



Funding Recommendations

2023 Round One Livable Communities Act
Pre-Development Grants



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



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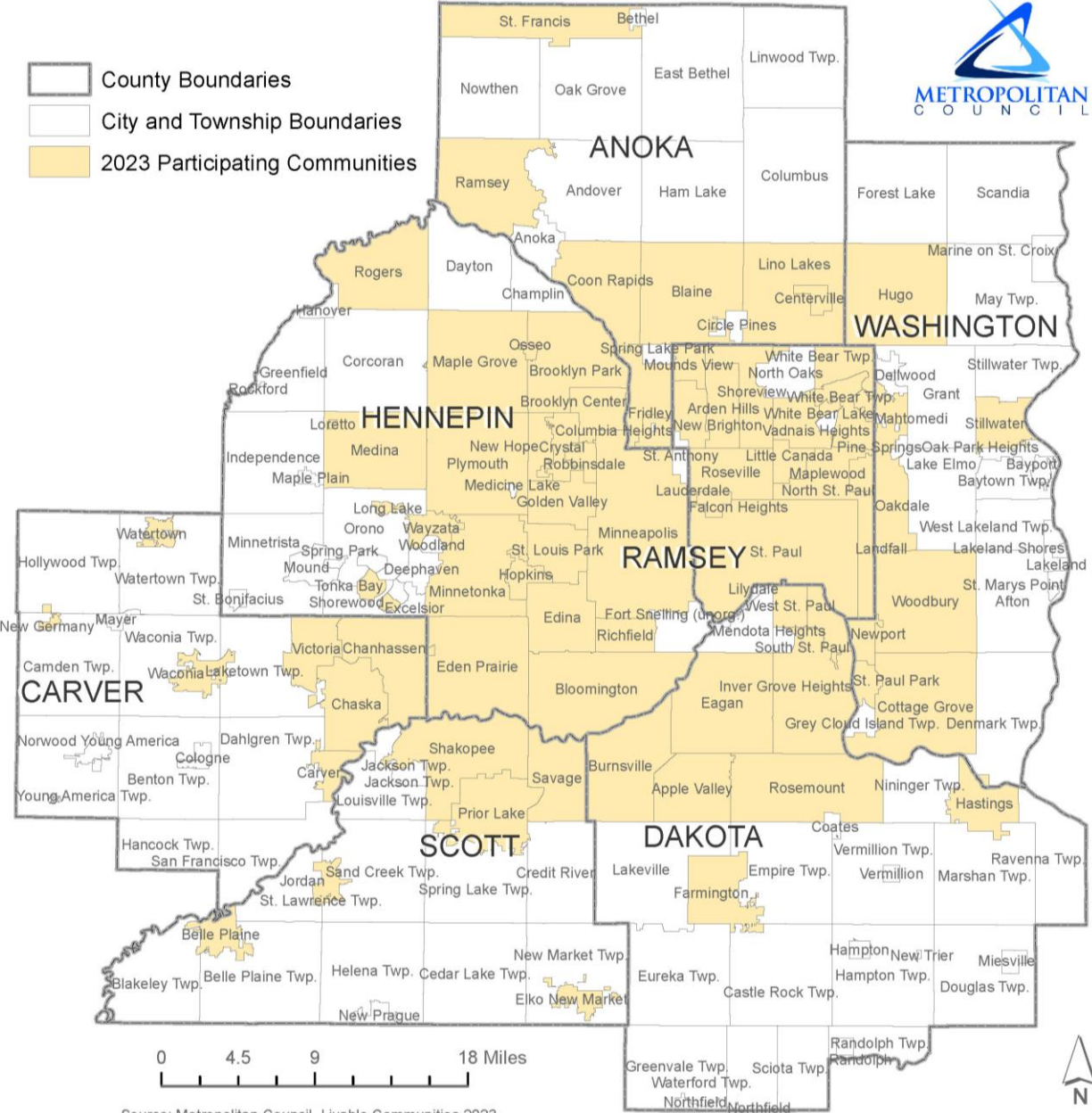
Overview

What we do

- Grants given to cities, counties, development authorities, or port authorities that support development

