

PRE-DEVELOPMENT

Funding

Available Funding: \$2,000,00

Award Limit: \$300,000 per city per round (includes up to \$50,000 in Policy Development funding)

Application Limit: No more than six per city per round

Local Match: None

Grant Term: Two years (up to one year extension possible)

Distribution: 50% of the award may be disbursed upfront when an agreement is signed between city and project team*

**Not all cities will participate. Contact city staff to learn more.*

Key Dates

Round One Due: April 22, 2024

Round One Decision: June, 2024

Round Two Due: July 24, 2024

Round Two Decision: September, 2024

Pre-Development Eligible Costs

WHAT: PROPOSED PROJECT OUTCOMES

Environmental Sustainability

- Soil testing to determine feasible land uses (not environmental testing)
- Project-specific or district-wide stormwater management plans, district-wide heating and cooling plans, and district-wide waste management plans that conserve natural resources and mitigate impacts on climate change
- Passive building design and energy efficient improvement planning
- Development of Travel Demand Management Plan or other strategies to reduce emissions in and around the project site
- Landscaping plans that will conserve natural resources, increase greenspace, and prioritize native plants and pollinators
- Sustainability assessments, design and engineering (for example project/district stormwater management and district heating/cooling)

Site Planning

- Development of site plans, public realm plans, and/or outdoor recreation plans
- Public art design process to create an intentionally designed piece of public art. The design process should include an artist or arts organization.
- Phasing or staging plans for an identified parcel or multiple contiguous parcels
- Site selection between 2 -3 potential sites
- Additional design work to include Universal Design or other accessibility features beyond local requirements
- Culturally specific site design and planning to best reflect priorities of the community/ies being served by the project
- Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR)
- Architectural design services (schematic design, design development and construction documents)

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Eligible Costs

WHAT: PROPOSED PROJECT OUTCOMES

Acquisition and Preservation/Rehab

- Physical or capital needs assessment or energy audits for rehab of affordable housing buildings and/or units (only eligible for units affordable at 60% of AMI with income restrictions in place for a minimum of 15 years) or economic opportunity projects that meet outlined scoring criteria.
- Appraisal for site acquisition
- Strategies for site acquisition

Financial Models

- Financial modeling to determine finance structure for project development and long-term management of affordable housing and jobs projects located in low income areas
- Feasibility studies to determine project feasibility, a housing mix that increases housing choice or commercial mix to support living wage jobs, or a market study to determine the demand for the proposed development project or project elements

HOW AND WHO: PROPOSED PROJECT PROCESS AND PROJECT PARTNERS TO SUPPORT EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

- Design workshops and community engagement activities that center those least represented and most impact by historic racial inequities (including but not limited to compensation for consultants leading work, participants, advisory committee members, childcare, food for engagement events*)
- Community Benefits Agreement, Health Impact Assessment, displacement risk assessment and/or mitigation plan, Displacement prevention planning, equity analysis impact analysis, wealth building planning
- Developer mentoring for new and/or small developers (have completed three or fewer development projects in Minnesota)
- Project management for new and/or small developers (have completed three or fewer development projects in Minnesota OR have a development team of five people or fewer)

Ineligible Costs

- Corridor, small area or station area plans
- Strategies for land banking
- Permits, legal fees not directly related to producing an eligible activity, or fees for processing construction documents and project applications
- Administrative overhead and soft costs which are not directly related to an awarded grant activity
- Work done before the grant was awarded

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PRE-DEVELOPMENT

Pre-Development Scoring Table

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: Pre-Development Project Outcomes

The goals and vision of the proposed project would meet one or more of the following LCA and/or Thrive goals:

Criteria:		Points
LCA and Thrive Goals	Add new housing types and create or preserve affordable housing. Priority for projects with deep affordability and/or serving populations who have barriers to finding housing	16
	Create or preserve long-term living wage jobs or support economic opportunity for communities of historic wealth extraction	
	Increase or preserve (for preservation/rehab projects) density on the site and make it easier for people with mobility barriers to easily access housing, jobs, services, and amenities	
	Minimize climate change and/or environmental impact for residents in areas most negatively impacted by environmental justice	
How: Pre-Development Project Process		
Process	Show an understanding of who will benefit most from the project and in what ways, and use this understanding to shape equitable development strategies and outcomes	14
	The project reflects the culture and needs of the community it is intending to serve	
	The strength of the partnership between the applicant (City/County/HRA/EDA) and development partner(s), including the level of support and engagement the applicant has with the project	
Total		30
Applications must score at least 20 of the 30 points available		

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Funding

Available Funding & Award Limits: \$200,000 per round. Limit of \$50,000 per city including match.

