**2025 Metropolitan Council Livable Communities Act Policy Development Narrative Questions**

This document is a tool to support easier team collaboration. There may be additional, non-narrative questions in the WebGrants application that are not listed here. Review the WebGrants application to *make sure you have answered all the questions. All applications must be submitted through the* **WebGrants system**. We will not review applications submitted through this document.

While we recognize there are different types of inequities based on identity and circumstance, **LCA is focused on addressing racial inequity in the region given race is the largest predictor of inequitable outcomes** in jobs, housing, and other LCA goals. Projects addressing racial equity will be prioritized in scoring. Projects addressing other inequities will earn points towards how they address those inequities but will not receive full points unless they also consider the intersection of racial inequity.

## What: Proposed Policy Outcomes

Describe the proposed policy and how it will advance [Livable Communities Act (LCA)](https://metrocouncil.org/getattachment/Communities/Services/Livable-Communities-Grants/LCA-Programs/Policy-Development/2025_LCA_Policy_Program_Essentials_v2.pdf.aspx?lang=en-US) and/or [Imagine 2050 goals](https://metrocouncil.org/2050-Planning.aspx) in your city. Check the [Program Essentials](https://metrocouncil.org/getattachment/Communities/Services/Livable-Communities-Grants/LCA-Programs/Policy-Development/2025_LCA_Policy_Program_Essentials_v2.pdf.aspx?lang=en-US)for additional guidance and considerations. (4,000 characters)

* Increase housing choice and remove barriers to creating and preserving affordable housing
* Expand economic opportunity for residents facing the highest barriers
* Intensify land use and take advantage of connections
* Minimize climate impacts
* Reduce racial disparities in access to jobs, affordable housing, climate impact, and regional connections

Describe how this policy will have an impact on physical development across the city. Include information about how the policy will be enforced and any support that will be offered to help developers or residents adhere to the policy. (2,000 characters)

How will the policy lead to more equitable development outcomes? Describe how your city defines equitable development and how this policy will help further city goals relating to equitable development. (2,000 characters)

## How: Proposed Process

What specific need does this policy address? How did you determine that need? (4,000 characters)

Who will benefit most from the policy and in what ways? How did you determine who benefits and how will you use this information to shape equitable development strategies for the policy? (4,000 characters)

Please describe your scope of work and how you will ensure that the project stays on track. (4,000 characters)

**Additional Information**

Please let us know anything else you think we should know about your proposed policy, its goals, and how the policy will meet LCA and/or Thrive goals to achieve more equitable development outcomes. (4,000 characters)