Who can apply

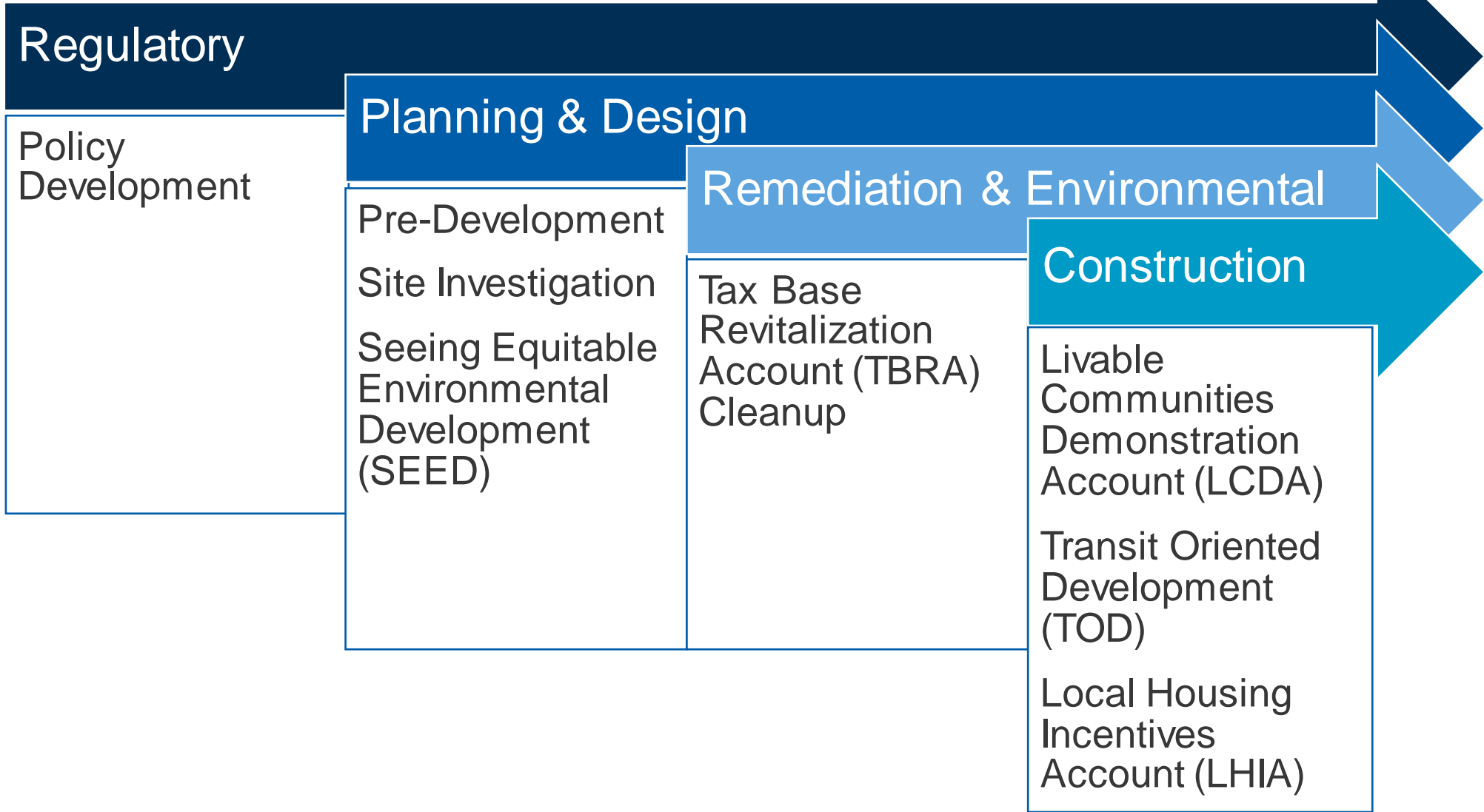
- Participating cities and townships*
- Developers partner with a government organization to apply



Livable Communities Programs



Support Across Stages of Development



Pre-Development Grants

Feasibility Analysis



Downtown Artist Housing, Chaska

Project Studies



98th Street Station, Bloomington

Infrastructure Systems



Towerside District Stormwater System, Minneapolis

Development Planning



Northstar TIF Masterplan, Fridley

Design & Engagement



Downtown Longfellow, Minneapolis

Funding Availability



2023 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

April 21, 2023:

the Council received thirteen Round One LCA Pre-Development applications

Review

April-May 2023:

