



Funding Recommendations

2023 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



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.

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

Process



Evaluation Criteria

Scoring Categories

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

WHAT: POLICY DEVELOPMENT OUTCOMES		
Criteria:		Points
The goals and vision of the proposed policy would meet one or more of the following LCA and/or Thrive goals associated with physical development:		30
LCA and Thrive Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support affordable housing by allowing for more development of new affordable housing or preservation of existing affordable housing • Support wealth building and economic opportunity for residents experiencing most economic hardships • Minimizing climate impact by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and conserving natural resources • Realize more equitable outcomes in affordable housing, living wage jobs, climate impacts, transportation, and regional connections 	
	Support more equitable development outcomes in physical developments and/or through city process to approve physical developments	
HOW: POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS		
Process	The process will include analysis of who will benefit most from the policy and in what ways, and use findings to influence equitable development strategies and outcomes	10
WHO: POLICY DEVELOPMENT TEAM		
Who Is Involved	The project team has a defined scope of work with tangible goals	10
Total		50
Applications must score at least 25 of the possible 50 points		

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2023 Round Two Funding Recommendation

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Applicant	Project	Points	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Chaska	Zoning Code Update	33	\$50,000	\$50,000
Fridley	Zoning Code Update	34.5	\$15,000	\$15,000
New Brighton	ADU Implementation	37.5	\$36,400	\$36,400

Total Recommended

\$101,400

Chaska Zoning Code Update

City of Chaska

Recommended Award:
\$50,000

- Reduce parking requirements and right-size landscaping for multi-family projects
- Support more multi-family, affordable housing in the city



Fridley Zoning Code Update

City of Fridley

Recommended Award:
\$15,000

- Reduce off-street parking requirements and develop incentives for active transportation options
- Landscaping standards to support resilient environments



New Brighton ADU Policy

City of Fridley

Recommended Award:
\$36,400

- Create an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) policy
- Create more density and greater diversity of housing options



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