Application Limit: One per city

Local Match: 25% Reimbursable Match

Grant Term: Two years (up to one year extension possible)

Key Dates

Round One Due: April 22, 2024

Round One Decision: June, 2024

Round Two Due: July 22, 2024

Round Two Decision: September, 2024

Eligible Costs

WHAT: PROPOSED POLICY OUTCOMES

Policy Development

- Consultant services to develop an eligible policy that will further LCA and Thrive goals
- Staff time directly related to developing an eligible policy that will further LCA and Thrive goals

Ineligible Costs

- Work done before the grant was awarded
- General staff time not directly related to policy development

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POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Policy Development Scoring Table

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WHAT: POLICY DEVELOPMENT OUTCOMES		
Criteria:		Points
The goals and vision of the proposed policy would meet one or more of the following LCA and/or Thrive goals associated with physical development:		30
LCA and Thrive Goals	Support affordable housing by allowing for more development of new affordable housing or preservation of existing affordable housing	
	Support wealth building and economic opportunity for communities of historic wealth extraction	
	Minimizing 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	
HOW: POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS		
Process	The process will include analysis of who will benefit most from the policy and in what ways, and use findings to influence equitable development strategies and outcomes	10
WHO: POLICY DEVELOPMENT TEAM		
Who Is Involved	The project team has a defined scope of work with tangible goals	10
Total		50
Applications must score at least 25 of the possible 50 points		

LIVABLE COMMUNITIES DEMONSTRATION ACCOUNT (LCDA) DEVELOPMENT

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Funding

Available Funding: \$9.3 million

Award Limit: No more than 40% of funds to Minneapolis and Saint Paul if applications from other cities/counties exceed 60%

Application Limit: Three per city

Grant Term: Three years (up to two year extension possible)

Key Dates

Application Due: August 12, 2024

Funding Decision: December 2024

Development Eligible Costs Table

- All affordable housing must be affordable for a minimum of 15 years at 60% or lower of AMI for rental, and 80% AMI or lower for ownership
- Design and engineering fees for eligible activities can be up to 10% of the total award amount.
- Site acquisition is only eligible for affordable housing units or for jobs projects that improve access for low-income residents.
 - Support for activities that are eligible only for affordable housing units will be prorated to percentage of affordable units in project
- Holding costs can be up to 5% of the requested site acquisition support or \$100,000, whichever is less

Eligible Costs

Environmental Sustainability

- Infiltration swales or tanks
- Landscaping that is an integrated part of the stormwater management system
- Pervious pavement
- Green roofs
- Geothermal heat pumps
- Fuel cells; and Wind turbines
- Project specific or district-wide stormwater management, heating/cooling management, and waste management systems
- EV charging infrastructure or installation costs
- Photovoltaic cells

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LIVABLE COMMUNITIES DEMONSTRATION ACCOUNT (LCDA) DEVELOPMENT

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Development Eligible Costs Table Continued

Eligible Costs

- Public space that is open to the general public. Elements can include, but are not limited to:
 - lighting
 - landscaping
 - seating and furnishings
 - sidewalks and paths
 - Wayfinding elements
 - public restrooms (does not include SAC charges)
- Public art design process to create an intentionally designed piece of public art which contributes to the identity or sense of place of the development project and/or surrounding neighborhood. The design process should include an artist or arts organization.
- Public art features, including but not limited to murals, mosaics, and sculptures, which contribute to the identity or sense of place of the development project and/or surrounding neighborhood. To be considered public art, it must be led and fabricated by a professional artist and/or art organization.
- Playgrounds or outdoor recreational areas intended to serve residents of affordable housing developments
- Public community gardens or community gardens at affordable housing developments
- Demolition and removal of existing structures.
- Grading and soil correction to prepare a site for construction
- Outdoor resident amenity spaces for affordable housing projects
- General landscaping elements for affordable housing projects
- Construction costs for affordable housing or economic opportunity projects

