

Community Development Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of January 11, 2017

Subject: Livable Communities Act Transit Oriented Development Tax Base Revitalization Account Site Investigation and Livable Communities Demonstration Account Pre-Development Grant Recommendations

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Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Staff presented information about each of the recommended awards. A question was raised about the sequence of grant requests. The Committee unanimously voted to approve the Proposed Action.

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Meeting date: December 19, 2016

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District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: MN Statue §473.253

Staff Prepared/Presented: Erin Heelan, Livable Communities, (651) 602-1633

Division/Department: Community Development/ Housing and Livable Communities

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Background

Advancing Transit Oriented Development (TOD) along existing and emerging transitways is a priority of the Metropolitan Council. The TOD grant category funds are targeted to support TOD activities in several identified "TOD areas". The Council adopted the 2016 LCA-TOD guidelines, criteria, schedule, and evaluation process as part of the [Fund Distribution Plan \(FDP\)](#) earlier this year. The FDP specifies a one-step staff evaluation process for LCDA-TOD Pre-Development and TBRA-TOD Site Investigation grants. An evaluation team of staff from Community Development and Metro Transit evaluate applications.

Rationale

On November 1, 2016, the Council received four applications for the fall round of TOD Pre-Development and TOD Site Investigation funding. The staff evaluation concluded that all four applications met the minimum scoring threshold to be recommended for funding. Further detail is represented in the attached Review Record.

Funding

As outlined in the FDP, two rounds of TOD Pre-Development and TOD Site Investigation funding were made available in 2016, with \$250,000 available for Pre-Development and \$125,000 available for Site Investigation grants in each round. The Council did not receive any applications for the spring funding round. For the fall round, staff is recommending funding four applications for a total of \$75,000 in Pre-Development and \$78,500 in Site Investigation funding. The remaining dollars were made available for the regular LCDA and TBRA programs as provided for in Council Action [2016-63 SW](#).

Known Support / Opposition

Each applicant submitted a resolution of support. There is no known opposition to the applications recommended for funding.

Review Record

Review Process

A notice of funding availability was issued in March 2016 following adoption of the 2016 Annual Livable Communities Fund Distribution Plan (FDP). Staff held workshops to familiarize applicants with the LCA-TOD process and criteria.

Four applications were submitted on November 1, 2016. See Table 1. Staff conducted an initial review for completeness and eligibility. An interdivisional staff team used Council-approved FDP criteria to evaluate the applications in the following categories: housing, transit accessibility, walkability, and ridership, jobs, TOD design, readiness and partnerships. All applications met the 54 point minimum score. Full funding is being recommended for all four requests (2 TOD Predevelopment and 2 TOD Site Investigation). After the November 1st deadline remaining available funds were moved to the regular LCDA and TBRA accounts.

Table 1: Application Scoring Summary

Project	Applicant	Points	TOD Predevelopment		TOD Site Investigation	
			Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Lexington Station	St. Paul	56.38	\$40,000	\$40,000	0	0
TOD Pre-Development & Repositioning at 147th Street and Garrett Avenue and Glazier Avenue	Apple Valley	56.13	\$35,000	\$35,000	0	0
Goodwill University Avenue Project	St. Paul	67.63	0	0	\$50,000	\$50,000
Ain Dah Yung Supportive Housing	St. Paul	58.63	0	0	\$28,500	\$28,500
Total Requested			\$75,000		\$78,500	
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Projects Recommended for Funding

Project summaries for projects recommended for funding are on the following pages.

Grant #
Type: TOD Pre-Development
Applicant City of St. Paul
Project Name Lexington Station
Project Location Lexington and University
Council District 14 - Jon Commers

Project Detail	
Future Development Project Overview	The City of St. Paul is partnering with Michaels Development Company and CPM Companies to develop a new construction TOD community adjacent to Wilder Foundation that includes 243 units of housing with a mix of affordability from 30-60% AMI. Additionally, the developer will increase pedestrian connectivity by extending Fuller Avenue up to Lexington Pkwy and adding a signal to the new intersection. The Fuller extension will include a bike/pedway, and the new signalized intersection will allow people to safely cross Lexington Pkwy.
Jobs (FTEs)	6
Total housing units	243
Affordable units (80% AMI)	123 @ 30-50% AMI and 120 @ 51-60% AMI
TOD metrics	Floor-area ratio: 2.18 Dwelling units per acre: 119 Jobs per acre: 2.4 Distance to station: 631 feet Residential parking ratio: .33 stall/unit
Comments/ Demonstration value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project incorporates TOD design features: low parking ratio, walk-up units, active first floor uses, oriented to station, bike racks, efficient land use, increased connections, and electronic transit travel trackers • Incorporates green design features: solar PVs, on-site food production, and rain gardens • Michael's scholarship program will be available to residents; the program provides monetary support to residents who are seeking to advance their education • Potential to catalyze additional TOD investment and increased density within the Lexington Station area
Funding	
Requested amount	\$40,000
Previous LCA funding	2016 LCDA-TOD (\$800,000)
Use of funds	

