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<i>CY2021</i>			<i>Out Comes</i>
<i>Division/ Department</i>	Description	Amount Approved	
RA	Temp Help for HR and Procurement	\$ 300,000	Procurement is working on hiring a 2-year temp for help with the equity projects
RA	Advance Equity in the region through Contracting	\$ 600,000	Procurement has met with numerous business units (CD, MT, ES) to outline the opportunity and to request assistance in identifying projects that the MCUB incentives pilot would be a good fit. ES has identified a couple potential PTS and construction projects that are in the planning stages. We are also meeting with OEO regularly where we discuss the implementation of the pilot project. Procurement has a draft MCUB incentives language that will need to be included in the IFB and RFP instructions. The hope is to have the first project finally identified and issued by September 1, 2021.
ES	Environmental Services Youth Job Skills Program	\$ 100,000	Process is just getting started with a partnership in ES, HR and OEO
MTS	Equity Evaluation of Regional Transportation Investment	\$ 250,000	The Procurement process was initiated
MT	Maintenance Technical Training	\$ 200,000	As of July 2021, the project is finalizing program model and timeline. Project goal is to develop an equity driven pathway to become a Bus Mechanic Technician. On track to initiate project delivery in 2022
MT	Expanding Multicultural Marketing Reach and Frequency	\$ 150,000	Currently working on multicultural focus groups to research BIPOC media consumption and increased spending and presence in community based BIPOC media.
CD	Local Housing Incentives Account	\$ 4,000,000	Funds to be awarded in 2021 Solicitation. Will increase the housing opportunities for low-income households which are disparately households of color.
Total for CY2021		\$ 5,600,000	

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MTS	Metro Mobility on-Demand Pilot	\$ 700,000	Project was delated due to Covid-19. The funds are in the 2021 budget. Negotiations are on-going with Lyft.
Council Wide	Leadership Forum with a theme of Racial Equity	\$ 200,000	During the Pandemic the training and planning was put on hold and them picked up again late November. Virtual workshops to commence our Racial Equity Training plan starting with IDI sessions for management level employees were conducted in November through December.
CD	Homeless Initiative	\$ 1,000,000	1) Funded construction of Emma Norton Residence project at the Ford Redevelopment site in St. Paul. This project will provide supportive housing to serve homeless women. 2) Funded construction of West Creek Apartments in Chaska. This project will provide supportive housing for homeless youth.
CD	Housing that is Affordable	\$ 500,000	Council owned housing capital asset management seed money. Funds are actively being used to extend the useful life of Council owned homes.
CD	Local Housing Incentives Account	\$ 500,000	This is part of the \$5.5M total available for LHIA in 2020, 394 affordable housing units will either be constructed or preserved.
RA	Engagement Training MCUB	\$ 100,000	New Orientation information sessions were conducted for small businesses newly certified. A workshop was conducted for all businesses on How to Do Business with the Council. OEO and Procurement were presenters in conducting the virtual sessions. Due to the pandemic, the funds were not used for on-site meetings so costs for rental fees, materials, and food were not incurred.
CD	Climate Sustainability	\$ 250,000	In 2020, the Council issued an RFP to hire a consultant to assist with project administration, technical assistance, and integration of an environmental justice framework into the Council's first Climate Action Plan. The consultant will support the Council with the scope, formulation, goal setting, feedback, and adoption of an organization-wide, results-focused Climate Action Plan. The incorporation of equity considerations into the plan is estimated to amount to 20% of the overall workload. In 2021, the Council started work on an Environmental Justice (EJ) Framework for eventual Council adoption. The Climate Action Plan offers the first opportunity to incorporate an EJ framework into an adopted plan. Equity considerations will be integrated in the goals, policies, strategies, and evaluation components.

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<i>MT</i>	Metro Transit Safety	\$	500,000	Funds were used to increase livability teams centralized in our busiest Transit centers and lines to give additional presence on the system from community-based groups. Contracts have been initiated through a competitive RFP process. Livability teams have positively impacted customer experience on the system.
	Total for CY2020	\$	3,750,000	
<i>CY2019</i>				
<i>Division/ Department</i>	<u>Description</u>		<u>Amount Approved</u>	
<i>ES</i>	Storm Management Grants for Redevelopment Areas		500,000	Spending and projects still in process. Projects include Village Green stormwater and community garden improvements, stormwater reuse in Centerville, Autumn Ridge participatory landscape design, ECO Mosque, St. Hubert Catholic school stormwater retrofit, Hugo County Road 8 trail improvements and stormwater reuse
<i>RA</i>	CRM System		200,000	Money was for Customer Relationship Management System. A Project manager was hired as a two-year temp, and an RFP was created, but the project did not move forward, and an internal source was identified instead.
<i>Building /rent</i>	Plaza Repairs		870,613	Entire inner plaza deck membrane & surface replaced. Improvements to drainage near main entrances. The old, fixed planters were removed. Flagpole moved to Robert St side. Warranty repairs in process due to ongoing leaks into garage.
<i>Building /rent</i>	ADA Compliance		1,000,000	Project under the control of OEO (Guthrie Byard) for Council Wide ADA improvements. Auto door openers, signage, rest room modifications, etc.
	Total for CY2019	\$	2,570,613	

