



Funding Recommendations

2024 Livable Communities Act Pre-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



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

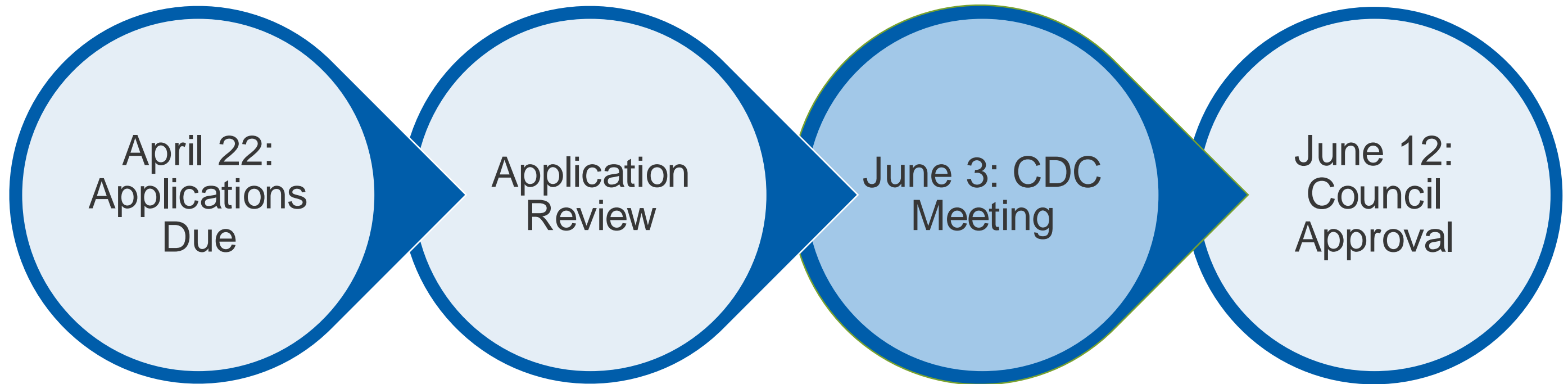
Funding Availability



2024 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



Evaluation Criteria

Scoring Categories

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

| 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 or preserve affordable housing. Priority for projects with deep affordability and/or serving populations who have barriers to finding housing | 16 |
| | Create or preserve long-term living wage jobs or support economic opportunity for communities of historic wealth extraction | |
| | Increase or preserve (for preservation/rehab projects) density on the site and make it easier for people with mobility barriers to easily access housing, jobs, services, and amenities | |
| | Minimize climate change and/or environmental impact for residents in areas most negatively impacted by environmental justice | |
| 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 | 14 |
| | The project reflects the culture and needs of the community it is intending to serve | |
| | 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 | |
| Total | | 30 |
| Applications must score at least 20 of the 30 points available | | |

Funding Recommendation

2024 Round One Funding Recommendation

1. Award seven Livable Communities Act Pre-Development Grants totaling \$1,000,000
2. Authorize the Executive Director of Community Development to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council



Funding Recommendation

| Applicant | Project Name | Score (min 20) | Request | Recommendation |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| St. Paul | 1036 Marshall | 28 | \$75,000 | \$75,000 |
| St. Paul | 1570 White Bear | 28 | \$225,000 | \$225,000 |
| Minneapolis | PennWood | 27 | \$50,000 | \$50,000 |
| Minneapolis | New Nicollet | 26 | \$150,000 | \$75,000 |
| Brooklyn Center | CAPI | 24 | \$296,000 | \$296,000 |
| Falcon Heights | Amber Flats | 22 | \$300,000 | \$204,000 |
| Minneapolis | Swank Eatery | 22 | \$150,000 | \$75,000 |
| | | | Total Recommended | \$1,000,000 |
| | | | Total Available | \$1,000,000 |
| | | | Amount Remaining | \$0 |

Gloryville

City of Saint Paul

Recommended Award:
\$225,000

- 100% affordable with a mix of unit sizes and affordability levels
- High Priority Homeless units and units for People with Disabilities
- Grocery store and local small business space



Rondo CLT

City of Saint Paul

Recommended Award:
\$75,000

- Affordable homeownership units affordable in perpetuity
- Family-sized units
- Environmentally sustainable development