Ineligible Costs

Project Site

- City or neighborhood parks
- Parks, playgrounds, or areas that are primarily for the use of the development project's tenants or residents of market rate residential buildings
- Demolition, abatement, cleanup, removal, hauling or disposal of contaminated materials or debris (this is eligible in the TBRA program)
- Cleanup, removal, hauling or disposal of contaminated soil or debris (this is eligible in the TBRA program)

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LIVABLE COMMUNITIES DEMONSTRATION ACCOUNT (LCDA) DEVELOPMENT

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Development Eligible Costs Table Continued

Eligible Costs

Improved Connections

- New streets or street extensions only for local public streets
- Public sidewalks, trails, or bike infrastructure that enhance the pedestrian environment and connect the project to nearby uses and amenities
- Site-integrated transit shelters (work with Metro)
- Transit early if including a transit shelter)
- Bike facilities that are open to the public, are in affordable housing buildings, or in jobs projects
- Extensions or modifications of local public utilities that directly serve the development project
- Publicly available portion of shared-use parking
- Enhanced broadband connections for affordable housing projects
- Universal design elements to improve accessible connections to and within the project site
- Landscaping to improve the experience for people walking, biking, or rolling to/through the site

Ineligible Costs

- County road improvements
- Private sidewalks, amenities or amenity spaces specifically serving market rate residential development projects
- Surface parking and parking without a shared public component
- Expansion or extension of local public utilities not directly related to the development project
- Transit infrastructure or capital investments e.g., transit stations, station platforms, and park-and-ride facilities.
- Regional parks or trails and trails that would otherwise be included within a city's capital improvement budget
- Trail, sidewalk, or road connections that do not directly connect to or support the project site.

Eligible Costs

Design & Community Engagement

- Design workshops and community engagement activities that center those least represented and most impacted by historic racial inequities (including but not limited to compensation for consultants leading work, participants, advisory committee members, childcare, food for engagement events*)
- Design and engineering fees for grant eligible activities (up to 10% of the total award)

* Food costs should be within Council limits and prioritize DBE or DBE qualifying vendors when possible

Ineligible Costs

- Architectural and engineering fees related to the general site or building or not related directly to grant-funded elements specifically listed as "eligible"
- Traditional public meetings or other engagement activities required by law

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LIVABLE COMMUNITIES DEMONSTRATION ACCOUNT (LCDA) DEVELOPMENT

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Development Eligible Costs Table Continued

Eligible Costs

Acquisition for Affordable Housing and Economic Opportunity

- Site acquisition for affordable housing projects or projects focused on bringing economic opportunity to low-income areas. Eligible sites acquired after the date of award or for sites acquired within 12 months before the application is due are eligible
- Holding costs up to 5% of the awarded acquisition amount or \$100,000, whichever is less.
 - Eligible holding costs include property maintenance, insurance, and interest.

Ineligible Costs

- Sites purchased more than 12 months before the application due date
- Acquisition for market rate housing or jobs not in low-income areas
- Sites purchased from a project partner who will gain financially from the purchase
- Site assembly for lands to be used for transit infrastructure.

Eligible Costs

Preservation and/or Rehab for Affordable Housing or Economic Opportunity

- Exterior improvements to bring the building to code or improve energy efficiency of the building. Examples include window replacement, roof replacement, exterior finishing replacement (brick siding, etc.), or mechanical system replacement (Savings from energy efficiency should be passed on to the residents or tenants/occupants of commercial buildings))
- Improvements to interior of affordable units or commercial building to bring building to code, increase energy efficiency, and improve the quality of life of current or future residents. Examples include low flow plumbing fixtures or energy savings appliances.
- Improvements to indoor communal spaces. Examples include improvements to community gathering rooms, fitness centers, and areas in which supportive services are offered.
- Improvements to building grounds and outdoor community gathering spaces. Examples include landscaping, playgrounds, greenspace, and community gardens.

