



Funding Recommendations

2022 Livable Communities Act Policy
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



Policy Development Grants

The Policy Development program provides funding to participating cities to support **locally adopted policies** that influence **physical development** and further both LCA and Thrive MSP 2040 goals with an emphasis on equitable development.



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.

The Policy Development grants are funded from the same Pre-Development funding source.

Process

Application

July 18, 2022: the Council received two LCA Policy 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: Policy Development Outcomes				
The proposed policy would meet one or more of the following LCA and/or Thrive goals associated with physical development:				
	Scoring Criteria	Points	Evaluation Considerations	Examples to Achieve Points
LCA and Thrive Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing housing choice and creating more affordable housing opportunities • Creating or preserving permanent, accessible, living wage jobs • Intensifying density and intensity of land uses that better support multimodal transportation and connections between jobs, housing, and amenities • Minimizing climate impact by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and conserving natural resources 	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will the future policy create or preserve affordable housing in the city to provide more affordable housing options in the city? • Will the policy create more affordable housing opportunities in the city? • How will the policy support new living wage jobs? • Will the policy support increased density in a way that leads to more connected development? • How is the policy considering impacts of climate change as a result of physical development? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preserve existing affordable housing • New affordable housing created through inclusionary zoning or requiring affordable units to receive city funding • DBE or other policies that introduces contracting requirements for developers working in the city • Local policies that require living wage jobs for development projects that include local financing or need local approvals • Upzoning to allow for more density throughout the city or in key areas identified as part of the policy development • Multimodal connections requirements for new developments or redevelopments • Complete streets policies • Building requirements that prioritize environmental sustainability such as LEED or other widely recognized environmental sustainability standards
	Extent to which the policy will support achieving more equitable development outcomes		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will the policy reduce disparities that may be exacerbated by future development projects? • Does the policy prioritize equitable outcomes as a result? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City-wide policies that protect tenants (e.g., right of first refusal, no crime free drug free lease addendum requirements, notice of sale policies). • Affordable units are indistinguishable from market rate units • Affordable housing developments are located with easy access to amenities, for example preserving land within ¼ mile of parks for affordable housing • Policy that supports equitable economic growth or prioritizes workforce training to residents most impacted by economic disparities • Environmental sustainability policies prioritize residents who have been disproportionately impacted by past environmental harms

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2022 Round Two Funding Recommendation

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Applicant	Policy	Points	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
City of Mahtomedi	Mahtomedi Sustainability Policies	25	\$44,000	\$44,000
City of Minnetonka	Minnetonka Policy Grant	22	\$50,000	\$50,000
			Total Recommended	\$94,000
			Total Requested	\$94,000
			Total Available	\$457,100
			Total Remaining	\$363,100

Mahtomedi Sustainability Policies

City of Mahtomedi

Recommended Award:
\$44,000

- Develop policies to support the recently adopted Mahtomedi Sustainability Plan
- Green stormwater infrastructure guidelines, revise parking requirements, wind energy installation, update tree removal regulations



Minnetonka Policy

City of Minnetonka

Recommended Award:
\$50,000

- Update zoning code to allow for more transit-oriented land use
- Goal is to improve connections within the city and reduce dependency on cars



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