Grant #

Amount	Uses to be completed by 12/31/2018
\$40,000	Design charrette, appraisal, stormwater management plan

Type:	TOD Pre-Development
Applicant	City of Apple Valley
Project Name	TOD Pre-Development & Repositioning at 147th Street and Garrett Avenue and Glazier Avenue
Project Location	Red Line - 147th Street Station (14200 Cedar Avenue)
Council District	16 – Wendy Wulff

Project Detail	
Future Development Project Overview	The City of Apple Valley is collaborating with several existing property owners in the 147 th Street Station Area to redevelop a car-centric super block into a pedestrian friendly area that will include office, retail, multi-family housing, and a shared stormwater/placemaking amenity. The purpose of this grant is predevelopment work related to the housing, retail, stormwater, and placemaking components of the project.
Jobs (FTEs)	20
Total housing units	260
Affordable units (80% AMI)	42
TOD metrics	Floor-area ratio: .27 Dwelling units per acre: 46 Jobs per acre: 3.5 Distance to station: 1005 feet Residential parking ratio: 1.49 stall/unit
Comments/ Demonstration value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private/Public area-wide partnership • Potential for shared stormwater management and shared placemaking • Increased pedestrian orientation/connections • Shared parking
Funding	
Requested amount	\$35,000
Previous LCA funding	None
Use of funds	
Amount	Uses to be completed by 12/31/2018
\$35,000	Housing study, stormwater management plan, placemaking plan

Grant #
Type: TOD Site Investigation
Applicant City of St. Paul
Project Name Goodwill University Avenue Properties
Project Location Green Line – Fairview Station
Council District 14 – Jon Commers

Project Detail	
Future Development Project Overview	This City of St. Paul, in partnership with Goodwill, intends to build a mixed use development, including: senior housing meeting a mix of market rate and federal affordability guidelines; career, education and employment services; joint-use facilities; and a restaurant/retail component focused on needs of light rail commuters.
Jobs (FTEs)	46
Total housing units	80
Affordable units (80% AMI)	40 market rate, 40 @31-50% AMI
TOD metrics	Floor-area ratio: 2.1 Dwelling units per acre: 24.37 Jobs per acre: 14 Distance to station: 500 feet Residential parking ratio: 1.13 stall/unit
Comments/ Demonstration value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared parking • Pedestrian Oriented Design • Mixed use
Funding	
Requested amount	\$50,000
Previous LCA funding	None
Use of funds	
Amount	Uses to be completed by 12/31/2018
\$50,000	Multi-parcel Phase I ESA, Phase II ESA, RAP Preparation

Type: TOD Site Investigation
Applicant: City of St. Paul
Project Name: Ain Dah Yung Center Supportive Housing
Project Location: Green Line – Dale Street Station (648, 650, 652 Sherburne Ave)
Council District: 14 – Jon Commers

Project Detail	
Future Development Project Overview	<p>Project for Pride in Living (PPL) and Ain Dah Yung Center (ADYC) are working with the City of St. Paul to develop permanent supportive housing targeted to homeless Native youth, ages 18-24. The project will be a multifamily 42 unit building with supportive services.</p> <p>The project includes critical culturally-specific opportunities for the Native youth population including, common space, a cultural center designed to accommodate Native ceremonies, a full kitchen for Native community feasts as part of traditional ceremonies and activities, and a circular gathering space for families to meet with youth.</p>
Jobs (FTEs)	10.2
Total housing units	42
Affordable units (80% AMI)	42 below 30 % AMI
TOD metrics	Floor-area ratio: 2.44 Dwelling units per acre: 95.46 Jobs per acre: 32 Distance to station: 495 feet Residential parking ratio: .33 stall/unit
Comments/ Demonstration value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Low parking ratio and bike amenities - Demonstrative partnership to serve a underserved population - Increased density from 18 units per acre to 95 units per acre
Funding	
Requested amount	\$28,500
Previous LCA funding	None
Use of funds	
Amount	Uses to be completed by 12/31/2018
\$28,500	Site Assessment, Investigation and Rap Preparation