Affordable and market rate units should be identical and evenly distributed throughout the building(s)

Ineligible Costs

- Legal fees associated with preservation
- Upgrades to market rate units
- Relocation costs

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LIVABLE COMMUNITIES DEMONSTRATION ACCOUNT (LCDA) DEVELOPMENT

LCDA Scoring Table

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LCA Goals		
Criteria	Points	Points
Housing	Build or preserve affordable housing; priority for projects that serve residents who have barriers to finding safe, affordable housing with the deepest affordability, include supportive services or other needed services	8
	Build new affordable housing that helps the City meet their share of the region's need for affordable housing at affordability levels needed most; OR Preserve and rehabilitate affordable housing, prioritizing cities at highest risk of losing Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (NOAH) and/or with more housing cost burdened households	
	Further equity outcomes in housing access*	3*
Environment and Livability	Create or preserve permanent jobs OR Create workforce development and/or training opportunities; priority for projects with full-time living wage jobs	8
	Create economic opportunity in health care, technology or environmental sustainability fields; advance strategic city job growth priorities; and/or create or preserve industrial jobs with access to regional transit systems	
	Further equity outcomes in access to economic opportunity*	3*

LIVABLE COMMUNITIES DEMONSTRATION ACCOUNT (LCDA) DEVELOPMENT

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LCDA Scoring Table continued

WHAT: PROPOSED PROJECT OUTCOMES		
Step One		
	Criteria	Points
Compact, Connected Development	Increase density or intensity of land use in the project area; OR Preserve an existing building that newly activates or preserves activity in the area.	8
	Make it easier and more comfortable for people to access their daily needs and desired amenities; OR Preserve existing connections to transportation options if project is preservation or rehab	
	Further equity outcomes in access to services and amenities*	3*
	Subtotal Outcomes	44
	Minimize greenhouse gas emissions to the greatest extent possible	8
	Conserve natural resources, include or address resilience needs and/or advance climate adaptation and mitigation strategies.	
	Further equity outcomes in environmental impact and resilience*	3*

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LIVABLE COMMUNITIES DEMONSTRATION ACCOUNT (LCDA) DEVELOPMENT

LCDA Scoring Table continued

HOW: PROPOSED PROJECT PROCESS		
Step One		
	Criteria	Points
Project Process	The project reflects the culture and needs of the community it is intending to serve*	8*
	The City is taking steps toward addressing inequities at the local level, especially efforts to implement equitable development practices*	3*
Subtotal Process		11
Step One Total		55
Applications must score at least 33 of the total available 55 points and 12 of the available 23 equity points to be eligible for funding		

TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT (TOD)

TOD

Funding

Available Funding: \$5.5 million

Award Limit: \$2 million per city

Application Limit: Three per applicant

Grant Term: Three years (up to two year extension possible)

