

Small Communities Planning Program and Planning Assistance Grant Program Eligibility Criteria Options

Land Use Advisory Committee

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Today's Agenda



Consider options for Imagine 2050 Comprehensive Planning assistance

Quick Review – Jan. 16 LUAC discussion on topic

Analysis of Planning Assistance Options

Revised Planning Assistance Options and Analytics

Discussion and Next Steps

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Quick Review: January 16, 2025 LUAC discussion on Planning Assistance Options



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Statutory Authority for Planning Assistance

Minnesota Statute 473.191

Local Planning Assistance, Subdivision 1, enables the Metropolitan Council to enter contracts or make other arrangements with local governmental units to provide services or assist with comprehensive community planning.

Minnesota Statute 473.867

Planning Assistance; Grants; Loans, Subdivision 3, states that in making grants and loans, the council shall base its decisions on the recipient's demonstrated need and available financial resources.*

*Underlining added to slide for emphasis

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Planning Assistance Grants 2030 and 2040

| | 2030 Regional Development Framework | | | Thrive MSP 20 | | |
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| | 1101 | | Grant | | Gr | |
| Community Type | # of grant communities | Amounts per community | | # of grant communities | Amou comr | |
| Unsewered | | \$ | 15,000 | 3 | \$ | |
| Sewered | 36 | \$ | 20,000 | 43 | \$ | |
| "Small Cities" | NA | \$ | | 21 | \$ | |
| County/Consortium* | 3 | \$ | 50,000 | 3 | \$ | |
| TOTALS | 50 | \$ | 1,035,000 | 70 | \$ 1,8 | |

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Past Criteria for Planning Grant Eligibility



Criteria used for grant eligibility in 2030 and 2040

- 1. Net Tax Capacity of a community compared to the region's median capacity [NTC]
 - In 2030, the criteria was the overall NTC of a community
 - In 2040, the criteria was NTC per capita for a community
- 2. 30 Year Population Growth Rate of a community compared to regional growth [Growth Rate]
- **3.** Current Population of a community [Population]
- 4. Consortium planning approach for a county or coalition working collaboratively to update plans for 5 or more communities under one grant [Consortium]

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Eligibility Criteria and Options for Grants and Small Communities Program – as presented to LUAC on January 16, 2025

| | NTC/capita (metro median = 100%) | 30-year Population Growth Rate compared to metro median | Current Population | # of Communities Eligible for Planning Assistance |
|--|---|---|---------------------|---|
| Planning Assistance Grants | | | | |
| 2040 Thrive General Eligibility | Less/equal to 100% metro median | Greater/equal to metro median | | 43 |
| 2040 Thrive Small Cities Eligibility | Less/equal to 125% metro median | | Less/equal to 5,000 | 35 |
| 2040 Thrive <u>and</u> Imagine 2050 County/Consortium | County or consortium of 5+ communities working collaboratively on comprehensive plan updates | | | Open ended |
| Imagine 2050 Option A | Less/equal to 100% metro median | Greater/equal to 16% | Under 25,000 | 33 |
| Imagine 2050 Option B | Less/equal to 75% metro median | Between 7% and 16% | | 13 |
| Imagine 2050 Option C | Less/equal to 75% metro median | Less/equal to 7% | | 16 |
| Small Communities Program | | | | |
| Level 1 | Less/equal to 125% metro median | Less than metro median | Under 2,500 | 17 |
| Level 2 | Less/equal to 150% metro median | | Under 1,000 | 21 |
| Level 3 | Less/equal to 175% metro median | | Under 500 | 13 |

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Small Communities Program



Program Intent

• Provide technical assistance to update comprehensive plans for the region's smallest communities.

Program Goal

• Reduce burden of comprehensive plan updates for the communities with the least capacity to manage them.

Program Method

• Hire 2-3 temporary (2 years) staff to Local Planning Assistance team to lead technical work of comprehensive plan updates for 20-30 Program communities.

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Analysis of Planning Assistance Options



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Elements of Analysis

Who Needs Help?

- Which communities need the most help with **Comprehensive Plan** updates?
- Talked to internal staff and consultants who worked with a range of communities during 2040.
 - Population and financial capacity identified as biggest determinants of need.

Simplify Options

- Reduce overlap in eligibility between options.
- Consolidate options:
 - Revised to 1 option for Ο grant eligibility that serves small and medium size communities.
 - Revised to 1 option for **Small Communities** Program.

Analytics

- - Same number of
 - \bigcirc not eligible.
 - \bigcirc constrained

* An additional 21 townships are served under the "County" grants to Scott and Carver.