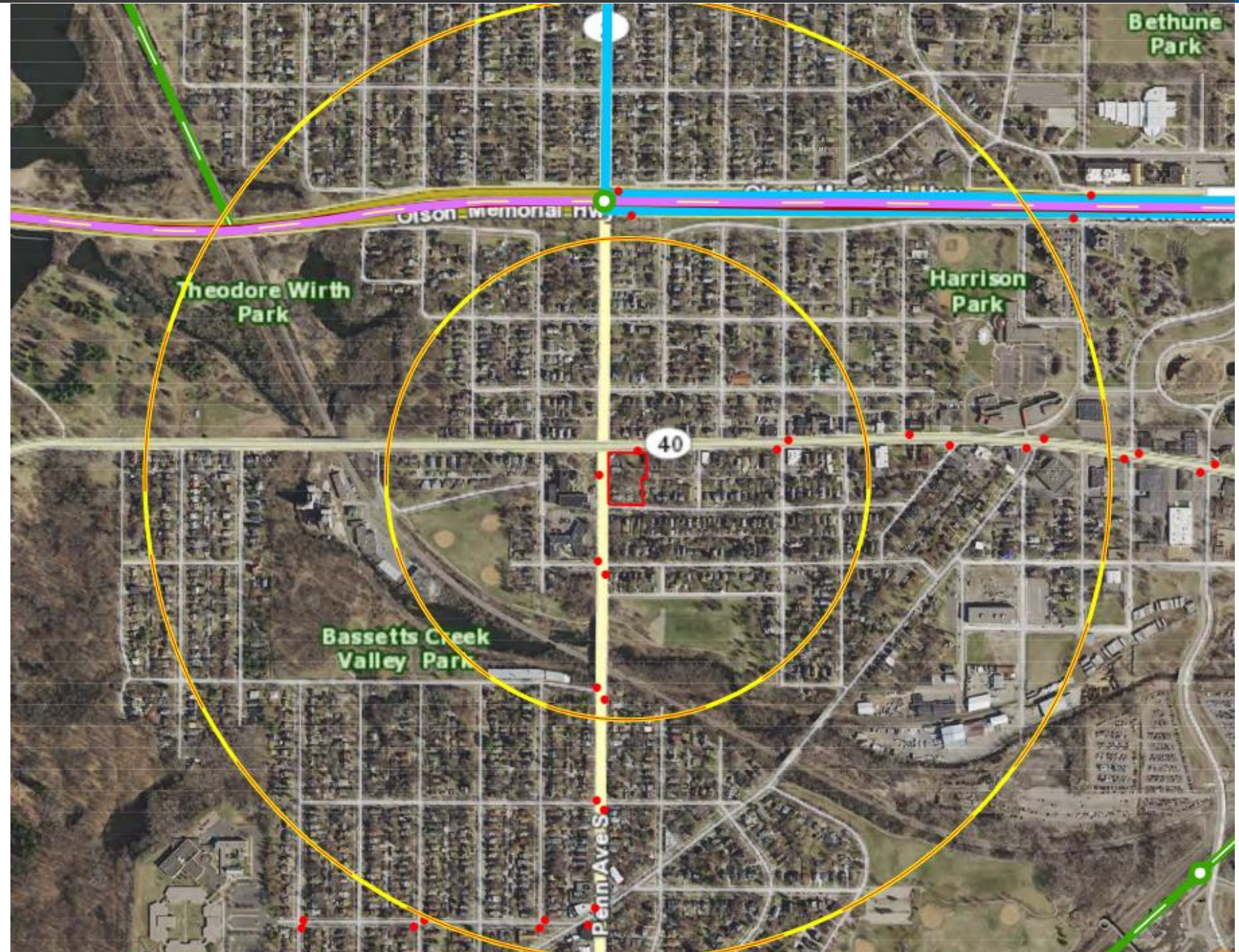


PennWood Village & Community Market

City of Minneapolis

Recommended Award:
\$50,000

- Affordable housing units with units reserved for High Priority Homeless and People with Disabilities
- Community grocery store in federally designated food desert