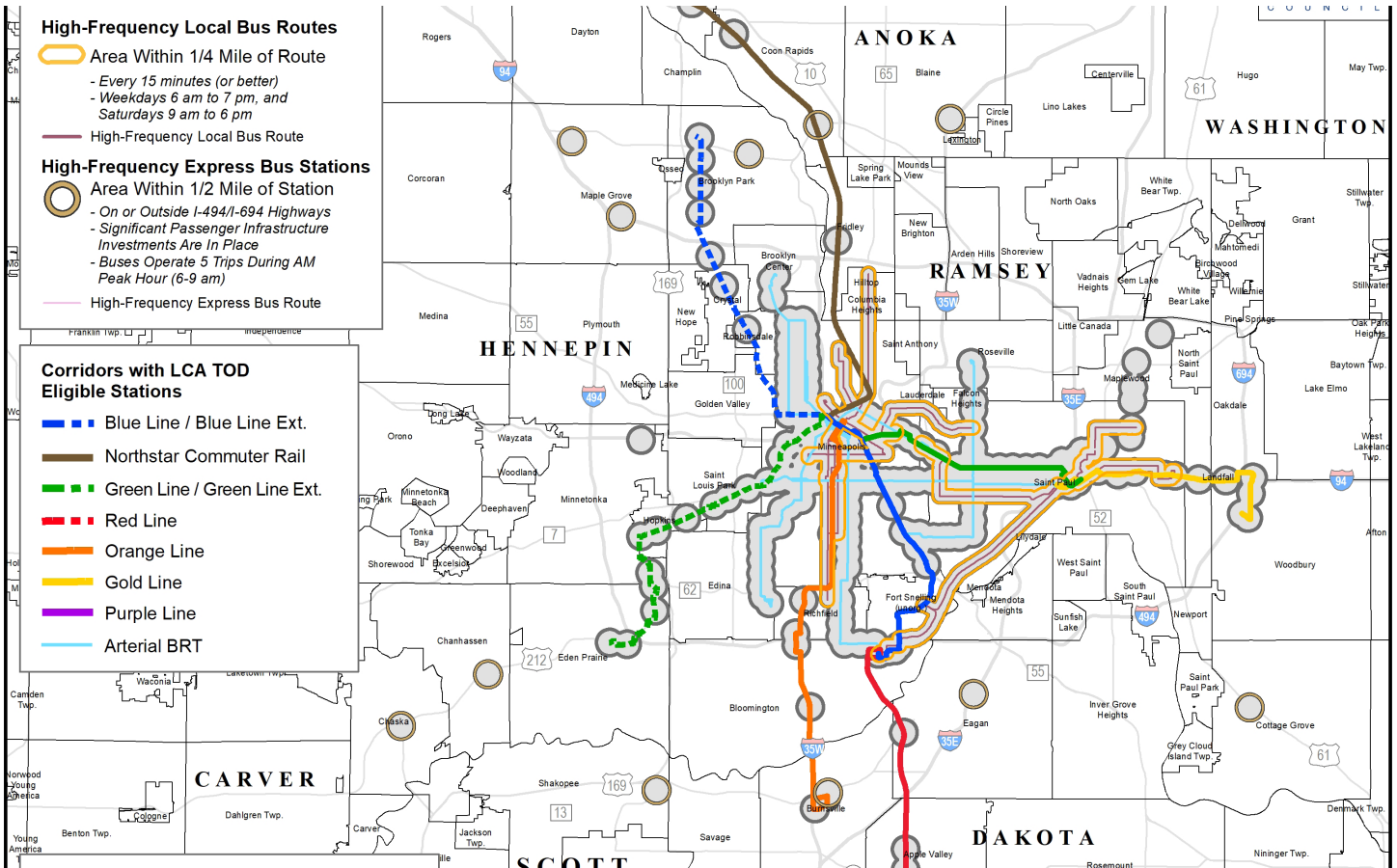
Eligible Areas: 1/2 mile from existing and planned transit corridor stations, and 1/4 mile from High-frequency bus routes. Use the the online [“Make-a-Map” tool to verify eligibility](#)

Key Dates

Application Due: August 12, 2024

Funding Decision: November 2024

Eligible Areas



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TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT (TOD)

TOD

Eligible Costs Table

- All affordable housing must be affordable for a minimum of 15 years at 60% or lower of AMI
- Design and engineering fees for eligible activities can be up to 10% of the total grant award.
- Site acquisition is only eligible for affordable housing units or for jobs projects that improve access for low-income residents.
 - Holding costs up to 5% of the requested site acquisition support or \$100,000, whichever is less.
- Support for activities that are eligible only for affordable housing units (site acquisition, rehab, in-unit upgrades, resident amenities) will be prorated to the percentage of affordable units in the project.

