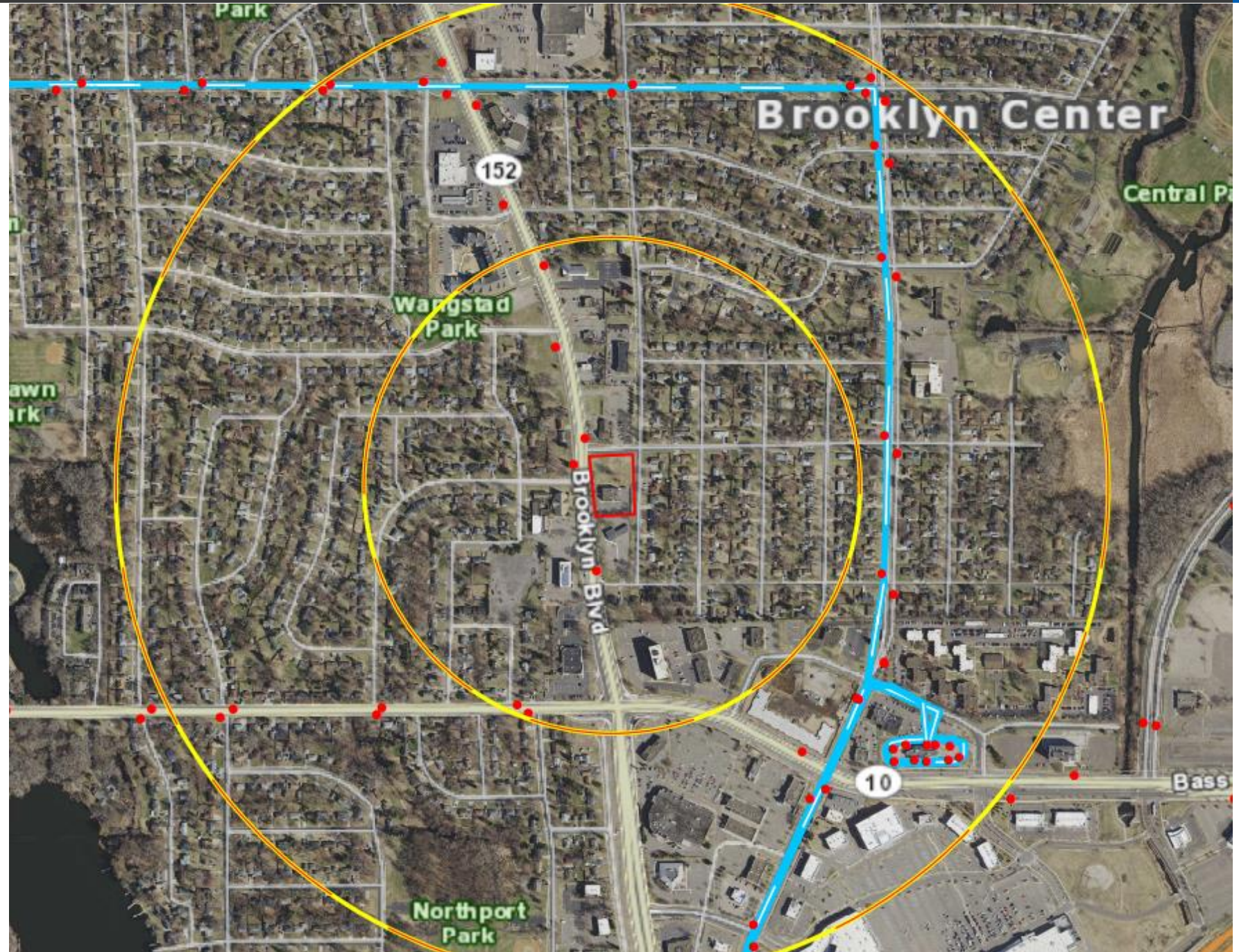


# CAPI

## City of Brooklyn Center

Recommended Award:  
\$125,000

- Expanding Immigrant Opportunity Center campus
- Mixed-use development with financial education, retail, and commercial space





# Nic@Lake

## City of Minneapolis

Recommended Award:  
\$150,000

- Redevelop the former K-Mart site at Nicollet Avenue and Lake Street
- The project would include retain space below housing, either rental or ownership units
- Included in redevelopment of nearly nine acres





