

# Information Item

Community Development Committee



Meeting Date: July 17, 2023

## Topic

LCA Workshop Discussion

**District(s), Member(s):** All  
**Policy/Legal Reference:** Minn. Stat. § 473.25  
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**Division/Department:** Community Development/Regional Planning

## Background

At the February 6, 2023, Community Development Committee meeting, the Committee approved the annual 2023 Livable Communities Act Fund Distribution Plan ([2023-48](#)). The Committee also directed staff to organize public Committee work sessions to discuss geographic distribution of funding in the Livable Community Demonstration Account and Transit Oriented Development programs.

Livable Communities Act (LCA) grants are awarded to participating communities in the seven-county metro region. Through nine different grant programs, LCA grants help communities achieve development goals that create more housing choice, support living wage job creation, and connect jobs, housing, and regional amenities to create a more equitable region (Figure 1). For reference, [Minn. Stat. 473.25](#) sets the purpose and direction for the Livable Communities program. There are currently 76 Twin Cities communities participating in LCA programs (Figure 2).

Figure 1: LCA Grant Programs

## Support Across Stages of Development

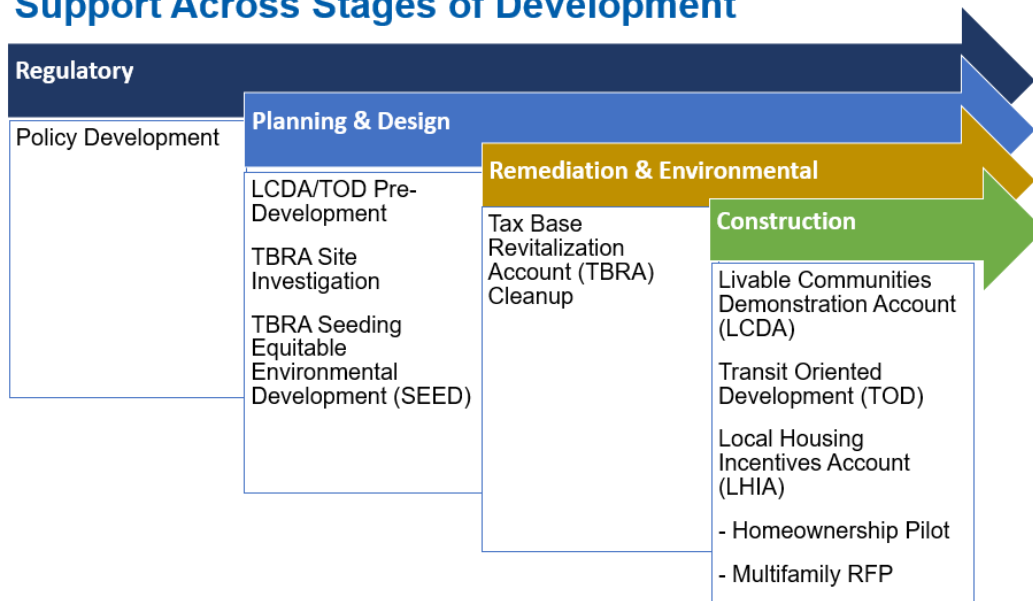
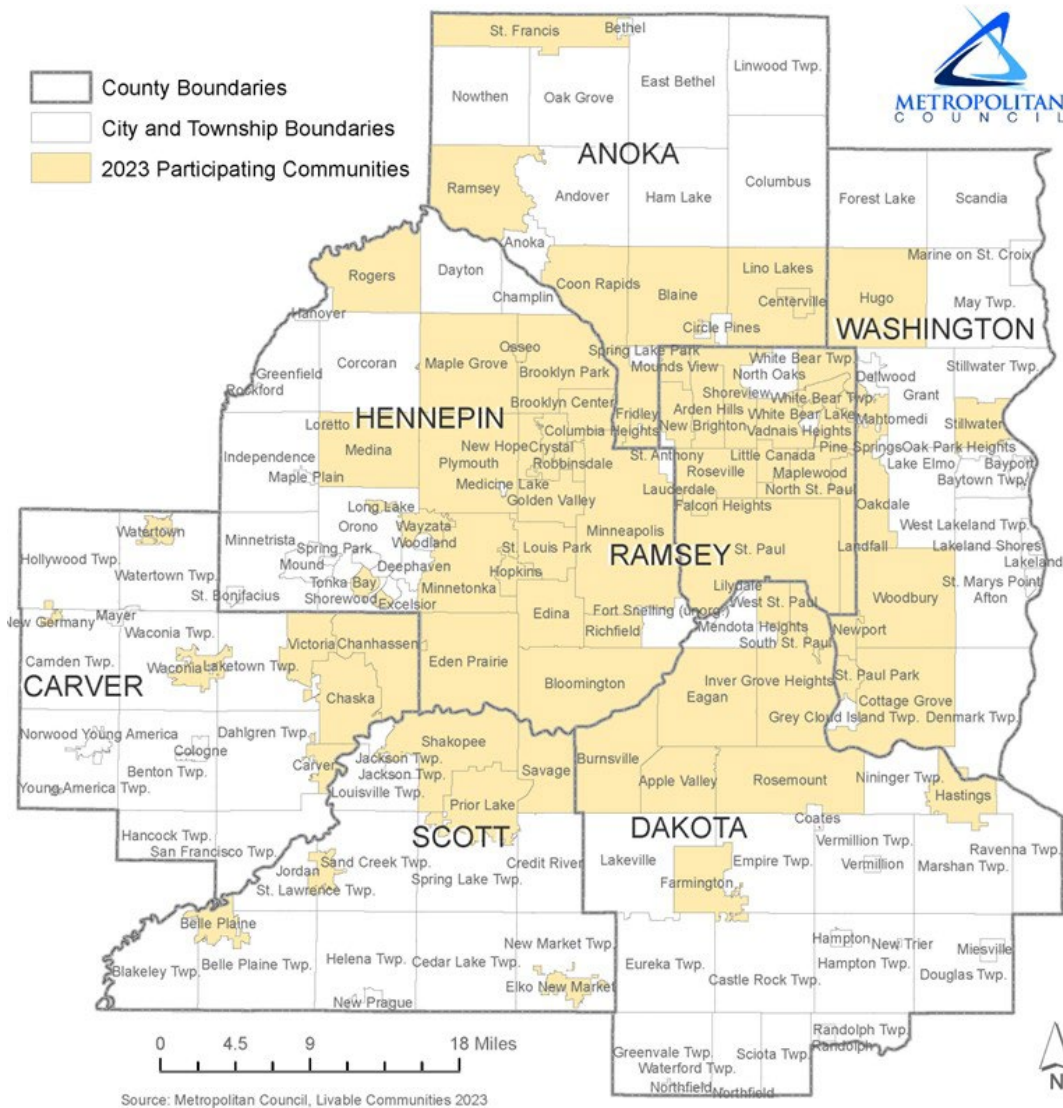


Figure 2: LCA Participating Communities, as of July 2023



## Workshop Discussion

This meeting is the first of at least two public Committee work sessions in 2023 to discuss distribution of funding in Livable Communities Act programs. The proposed focus of this first session is on high-level goals and visions for LCA programs, including how the Council aligns the programs with its overall regional planning and policy goals.

### Proposed Discussion Outline

1. Introduction
  - Attendee introductions
  - Session goals
  - Background
2. Group activity
3. Small group discussion
4. Next steps