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<u>CY2018</u>				
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ES	Storm Management Grants for Redevelopment Areas	\$	500,000	The city has used roughly \$150,000 to develop one of the best studies of this kind with a high participation rate from the residents and a well-designed study area but has experienced delays by Covid-19 and has much higher-than-expected bids for the construction portion of the work. Additional funding to meet this unexpected gap would keep this project on track for completion in the next two years. Pilot neighborhood is in area of concentrated poverty.
CD	Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (NOAH)		1,427,500	The Council authorized staff to execute a Joint Powers Agreement with Minnesota Housing to allow them (Minnesota Housing) to provide \$1.4M in program support to Greater Minnesota Housing Fund (GMHF)'s NOAH Impact Fund to support the preservation of naturally occurring affordable housing (NOAH). Legal negotiations for a JPA are ongoing. Funds have not been dispersed.
MT	C-Line Upgrade to electric buses		3,000,000	Eight electric buses were added to the fleet for use on the Metro C Line which connects downtown Minneapolis to Brooklyn Center via North Minneapolis. Electric buses operating in North Minneapolis work to improve air quality in an area which historically has higher rates of asthma and poor air quality. Work continues to improve reliability and performance of charging equipment and reduce/eliminate periods of time when electric buses are temporarily removed from service.
	Total For CY2018	\$	4,927,500	
<u>CY2017</u>				
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<u>Department</u>				
ES	Community Green Infrastructure Pilot	\$	1,000,000	Several projects ongoing, \$300K Evergreen project canceled by applicant. Goals met or in process for One Water grant program, Crystal Becker Park infiltration, New Hope Northwood I/I study, and West St. Paul I/I private property compliance program.

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ES	Competitive Regional Stormwater Innovation Grants Program	1,000,000	\$566K spent (several projects scaled back or canceled). Sustainable water resource goals met for City of Fridley Civic Center Complex stormwater management, Minneapolis East Side Storage and Maintenance facility stormwater management, Seidl's Lake water quality improvement project, stormwater reuse for irrigation and New Brighton Lion's Park, ISD #112 Kindergarten Center educational filtration basin, Crystal Becker Park infiltration project, Shoreview Rice Creek Fields stormwater reuse, and Biochar enhanced filter for bacterial and dissolved pollutants.
RA	Robert Street Elevator Recommissioning	680,000	Complete machine, operating parts & controls replacement. Added voice notification for riders. Completely satisfied with the outcome.
RA - IS	Network Redundancy Project	580,000	IS completed the Network Redundancy project to have a more secure/ stable system
RA - IS	Oracle Database Exadata Upgrade	765,000	IS completed the Database Exadata Upgrade needed
MT	Bottineau Light Rail Corridor-wide Housing Strategy	400,000	Developed corridor-wide housing strategy to ensure a range of housing choices and opportunities.
	Total for CY2017	\$ 4,425,000	

CY2016

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RA	Equity Convening, Outreach, Urban Scholars,	\$ 875,000	Payroll was covered for interns and Urban Scholars
CD	Preserve Housing Vouchers - funding gap	400,000	This helped pay for the RA Allocation in 2016
CD	Climate Change	125,000	Funding was used to help support one full time employee
CD	Local Housing Incentives Account	1,000,000	This is part of the \$2.5M total available for LHIA in 2016, 281 affordable housing units will either be constructed or preserved.
CD	Planning Assistance Grants	1,000,000	The Planning Assistance Grant Fund in 2015 and 2016 provided support to 106 communities including both sewer and unsewered communities, counties, townships, and small cities. The grant funds supported development of local 2040 comprehensive plans that are in conformance with regional system plans, consistent with regional policy plans, and compatible with plans of affected jurisdictions.

