



Funding Recommendations

2024 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.



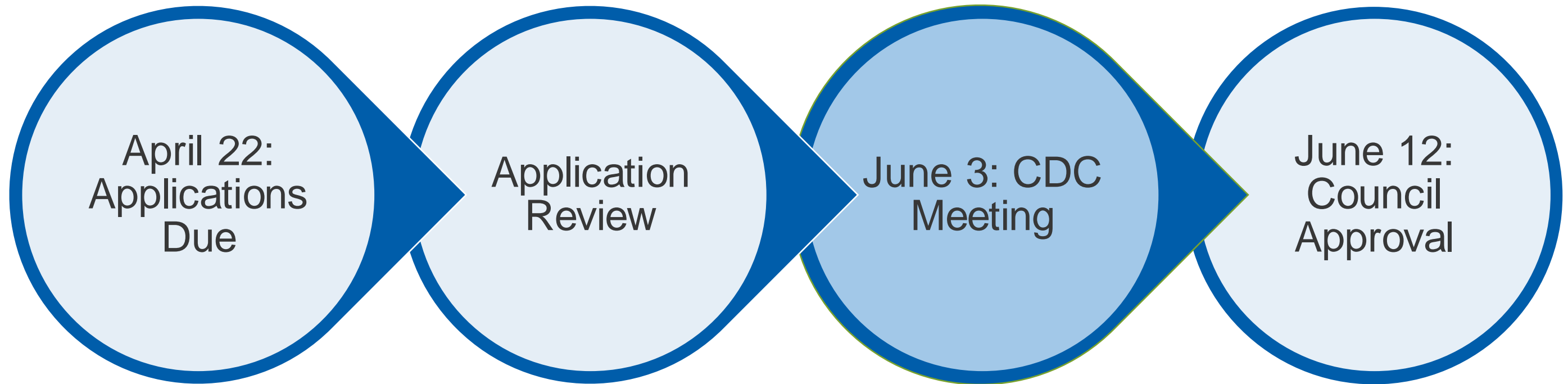
Funding Availability



2024 Fund Distribution Plan

As part of the Fund Distribution Plan, the Council approved up to \$200,000 for LCA Policy Development grants to be awarded in two application rounds with \$100,000 available in each funding opportunity.

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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2024 Round One Funding Recommendation

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Applicant	Score	Requested Amount	Awarded Amount
City of Bloomington	39	\$50,000	\$45,000
City of Richfield	35	\$50,000	\$35,000
City of Newport	27	\$50,000	\$20,000
Total Available			\$100,000
Total Awarded			\$100,000
Remaining Funds			\$0

Bloomington Housing Ordinance

City of Bloomington

Recommended Award:
\$45,000

- Update current housing ordinance using a Housing Nexus Study
- Target development of 30% and 50% AMI housing



Richfield Zoning Code Update

City of Richfield

Recommended Award:
\$35,000

- Increase density to allow for more missing middle housing
- Create more diversity in the housing stock



Newport Zoning Update

City of Newport

Recommended Award:
\$20,000

- Updated development procedures and design standards
- Increased density
- Updated design standards to align with LEED standards



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