Under revised grant options, focus of support shifts.

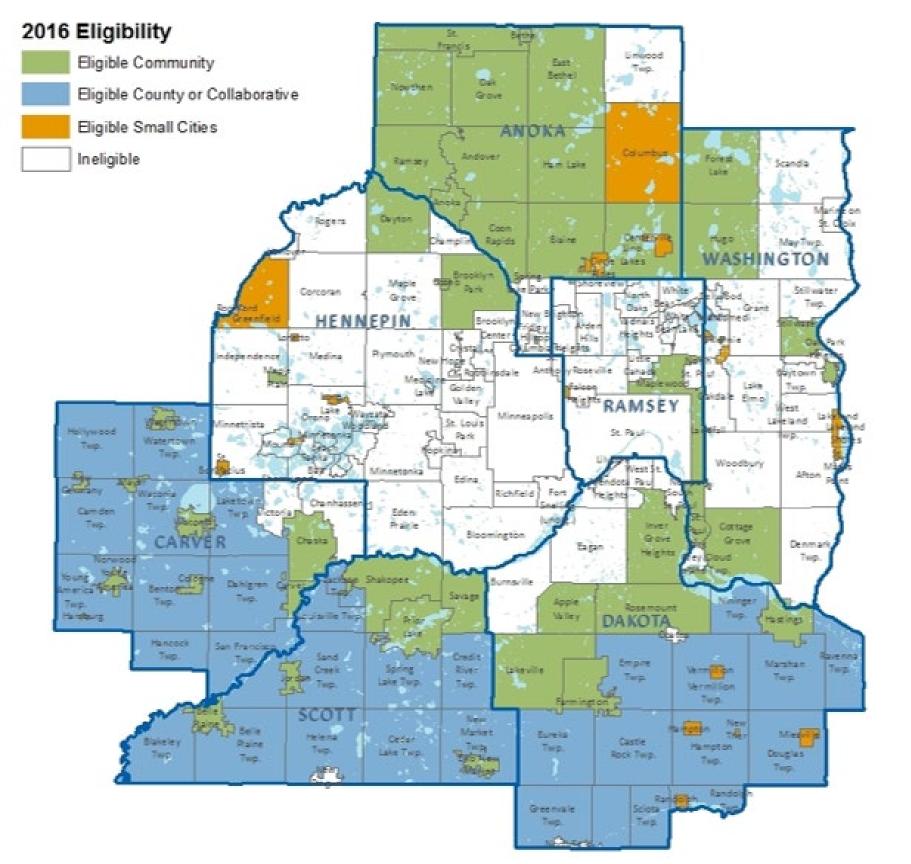
> communities eligible for grants (63*).

More small and medium size communities

served; largest cities

More older, slower growing, and financially communities served.





2040 Thrive grants primarily served rural and suburban communities

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Revised Planning Assistance Options and Analytics



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Criteria for Planning Assistance

2040 Grant Criteria

Current population less than or equal to 5,000 & Net Tax Capacity per capita less than or equal to 125% metro median

OR

30-Year Growth Rate greater than or equal to metro median

Net Tax Capacity per capita less than or equal to 100% metro median

2050 Grant Criteria

Current population 2,500 - 14,999

X Net Tax Capacity per capita less than or equal to 125% metro median

OR

Current population 15,000 - 35,000 8 Net Tax Capacity per capita less than or equal to 100% metro median

2050 Small Communities Program Criteria

Current population under 500 & NTC/capita <= 175%

OR

500 - 999 & NTC/capita <= 150%

OR

Current population <= 1,000 to 2,500 & NTC/capita <= 125%

Current population

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Planning Assistance eligibility criteria and communities served - 2040 and 2050 criteria

