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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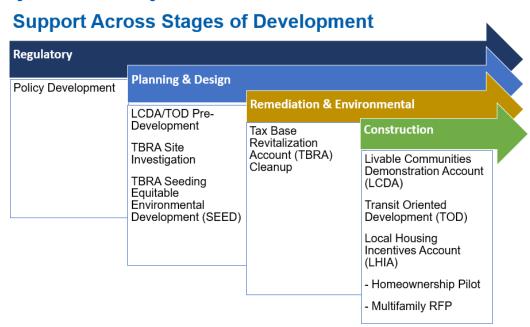
Division/Department: Community Development/Regional Planning

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



St. Francis Linwood Twp County Boundaries East Bethel Nowthen Oak Grove City and Township Boundaries ANOKA 2023 Participating Communities Columbus Forest Lake Marine on St. Cr. Dayton Blaine Hugo Centervill May Twp WASHINGTON Circle Pines Park White Bear North Oaks Maple Grove Brooklyn Park Shoreview White Bear Law Arden Hills White Bear Law lew Brighton Vadnais Height Grant Loretto HENNEPIN Mahtomedi New HopeCrystal pringsOak Park Heigh Little Canada dependence Roseville Maplewood Maple Plain Baytown Twp Medicine Lake Golden Valley Long Lake alcon Heights Wayzata Woodland Orono West Lakeland Two Watertown Minnetrista Spring Park St Louis Park Lakeland Shore RAMSEY St. Paul Mound Deephayen Hopkins Tonka Bay Shorewood St. Marys Poir Minnetonka St est St. F Fort Snelling Germany Maye Waconia Twp. Richfield South St. Pa CARVER Chaska orwood Young America Dahlgren Twp. Cologne Jackson Twp. Jackson Twp. Benton Twp Apple Valley Nininger Twp ng America Twp. Louisville Twp. Prior Lake DAKOTA SCOTT Vermillion Twp San Franc Empire Twp. Credit Riv Vermillion St. Lawrence Twp. Hampton New Trier New Market Two Miesvill Helena Twp. Cedar Lake Hampton Twp. Twp. Douglas Twp. Castle Rock Twp Elko New Marki Randolph Twp 4.5 18 Miles reenvale Twp Waterford Twp. Northfield. Source: Metropolitan Council, Livable Communities 2023

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