# 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue Townhomes

## City of Minneapolis

Recommended Award:  
\$60,000

- Affordable ownership townhomes in the Phillips neighborhood of Minneapolis
- Passive House construction design



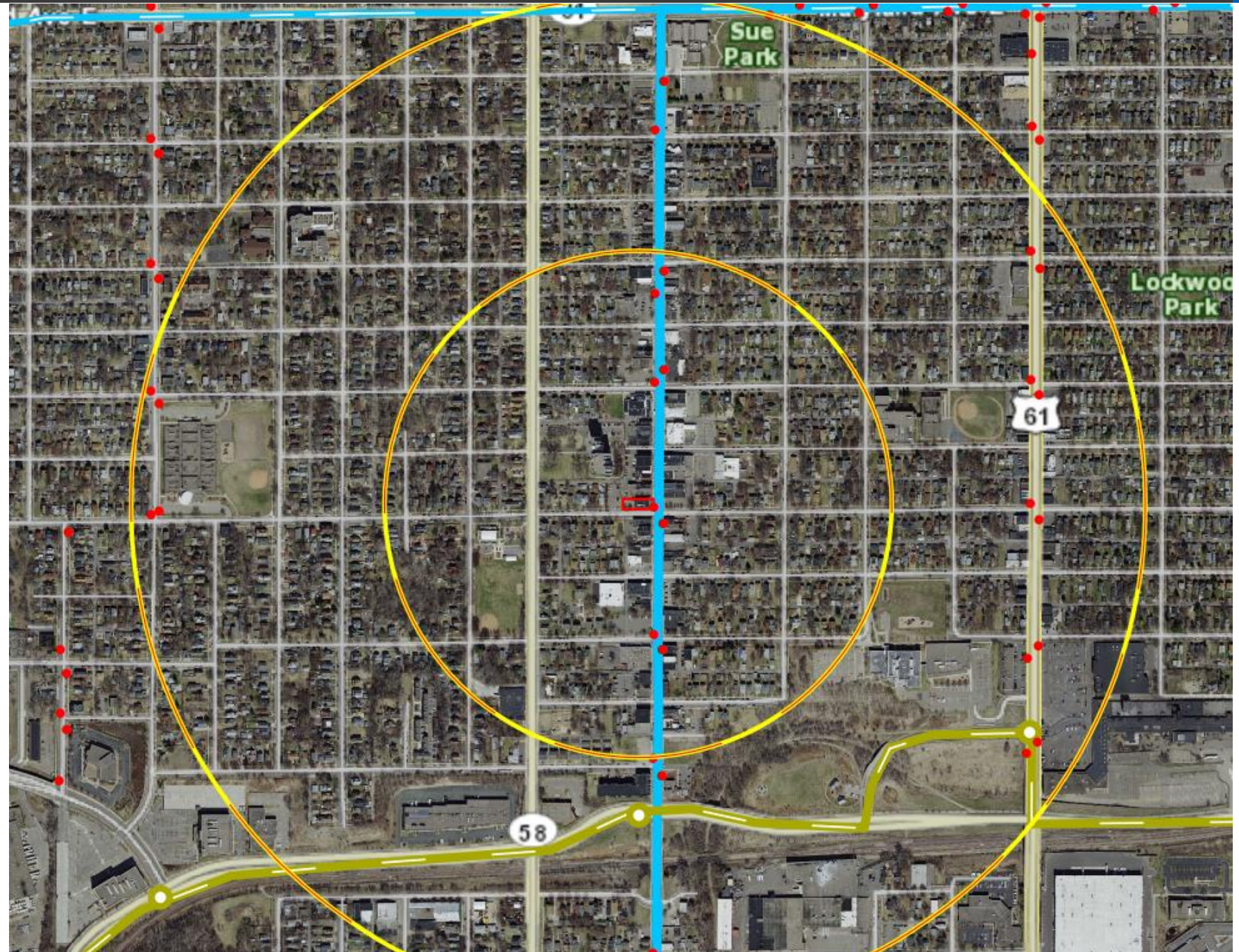


# Inclusive Design Center

## City of Saint Paul

Recommended Award:  
\$207,900

- Headquarters for Imagine Deliver consulting firm
- National inclusive design center
- Repurposing existing building into a new use





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