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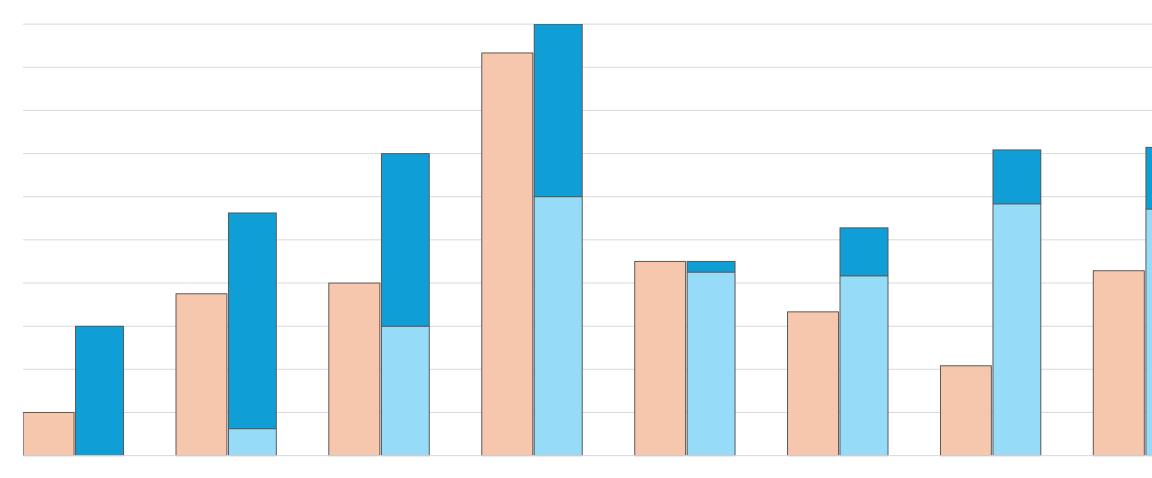
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% of Communities Eligible for Planning Assistance by Community Designation

2040 Grant Criteria
2050 Grant
2050 SCP



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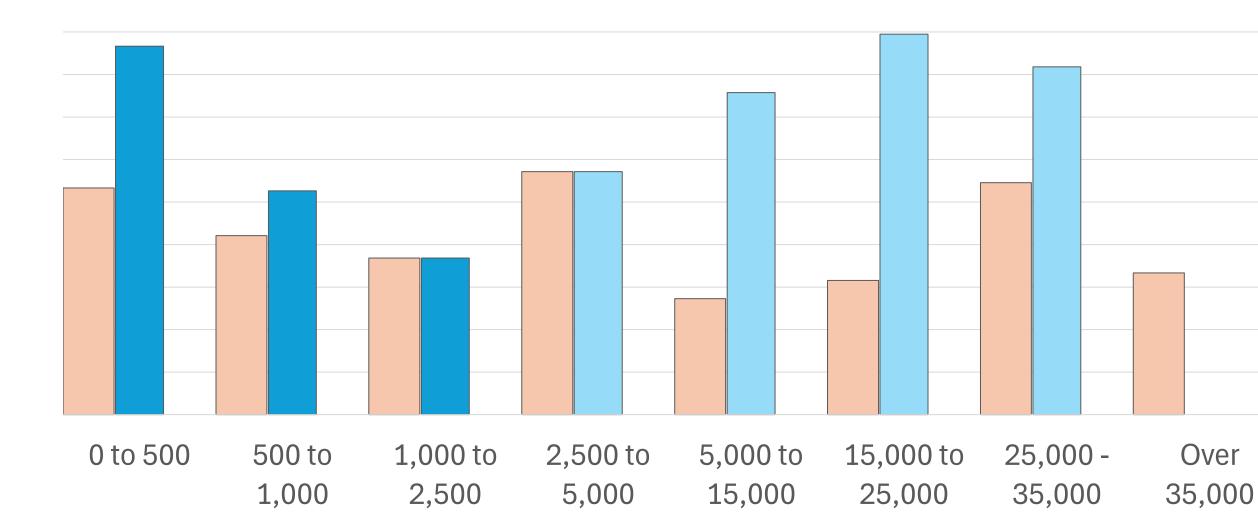
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% of Communities Eligible for Planning Assistance by Current Population Size