Eligible Costs

Ineligible Costs

Environmental Sustainability

- Infiltration swales or tanks
 - Landscaping that is an integrated part of the stormwater management system
 - Pervious pavement
 - Green roofs
 - Geothermal heat pumps
 - Fuel cells; and Wind turbines
 - Project specific or district-wide stormwater management, heating/cooling management, and waste management systems
 - EV charging infrastructure or installation costs
 - Photovoltaic cells
- Standard of required environmental practices

TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT (TOD)

TOD

Eligible Costs Table continued

Eligible Costs

Project Site

- Public space that encourages social interactions through design or programming. Elements to create welcoming spaces can include, but are not limited to:
 - lighting
 - landscaping
 - seating and furnishings
 - sidewalks and paths
 - Wayfinding elements
 - public restrooms (does not include SAC charges)
- Public art design process to create an intentionally designed piece of public art which contributes to the identity or sense of place of the development project and/or surrounding neighborhood. The design process should include an artist or arts organization.
- Public art features, including but not limited to murals, mosaics, and sculptures, which contribute to the identity or sense of place of the development project and/or surrounding neighborhood. To be considered public art, it must be led and fabricated by a professional artist and/or art organization.
- Playgrounds or outdoor recreational areas intended to serve residents of affordable housing developments
- Public community gardens or community gardens at affordable housing developments
- Demolition and removal of existing structures.
- Grading and soil correction to prepare a site for construction
- Outdoor resident amenity spaces for affordable housing projects
- General landscaping elements for affordable housing projects and commercial or industrial projects advancing economic opportunity
- Construction costs for affordable housing projects

Ineligible Costs

- General landscaping elements
- City or neighborhood parks
- Parks, playgrounds, or areas that are primarily for the use of the development project's tenants or residents of market rate residential buildings
- Demolition, abatement, cleanup, removal, hauling or disposal of contaminated materials or debris (this is an eligible cost in TBRA)
- Cleanup, removal, hauling or disposal of contaminated soil or debris.

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TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT (TOD)

TOD

Development Eligible Costs Table continued

Eligible Costs

Improved Connections

- New streets or street extensions only for local public streets
- Public sidewalks, trails, or bike infrastructure that enhance the pedestrian environment and connect the project to nearby uses and amenities
- Site-integrated transit shelters (work with Metro Transit early if including a transit shelter)
- Outdoor public bike facilities or outdoor bike facilities for residents of affordable housing developments
- Extensions or modifications of local public utilities that directly serve the development project
- Publicly available portion of shared-use parking
- Enhanced broadband connections for affordable housing projects
- Universal design elements to improve accessible connections to and within the project site
- Landscaping to improve the pedestrian experience

Ineligible Costs

- County road improvements
- Private sidewalks, amenities or amenity spaces specifically serving market rate residential development projects
- Trail, sidewalk, or road connections that do not directly connect to or support the project site
- Surface parking and parking without a shared public component
- Expansion or extension of local public utilities not directly related to the development project
- Transit infrastructure or capital investments e.g., transit stations, station platforms, and park-and-ride facilities.
- Regional parks or trails and trails that would otherwise be included within a city's capital improvement budget

Eligible Costs

Design & Community Engagement

- Design workshops and community engagement activities that center those least represented and most impacted by historic racial inequities (including but not limited to compensation for consultants leading work, participants, advisory committee members, childcare, food for engagement events*)
- Design and engineering fees for grant requested activities (up to 10% of the total award)

* Food amounts should be within Council limits and be purchased from DBE or DBE qualifying vendors when possible

Ineligible Costs

- Architectural and engineering fees related to the general site or building or not related directly to grant-funded elements specifically listed as "eligible"
- Traditional public meetings or other engagement activities required by law

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TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT (TOD)

TOD

Eligible Costs Table continued

Eligible Costs

Acquisition for Affordable Housing and Jobs

- Site acquisition for affordable housing projects or projects focused on bringing economic opportunity to low-income areas. Eligible sites acquired after the date of award or for sites acquired within 12 months before the application is due are eligible
- Holding costs can be up to 5% of the awarded acquisition amount or \$100,000, whichever is less.
 - Eligible holding costs include property maintenance, insurance, and interest.

