

Information Item

Community Development Committee



Meeting Date: March 17, 2025

Topic

2025 Housing and LCA Work Plan Update

District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Minn. Stat. § 473.25
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Background

At the March 17, 2025, Committee meeting, Council staff will present an overview of the 2025 work plan for the Housing and Livable Communities Act (LCA) work unit in the Community Development Division.

The housing policy and LCA work unit connects regional housing policy planning and development goals with local planning and development efforts in the region. With the recent approval of Imagine 2050, the Met Council is kicking off a new decade of housing planning for the 2031-2040 decade within the local comprehensive plan update process. LCA programs are structured as an incentive and as an implementation tool for cities to align their development with regional housing policy and the regional development guide. LCA program guidelines will be updated this year to align more closely with Imagine 2050 policies, per statutory requirements.

Housing policy topics that will come before the Committee for discussion and/or action in 2025 include:

- Local Planning Handbook housing section to guide local government comprehensive planning (August)
- Presentation on residential development and affordable housing production trends (Fall)
- PRO Housing sub-grants and technical assistance programs, funded via a competitive award from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (TBD/ongoing)

LCA grant program discussions and actions will include:

- Celebrating 30 years of success since the passage of the Livable Communities Act of 1995
- Deploying \$29.4 million in new grants for 9 LCA programs (Summer, Fall, Winter)
- LCA grant program updates, building on discussions with the Committee in 2024 on [March 18](#), [July 15](#), [September 3](#), [October 7](#), [November 18](#), and [December 16](#)
 - o Regular updates throughout the year on the program design process (quarterly)
 - o Recommendations for 2026 programming (Fall)