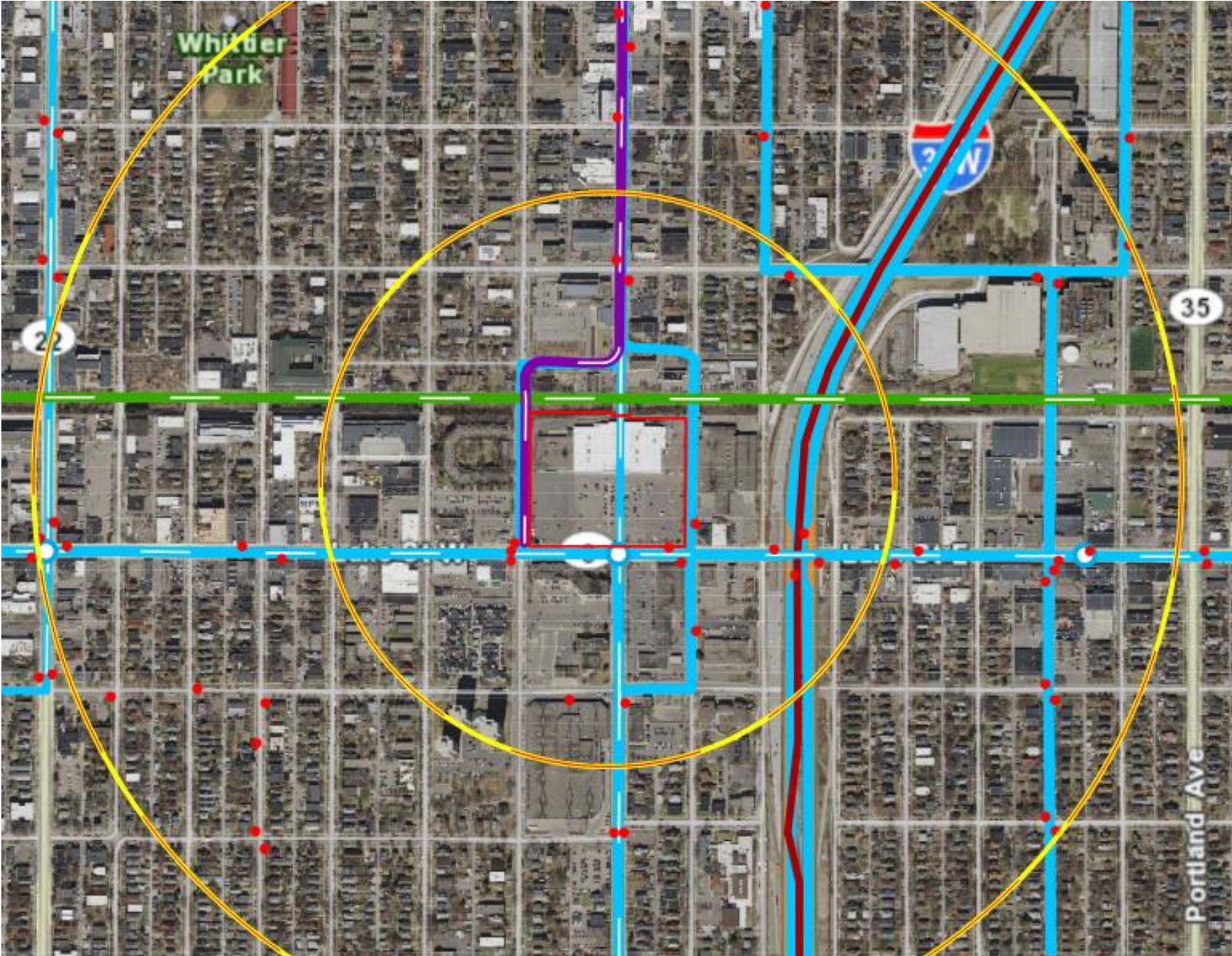


New Nicollet

City of Minneapolis

Recommended Award:
\$75,000

- Mixed use development with affordable housing, commercial space, and community gathering space
- Environmentally sustainable development plans



Immigrant Opportunity Center - CAPI

City of Brooklyn Center

Recommended Award:
\$296,000

- Community event space, technology resource center, and childcare business incubator
- Office space for financial opportunity center and BIPOC-led nonprofits