Ineligible Costs

- Sites purchased more than 12 months before the application due date
- Acquisition for market rate housing or jobs not in low-income areas
- Sites purchased from a project partner who will gain financially from the purchase
- Site assembly for lands to be used for transit infrastructure..

Eligible Costs

Affordable Housing Preservation and/or Rehab

- Exterior improvements to bring the building to code or improve energy efficiency of the building. Examples include window replacement, roof replacement, exterior finishing replacement (brick siding, etc.), or mechanical system replacement (Savings from energy efficiency should be passed on to the residents)
- Improvements to interior of affordable units to bring building to code, increase energy efficiency, and improve the quality of life of current or future residents. Examples include low flow plumbing fixtures or energy savings appliances.
- Improvements to indoor communal spaces. Examples include improvements to community gathering rooms, fitness centers, and areas in which supportive services are offered.
- Improvements to building grounds and outdoor community gathering spaces. Examples include landscaping, playgrounds, greenspace, and community gardens.

Ineligible Costs

- Legal fees associated with preservation
- Upgrades to market rate units
- Relocation costs

Affordable and market rate units should be identical and evenly distributed throughout the building(s)

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TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT (TOD)

Scoring Table

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WHAT: PROPOSED PROJECT OUTCOMES		
	Criteria	Points
Housing	Build or preserve affordable housing; priority given for projects that serve residents who have barriers finding safe, affordable housing, have the deepest affordability, and include supportive services or other needed services	8
	Build new affordable housing that helps the City meet their share of the region's need for affordable housing at needed affordability levels needed most; OR Preserve and rehabilitate affordable housing, prioritizing communities at highest risk of losing Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (NOAH) and/or with more housing cost burdened households	
	Further equity outcomes in housing access*	
Economic	Create or preserve permanent jobs OR Create workforce development and/or training opportunities; priority for projects with full-time living wage jobs	8
	Create economic opportunity in health care, technology or environment; and/or advance strategic city job growth priorities, and/or create/preserve industrial jobs with access to regional transportation systems	
	Further equity outcomes in access to economic opportunity *	3*
Compact, Connected Development	Increase the number of people contributing to station area activity through greater building density and/or land use intensity on the site; OR Preserve or rehabilitate an existing building key to the level of station area activity	20
	Provide uses that will diversify the activities and amenities in the station area. better meet residents' needs, and/or provide greater access to services and amenities; Priority for projects implementing TOD design principles that support complementary uses, active transportation, and human-centered experiences	
	Generate greater transit ridership, a higher diversity of trip purposes viable via transit, and reduce the need to use and own a personal vehicle	
	Further the transit-oriented nature of the area surrounding the transit station and/or district of TOD; priority for projects that advance a broader adopted plan or vision for the transit station or corridor, and/or positions the station area for additional TOD in a way that leverages public infrastructure and avoids displacement of existing residents or businesses	
	Further equity outcomes in access to multi-modal transportation, services, amenities, and green or open space*	3*

TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT (TOD)

TOD

Scoring Table Continued

WHAT: PROPOSED PROJECT OUTCOMES		
Criteria		Points
Environment and Livability	Minimize greenhouse gas emissions	8
	Conserve natural resources, include or address resilience needs, and/or advance climate adaptation and mitigation strategies	
	Further equity outcomes in environmental sustainability, impact and resilience*	3*
Subtotal Project Outcomes		56
HOW: PROPOSED PROJECT PROCESS		
Criteria		Points
Process	The project reflects the culture and needs of the community it is intending to serve*	8*
	The City is taking steps toward addressing inequities at the local level, especially efforts to implement equitable development practices*	3*
Subtotal Process		11
Total		67
Applications must score at least 40 of the total 67 total points available and 12 of the 23 available equity points to be eligible for funding		

Funding

Available Funding: \$125,000 per round

Award Limit: \$50,000 per project; up to \$250,000 per applicant for multiple sites within a Target Area. Grant funds for individual sites will be available until expended on a first come first served basis

Local Match: 25%

Grant Term: One Year (no extension)

Application Limit: Applicants with an open grant for multi-site investigations with less than 80% of the funds awarded expended are ineligible to apply

Key Dates

Round One Due: May 1, 2024

Round One Decision: July 2024

Round Two Due: November 1, 2024

Round Two Decision: January 2025

Site Investigation Eligible Sites Table

Eligible Sites

- Properties with contamination that exceeds or is perceived to exceed safe standards set by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) or the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) for the intended use.
- Properties that are publicly-owned or privately-owned that will
 - increase the tax base and
 - add or preserve jobs and/or
 - add or preserve affordable housing
 - after redevelopment is completed.