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

Award

June 2023 – 2025

Council to award funding on June 28th

Grantees have two years to complete work

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:		
Criteria:		Points
LCA and Thrive Goals	Add new housing types and create affordable housing. Priority for projects with deep affordability and/or serving populations who have barriers to finding housing	10
	Create or preserve long-term living wage jobs or support economic opportunity for people experiencing the most economic hardships	
	Increase density on the site and make it easier for people to travel between housing, jobs, services, and amenities	
	Minimize climate impact by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and conserving natural resources	
	Further equity outcomes by fostering regional connections, mitigating climate impacts and implicit bias, removing barriers to access affordable housing, creating living wage jobs, and supporting the creation of small businesses owned and operated by a historically marginalized population	
How: Pre-Development Project Process		
Process	Show an understanding of who will benefit most from the project and in what ways, and use this understanding to shape equitable development strategies and outcomes	12
	Engagement is or will be scaled to the size of the project and harnesses the power of community to co-create the 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
	Those with decision-making power reflect the community the project will serve or the predevelopment activities will build a reflective team	
Total		32
Applications must score at least 22 of the 32 points available		

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Scoring Summary

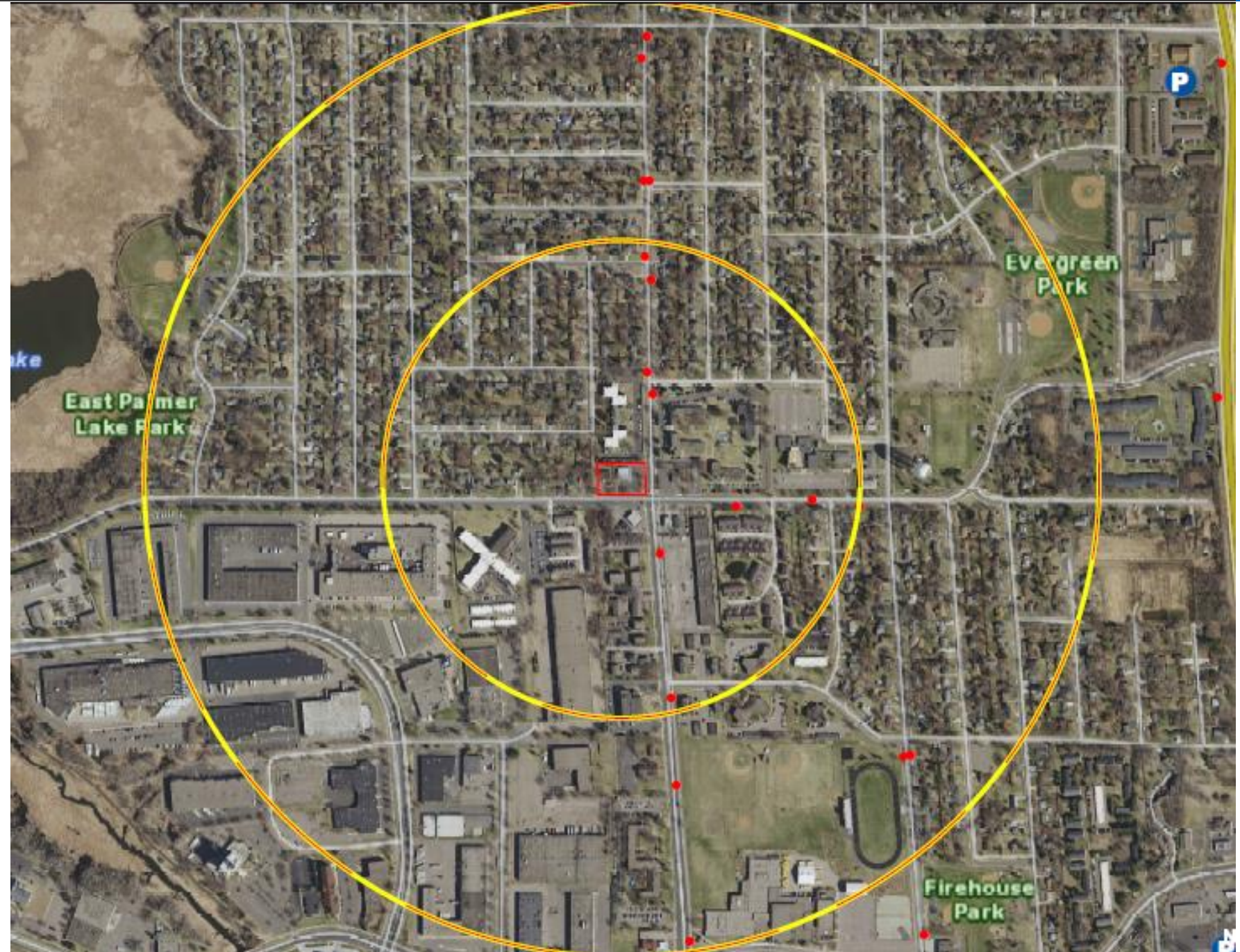
Applicant	Project	Points	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
City of Brooklyn Center	New Generations LLC	29	\$231,000	\$231,000
City of Saint Paul	Hamm's Brewery	29	\$275,000	\$275,000
City of Minneapolis	The LOMA	28.5	\$150,000	\$150,000
City of Minneapolis	Rodeo Plaza	27	\$150,000	\$150,000
City of Minneapolis	The 2843 Building	26.5	\$150,000	\$0
City of Maplewood	Rice Street Gardens	26	\$150,000	\$150,000
City of Minneapolis	Unity Building	26	\$150,000	\$0
City of St Louis Park	Affordable Commercial SLP	24.5	\$135,000	\$44,000
City of Minneapolis	ZaRah	24	\$150,000	\$0
City of Saint Paul	Rondo CLT	22	\$25,000	\$0
City of South St Paul	Panache Cidery	21	\$148,500	\$0
City of St Louis Park	Minnetonka Blvd Housing	21	\$185,000	\$0
City of Minneapolis	The CORA	18	\$150,000	\$0
Total			\$2,049,500	\$1,000,000
Funding Available				\$1,000,000
Funding Remaining				\$0

