

## Land Use Advisory Committee

Meeting date: May 18, 2017

**Subject:** Update on the Planning Assistance Fund

**District(s), Member(s):** All Districts

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Minn. Stat. § 473.867, subd. 2 and 6

**Staff Prepared/Presented:** LisaBeth Barajas, Manager, Local Planning Assistance (651-602-1895)

**Division/Department:** Community Development / Regional Planning

### Proposed Action

None.

### Background

In May of 2016, the Metropolitan Council adopted updated guidelines for the Planning Assistance Fund, and included an additional \$500,000 for the program. The total grant program budget of \$1.9 million was made available to 70 eligible grantees. The application period closed in the fall of 2016, and all eligible communities have applied for the grants. Eligible communities have received, or will shortly receive, the first half of their awarded grant to get their planning process started. Staff continue to work with one small community in completing their application materials. Staff will provide a brief update on the activities since this topic was last presented to the Committee by Ryan Garcia in early 2016.