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ES	Targeted Stormwater Grants	1,000,000	All monies spent. Sustainable water resource goals met for Chanhassen HS stormwater capture and reuse, fire station water harvesting and reuse, Waters Edge stormwater reuse, Westminster Church stormwater management and reuse, Snelling Midway Soccer stormwater management, Northside Neighborhood engagement and opportunities, Greenfield Central Park Pond stormwater management, Lilydale stormwater improvement project and small space stormwater retrofits for the Rum and Mississippi rivers.
MT	Transit Oriented Development (outside LCA program)	500,000	*See 2015 this was additional to the \$2,000,000 million
MT	Bus Shelter and Amenity Rollout	1,000,000	Over the past several years, we achieved the goal to add 150 new shelters at bus stops that didn't have them previously, and to improve over 75 existing shelters with light or heat. Using what we learned from community engagement, we updated our shelter placement guidelines which set the priorities for shelter locations. We have tools in-place to measure our progress and now we see that shelters, light and heat are now equitably available by race and income. We continue to improve the customer experience at the bus stop through information, accessible boarding areas and pedestrian connections, and at higher ridership bus stops – shelters and associated investments .On-going, we have established a Better Bus Stops program to continue focusing on access to opportunity for all, with the ultimate goal of improving the customer experience at all bus stops.
Total CY2016		\$ 5,900,000	

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RA	Equity Demonstration Grants	\$ 1,000,000 **	** See Below

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<i>MT</i>	Transit Oriented Development (outside LCA program)	2,000,000	A) Sale of former MTPD facility at 2425 Minnehaha to adjacent business for expansion, generating local jobs, protecting transit interests, produced revenue for agency B) Ground Leased property for Allianz Field in Saint Paul: 53-year term at ~ \$556 k/year, protects transit interests, cooperation on operations and maintenance, other benefits including local hiring and subcontracting goals C) Pursuing transit-oriented development at Blue Line 38th Street Station. Agreements have been negotiated, awaiting federal grant for bus operations and facilities improvements D) Launched Residential Pass Program E) Developed Public Parcel Inventory F) Developed an innovative method for determining the actual Pedestrian Walkshed for a transit station G) Developed Metro Transit Real Property Inventory, H) In collaboration with local partners, received and managed 3 FTA TOD Pilot Program Planning grants.
<i>ES</i>	Targeted Stormwater Grants	800,000	\$570K spent (several projects canceled or scaled back). Sustainable water resource goals met for MN Zoo (partially; scaled back), Waconia, and Beaver Pond Stormwater Reuse (Hugo).
<i>CD</i>	Comprehensive Planning Grants	500,000	The Planning Assistance Grant Fund in 2015 and 2016 provided support to 106 communities including both sewer and unsewered communities, counties, townships, and small cities. The grant funds supported development of local 2040 comprehensive plans that are in conformance with regional system plans, consistent with regional policy plans, and compatible with plans of affected jurisdictions.
<i>CD</i>	Parks Visitors Survey	100,000	The 2016 visitor study was completed for use with Regional Parks System management as well as the funding formulas.
<i>CD</i>	Strategic Land Acquisition	1,000,000	Funds have been deployed for strategic land acquisition for affordable housing. Land Bank Twin Cities has used the funds as intended, including purchases of properties in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Edina, and Arden Hills intended to result in over 500 new affordable housing units. Staff is currently working with the Land Bank and Minnesota Housing to conclude the Joint Powers Agreement.
<i>CD</i>	Climate Change	500,000	Green-house Emissions Inventory and Scenario Planning: Data collection for the urban tree canopy coverage (Univ. of Minnesota partnership) which was a component of our Climate Vulnerability Assessment, Extreme Heat tool. Expanded technical assistance support, including expanded mapping tools for the solar requirement of comprehensive plans (urban and rural), sample ordinances, support for the Sol Smart Advisor program, and climate-related templates for local government use.

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<i>HRA</i>	Mobility Counseling/Fair Housing Activities/Subsidize RA Allocation	800,000	Paid for RA allocations. Two Senior Outreach Coordinators hired to implement and operate Community Choice program. Fair housing activities included: fair housing videos developed for landlords, mixed-income housing feasibility calculator, testing of landlord acceptance of Housing Choice Vouchers, contributions to Housing Hub, and development of a Fair Housing Policy for cities.
<i>CD</i>	Parks Equity Activities	100,000	The Parks Ambassador Program developed community-based projects to encourage participation in the Regional Parks System from diverse groups.
	Total CY2015	\$ 6,800,000	
<i>CY2015</i>	Equity Demonstration		
	Grants: ** \$1,000,000		
<i>MT</i>	Accessing Child Care Equity Grant	\$ 20,000	The Wilder Foundation conducted a study of Childcare accessible by transit. Wilder Foundation conducted the study because they could do confidential interviews with parents and providers. Result was change in bus stroller policy on Bus/Trains especially with impacts of bad weather.
<i>CD</i>	Reg Parks Comm Advisor Equity Grant	40,000	The Regional Parks unit worked with community partners to develop the Equity Toolkit for use with Regional Parks System funding and master planning.
<i>MT/ES</i>	Help Wanted Outreach Equity Grant	18,000	Metro Transit completed the Outreach Bus project successfully in 2016. Two buses were wrapped with a design to promote career opportunities at Metro Transit. While in regular service, the buses served as a reminder of available jobs on high frequency routes that serve low-income neighborhoods and other areas where traditional marketing was not as successful. When not in service, the buses were used at community events including Minneapolis Open Streets and high school outreach activities. By mid-2016, nearly 170 applicants indicated that the Outreach Bus was the source of inspiration.