New Generations LLC

City of Brooklyn Center

Recommended Award: \$231,000

- 30% AMI housing with supportive services targeting veterans
- Includes workforce center for tenants and wider community
- Provides youth-led coffee shop and youth-centered programming



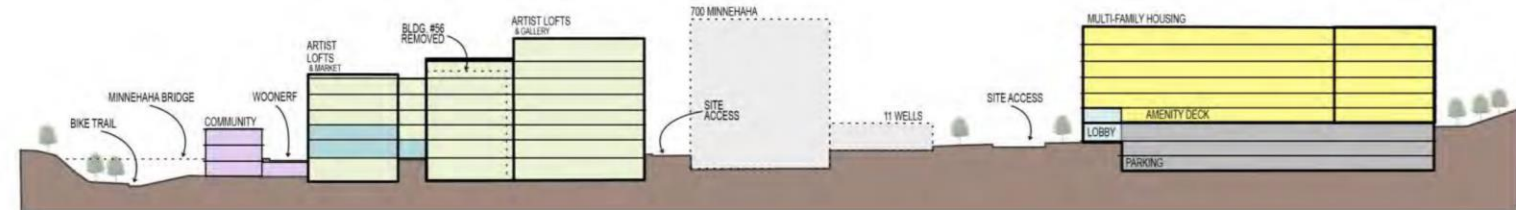
Hamm's Brewery

City of St. Paul

Recommended Award: \$275,000

- Adaptive reuse and densification for parts of former Hamm's Brewery
- Includes a range of affordable housing including rental and ownership opportunities
- Features an arts & cultural marketplace and placemaking elements

AGENT CONCEPT



The LOMA

City of Minneapolis

Recommended Award: \$150,000

- Creates affordable housing for target populations and provides on-site supportive services
- Offers neighborhood-scale commercial spaces

