**2025 Round 2 Metropolitan Council Livable Communities Act Policy & Program 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 Outcomes

Describe the proposed policy, program, or partnership 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_Expanded_Policy-PRO_Program_Essentials.pdf.aspx?lang=en-US) for additional guidance and considerations. (4,000 characters)

* Policy, program, or partnership to remove barriers to producing or preserving affordable housing, with priority given to efforts that focus on housing affordable to households living at 30% of the area median income and/or prevent displacement in areas receiving new investment
* Policy to support wealth building and economic opportunity for communities who have experienced historic wealth extraction
* Policy to minimize climate impact by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and conserving natural resources
* Support more equitable development outcomes in physical developments and/or through city process to approve physical developments

Describe how this policy, program, or partnership will have an impact on physical development across the city. For policy proposals, 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. For program or partnership proposals, include information on how the initiative will be sustained. (2,000 characters)

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

## How: Proposed Process

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

Who will benefit most from the policy, program, or partnership 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 or program? (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, program, or partnership, its goals, and how the policy will meet LCA and/or Imagine 2050. (4,000 characters)