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<i>MTS</i>	I-94 Corridor Study Equity Grant	178,800	The Met Council partnered with MnDOT to contract with six community organizations along the I-94 corridor to engage communities regarding the impact of the highway and its importance as a regional corridor. Outcomes of the work provided critical input from communities historically underrepresented in transportation planning and largely over-impacted by the construction of the interstate highway system about I-94. We learned how to better include and engage communities in planning efforts. MnDOT used this information to inform plans for improvements to I-94, and it also provided community priorities for all the government agencies to consider in planning infrastructure and general community development. We proposed this project to help connect MnDOT to more community partners and increase the voices of communities of color in influencing this project. The work on this project concluded in 2018. Since that time several other MnDOT efforts have reflected this more community-connected approach.
<i>MT</i>	Juvenile Diversion Program Equity Grant	120,000	The Juvenile Diversion program provided services in partnership with Minneapolis-based Headway Emotional Health Services and Saint Paul. 84 cases were reviewed for the program, of which 48 were referred for the Juvenile Diversion Program. 34 juveniles successfully completed their program, 8 were unsuccessful. 6 juveniles were contacted but did not engage in the program. The program was successful and integrated into a state-wide initiative with the courts JDAI (Juvenile Detention Alternatives Program) programming.
<i>MT</i>	Transit Info for LEP Equity Grant	10,000	Metro Transit conducted over 100 interviews and usability tests with community members with limited English proficiency. Transit Information materials were updated based on the testing and community feedback to make them easier to understand.
<i>ES</i>	Changing Workforce Specialist Equity Grant	30,000	Hired a part time outreach coordinator in MCES. Accomplishments related to the work of this position include activities that generated interest in ES careers and diversifying our workforce, by focusing on underserved communities. Activities included: creation and maintenance of a master outreach community database and marketing materials, attendance at job fairs and community events, development, and implementation of a teacher externship program, conducting outreach to schools and community organizations, holding information sessions for open ES positions, and increasing cultural and heritage awareness in ES. Diversity of MCES workforce increased from 9.9% (People of Color) YE 2015 to 14% YE 2020.

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<i>MT</i>	Mass Transit Technical Program Equity Grant	203,200	The initial MTT cohort launched in 2015 and completed in 2018 resulting in graduation and employment of 11 individuals as Bus Mechanic Technicians. Successful participants earned an AAS degree from Hennepin Technical College while interning full time at Metro Transit. Cohort members represented area communities including African American, Tibetan, Latino and Southeast Asian. The success of this project resulted in the delivery of two additional cohorts.
<i>MT</i>	Micro Jobseekers Program Equity Grant	5,000	Four non-profits purchased discounted fare products to distribute to their clients through the Micro Jobseeker pilot; only one organization ended up distributing their entire stock. The primary deliverable of the project was a set of strategic questions for the agency to consider when incorporating equity into fare programs. The final report from the Micro Jobseekers Program was used as the framework for an equity fellow project the following year.
<i>CD/ES</i>	At-Risk Manufactured Pilot Program Equity Grant	250,000	The Manufactured Housing Park (MHP) project provided \$235,000 to defray Sewer Availability Connection (SAC) fees to connect the Maple Hills Estates MHP in the City of Corcoran to the regional wastewater system. The project preserves 191 affordable housing units at the MHP for 20 years, maintains rents at levels affordable to households at or below 30% of the area median income, prevents unreasonable rent increases for current and future residents, helps the city provide sufficient existing and new housing to meet its share of the metropolitan area need for low- and moderate-income housing, and upgrades sewer infrastructure at the MHP to maintain the health, safety, and welfare of park residents.
<i>MTS</i>	Equity in Transportation Equity Grant	25,000	Held three workshops with TAB and Council members in 2015 to provide focused space for learning about and discussing equity, which was a newer concept when it was introduced for the 2014 Regional Solicitation. Equity remained in the Regional Solicitation after the controversial inclusion in 2014 & has evolved. Now includes community engagement element in addition to original elements for project benefits and impacts. In 2021, TAB expressed interest in more focus on equity and has had a series of speakers at its regular meetings to assist members in building their understanding. Has been a focal point of discussion about the newer unique project application category
<i>RA</i>	CW Professional Development Equity Grant	100,000	Provide employees (possibly Council Members and advisory committee members) with training opportunities to expand understanding of institutional and structural inequity.