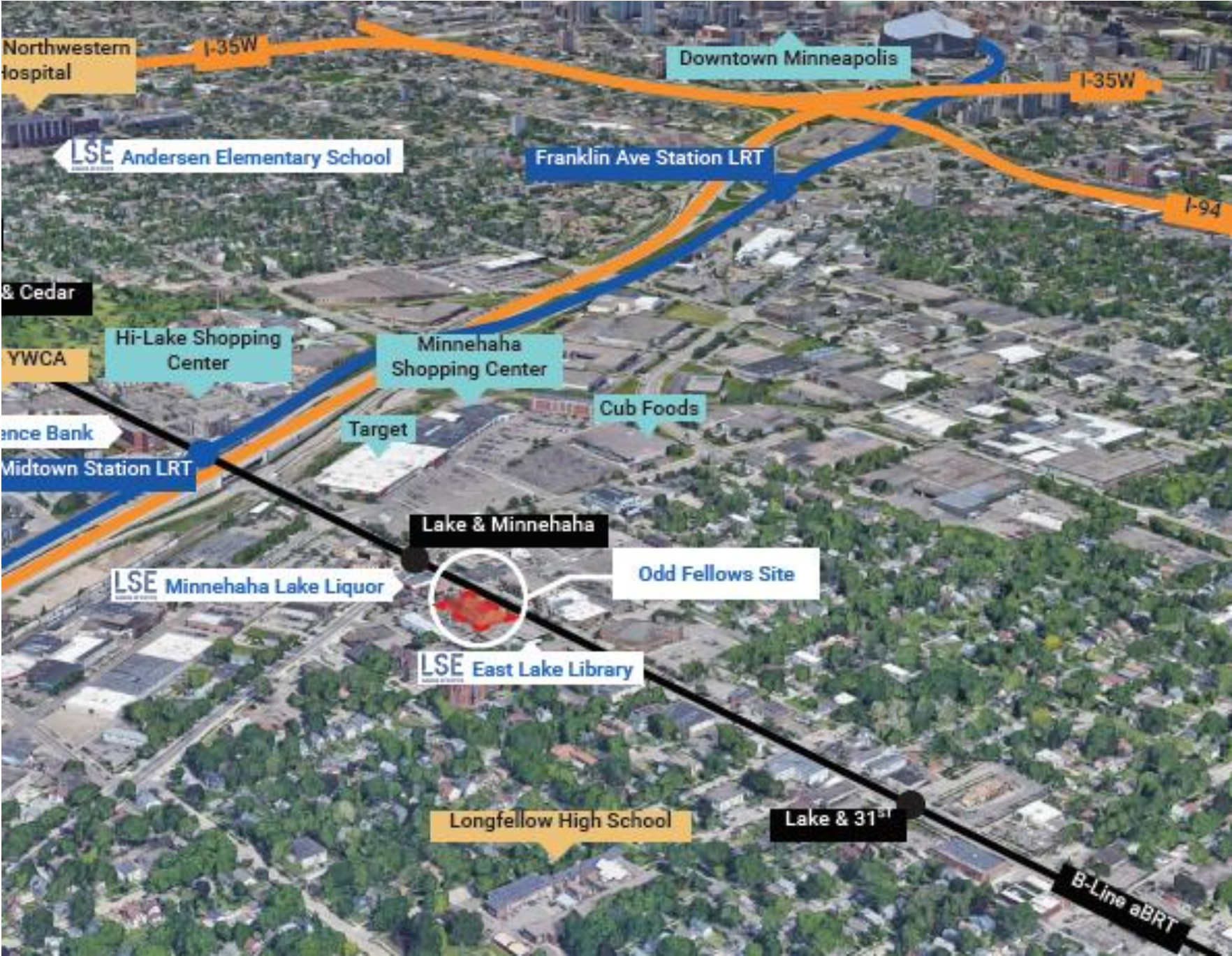


Rodeo Plaza

City of Minneapolis

Recommended Award: \$150,000

- Redevelopment of damaged site in downtown Longfellow
- The development includes affordable housing and neighborhood-scale commercial spaces to serve community needs



Rice Street Gardens

City of Maplewood

Recommended Award: \$150,000

- The project will include housing ownership and affordable rental opportunities
- The development has been informed by extensive engagement and advances community priorities including preservation of a community garden



Affordable Commercial SLP

City of St. Louis Park

Recommended Award: \$44,000

- The development will provide long-term affordable commercial spaces that will be targeted to support limited income entrepreneurs.
- The project will bring more intensity to the site and provide neighborhood-serving businesses and job opportunities

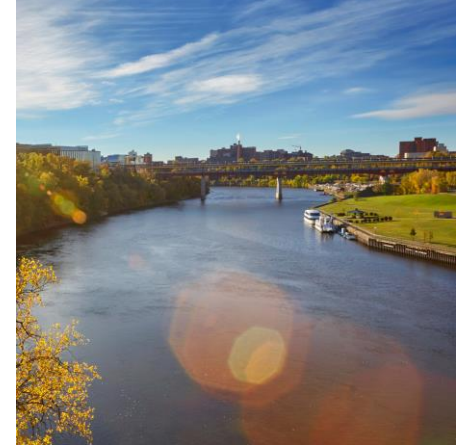


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