

# CRITICAL MEASURES OF REGIONAL HOUSING POLICY

## *projected* **NEED**

Significantly more households will need affordable housing in the next decade - whether we plan for them or not. Our region will be more successful if we all do what we can to address the growing affordable housing need.



## More households will **NEED** affordable housing

### Cities are allocated a share of the region's projected need

Cities' share of the region's growth in affordable housing need is on their Community Page within the Local Planning Handbook. This share is proportional to a city's overall forecasted growth, its existing affordable housing stock, and the ratio of low-wage jobs to low-wage earning residents.

### Cities must plan for their share of the need

Cities aren't required to create enough units to meet their share of the need, but they must plan for the possibility of these units by guiding sufficient land at higher residential densities in their comprehensive plans.

## *achievable* **GOAL**

An aspirational but realistic number of new affordable housing units that a city, in partnership with developers, funders and others, can help create by 2030.



## Livable Communities Act **GOAL**

### Cities negotiate their goal with the Council.

Cities wanting grants from the Livable Communities Act programs must negotiate a goal with the Council. The goal represents the affordable and life-cycle housing that developers could realistically build in a city, recognizing market conditions and available funding.

### Why participate in Livable Communities Act programs?

The Livable Communities Act programs give participating cities access to grant dollars for environmental clean-up, innovative development and redevelopment projects, and affordable housing production or preservation.

## *performance* **SCORE**

The Council recognizes communities for their efforts around affordable housing annually. Scores can influence certain Council funding decisions.



## Housing Performance **SCORE**

### How can cities achieve a higher score?

The Council annually calculates a Housing Performance Score to acknowledge the local efforts to create and preserve affordable housing. Cities can increase scores by creating or preserving affordable housing as well as by offering programs, plans and tools that support and encourage affordable housing.

### Do Housing Performance scores matter?

Housing Performance Scores affect a city's competitiveness for Livable Communities Act funding and regionally allocated federal transportation funding. Data collected in the scoring process also provides useful information on how cities are addressing their housing needs.