

Community Development Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of January 24, 2018

Subject: Amendment to the 2017 Livable Communities Annual Fund Distribution Plan and Supplemental Livable Communities Demonstration Account Grant Awards

Proposed Action

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Livable Communities Demonstration Account

Project	Applicant	Points (60 pt. min.)	LCDA Amount Requested	2017 LCDA Award	Supplemental Funding Option
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West Broadway Curve II	Minneapolis	70.74	\$780,000	\$780,000	
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The Collaborative	Edina	68.72	\$1,441,565	\$1,441,565	
Edison	Roseville	68.77	\$2,045,295	\$1,797,007	\$248,288
Total			\$7,998,288	\$7,500,000	
					Increase
					\$498,288

Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Council Member Wulff stated her preference that the decision to include additional funds to the Fund Distribution Plan be made before the application process begins to ensure applicants are aware of available funding at the beginning of the process. The Community Development Committee voted four to one to approve the proposed action at its meeting on January 16, 2018.

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Meeting date: January 16, 2018

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District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Minnesota Statutes, §473.25

Staff Prepared/Presented: Beth Reetz, Division Director (651-602-1060)

Division/Department: Community Development / Regional Planning

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Background

The Council adopted the 2017 Livable Communities Fund Distribution Plan ([2017-72 SW](#)) on March 22, 2017. Over the past several years, a number of projects awarded Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA) funds have either not moved forward or have not used all the funds awarded to them. Additionally, the fund balance has accrued interest earnings. With this proposed amendment to the Fund Distribution Plan, these funds can be available for award.

When the Council awarded the LCDA funds available in the 2017 Fund Distribution Plan, two projects met the minimum score necessary to be considered for funding but did not receive full or any funding. The Edison in Roseville received partial funding because it was the lowest scoring project in the fundable range before funding ran out; the Pioneer Press project received no funding because the Council had already recommended 40 percent of LCDA funding available in 2017 to projects in Minneapolis and Saint Paul.

This action would use some of the balance in the Livable Communities Demonstration Account to fully fund both The Edison and the Pioneer Press project.

Rationale

Both projects under consideration for supplemental funding met the minimum LCDA evaluation score. By adding additional funding for the 2017 round, the Council can fund both The Edison and the Pioneer Press project without awarding more than 40 percent of available funding to projects in Minneapolis and Saint Paul.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This additional funding will enhance the Council's previous awards to help further several Thrive outcomes. This investment in the Pioneer Press project "encourages redevelopment and infill development" (Prosperity) while The Edison "provide housing and transportation choices for a range of demographic characteristics and economic means" (Equity and Livability) by adding affordable units in the suburban community of Roseville.

Funding

This action would use \$498,288 of the balance in the Livable Communities Demonstration Account.

Known Support / Opposition

Staff is aware of no opposition to this action from participating communities.