2040 Grant Criteria
2050 Grant
2050 SCP

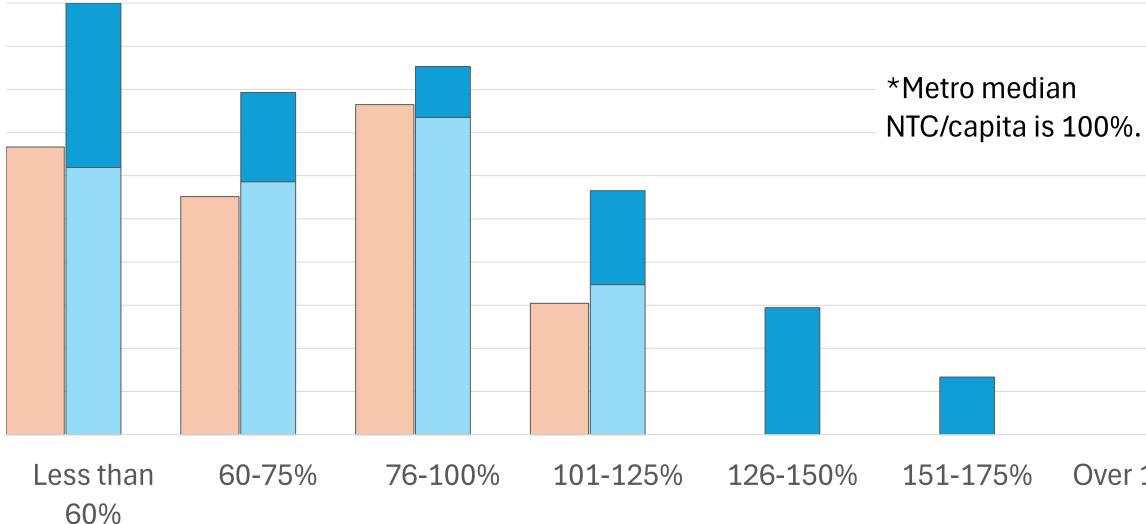


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% of Communities Eligible for Planning Assistance by Net Tax Capacity per Capita*

2040 Grant Criteria **2050** Grant 2050 SCP



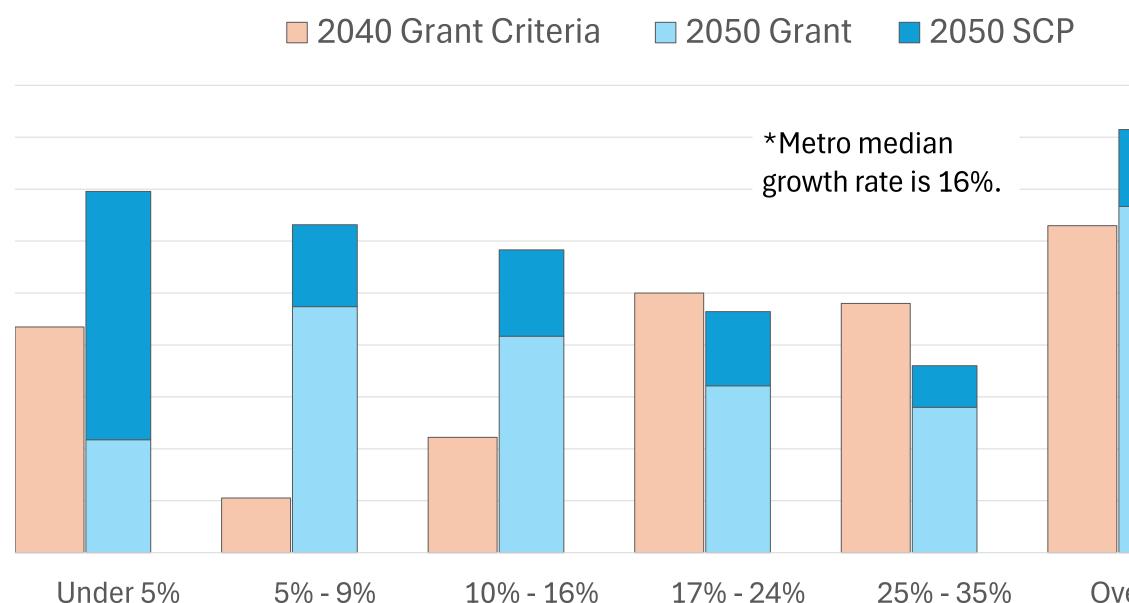
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Over 175%

% of Communities Eligible for Planning Assistance by 30-Yr Population Growth Rate*