Amber Flats Affordable Housing

City of Falcon Heights

Recommended Award:
\$204,000

- 100% affordable housing at 60% AMI with 3-bedroom units

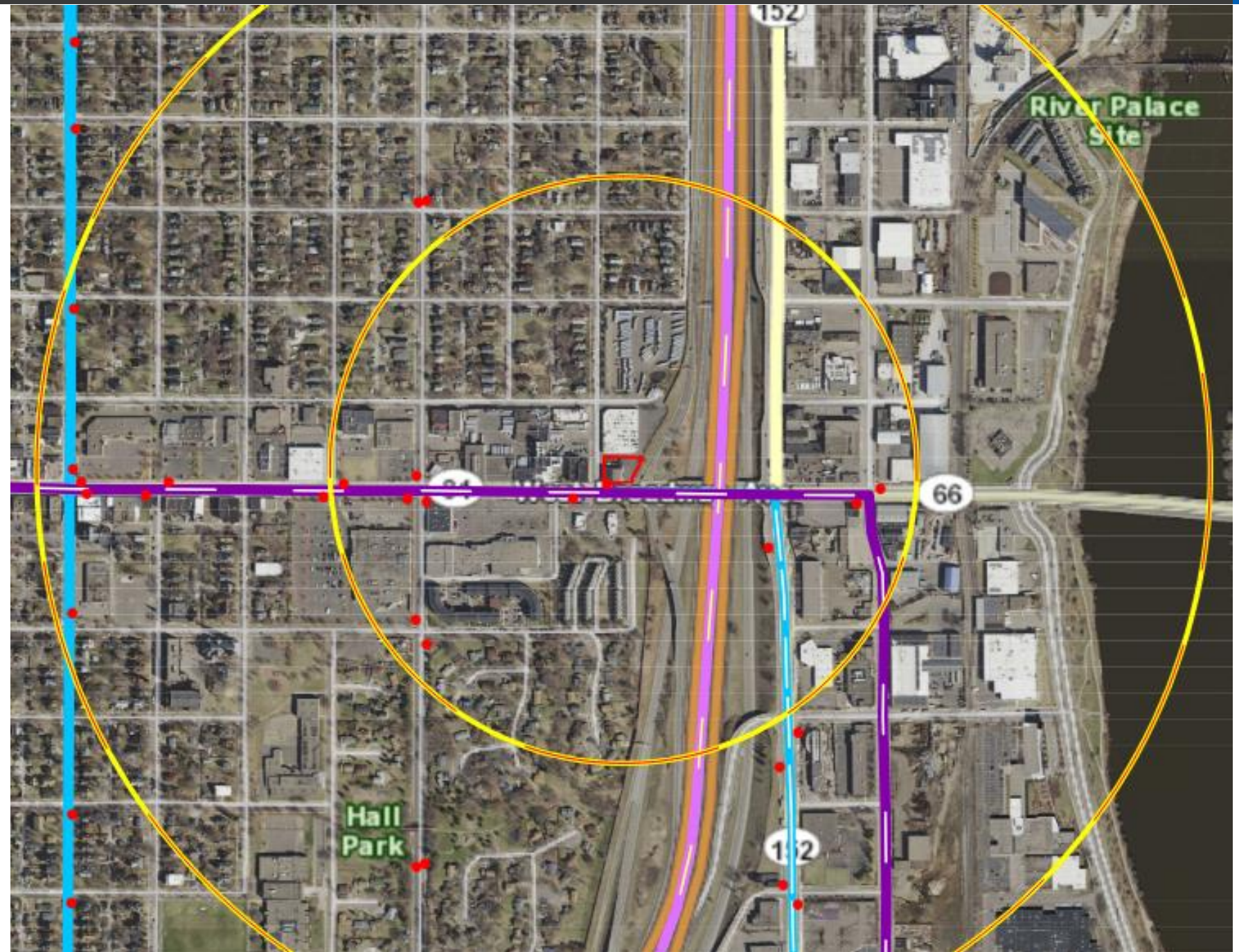


Swank Eatery

City of Minneapolis

Recommended Award:
\$75,000

- Food hall with space for local vendors
- Creating 50 jobs, half will be living wage
- Employment for residents leaving incarceration



Funding Recommendation

2024 Round One Funding Recommendation

1. Award seven Livable Communities Act Pre-Development Grants totaling \$1,000,000
2. Authorize the Executive Director of Community Development to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council





Hannah Gary

Planning Analyst

Community Development

Hannah.Gary@metc.state.mn.us