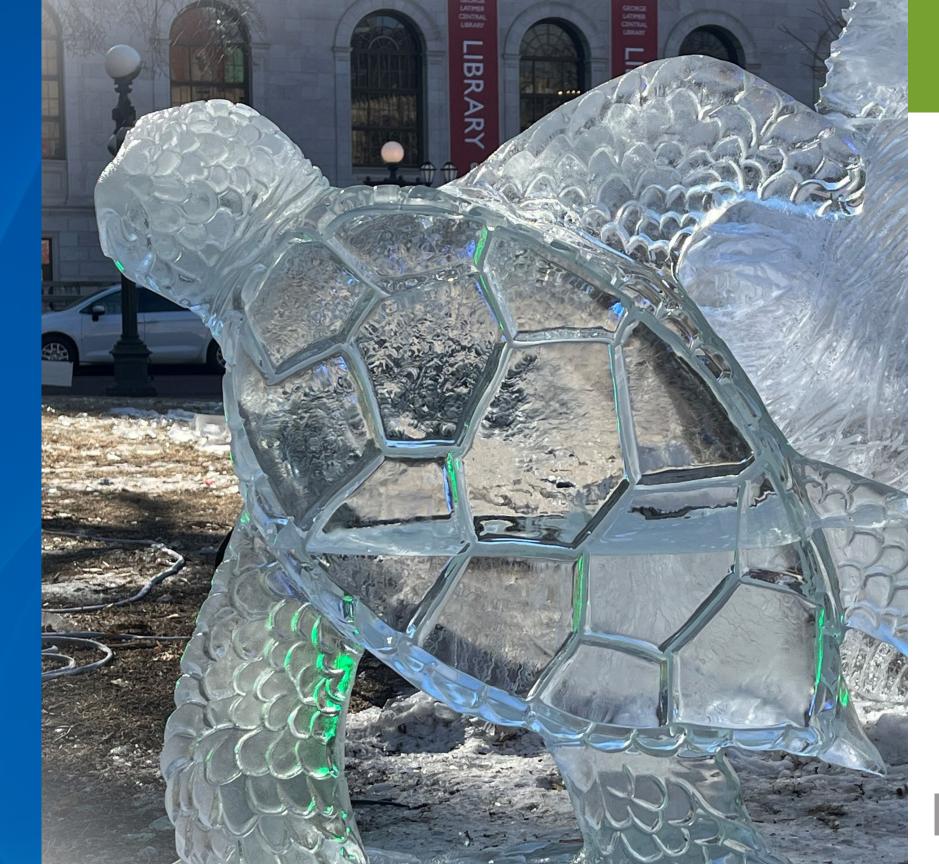
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Metropolitan Council

Over 35%

Discussion and Next Steps



Discussion



Question Prompts

- 1. What feedback do you have about the proposed grant eligibility criteria for the 2050 planning cycle?
- 2. Do you want to provide a similar number grants for the Imagine 2050 planning cycle as for the 2040 planning cycle (about 63 grants)?
- 3. What additional information would be helpful to inform consideration of Comprehensive Plan update planning assistance for the 2050 planning cycle?

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Next Steps



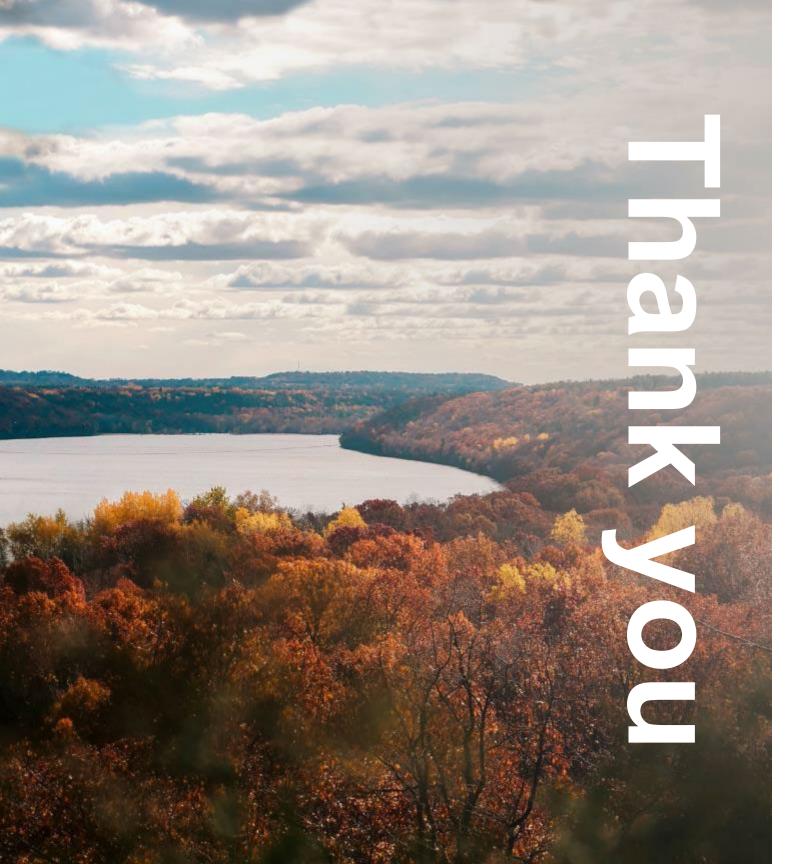
Planning Assistance Grants

- Determine eligibility criteria
- Set budget
- Identify list of eligible communities

Small Communities Program

- Determine eligibility criteria
- Identify list of eligible communities
- Prepare detailed Program workplan
- Hire temporary planning staff

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