Ineligible Sites

- A party likely responsible for the contamination has been identified and is also likely financially capable of carrying out the investigation in the foreseeable future
- No known or suspected environmental contamination is demonstrated
- TBRA funding is not needed in order for the redevelopment to proceed
- Redevelopment proposals that will not generate property taxes or payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT/PLT)
- The application does not score at least 50% (35 points) of the total possible points (70 points)

Applications may also be determined ineligible for funding if:

- Individual project sites must be approved by the Council staff prior to incurring eligible costs. Changes to the eligible Target Area will require a grant amendment prior to incurring costs to be reimbursed for grant funds
- adequate investigation funding is available from other public and private sources;
- any part of a redevelopment site that will be funded by the State or Federal Superfund Program in the current or following fiscal year
- the redevelopment requires extensive new regional infrastructure beyond that which is already planned
- the redevelopment is not consistent with the redevelopment component of the municipality's comprehensive plan

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Site Investigation Eligible Sites Table

Eligible Activities

- Creating or updating environmental investigation documents* including:
 - Phase I environmental site assessment
 - Phase II environmental site assessment work plans
 - Phase II environmental site assessment
 - Hazardous building materials assessment**
 - Development of a Response Action Plan***
 - Abatement plans
 - Asbestos emissions control plans (ECP)
- limited demolition (as necessary to assess contamination only),
- environmental oversight

Ineligible Activities

- “soft costs” such as:
 - administrative overhead,
 - travel expenses,
 - legal fees,
 - bonds,
 - insurance,
 - permits,
 - licenses or authorization fees,
 - costs associated with preparing grant proposals or applications or bids,
 - applicant’s project coordination costs, operating expenses, planning costs, and prorated lease and salary costs,
- cleanup or abatement costs,
- construction costs (e.g., geotechnical or structural assessments),
- costs for environmental assessments outside of the redevelopment site (as identified in the application).

* The costs for the investigation work incurred within 180 days before the application submission deadline may be considered as matching funds.

** Costs associated with asbestos and lead-based paint assessments must meet state standards established by the Minnesota Department of Health and Minnesota Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) as well as federal standards including Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) and the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) and the EPA Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule.

*** Response Action Plan (RAP) - and amendments, if any - must be submitted to the MPCA or MDA for the redevelopment being proposed.

The Council considers the following additional factors when reviewing future costs to be paid using grant funds:

- To minimize the amount of funds needed to replace contaminated soils, applicants are encouraged to design and implement projects in a way that minimizes the amount of backfill needed to replace the contaminated soils (e.g., underground parking, basements). Any underground use must be consistent with the approved RAP.
- Future mitigation costs associated with soil vapor mitigation must be based on data provided that shows soil vapors are over 33 times the MPCA intrusion screening value thresholds.
- Contractor markups for subcontractor costs are eligible but limited to 10% or less.

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Site Investigation Scoring Table

WHAT: PROPOSED PROJECT OUTCOMES		
Tax Base	Increase to the city tax base	5
Jobs and Housing	Build or preserve affordable housing with priority given to projects that serve residents who have barriers finding safe, affordable housing or new housing units affordable to households with income at or below 30% of the median income	5
	Create or preserve long-term job opportunities with priority given to projects with living-wage jobs	
Compact, Connected Development	Develop vacant lots or re-use vacant buildings	15
	Increase the use of transit and alternatives such as walking or biking	
	Support efficient growth in the region through adaptive reuse, infill development or redevelopment	
Environmental Impact	Demonstrate a market demand for future redevelopment proposals	5
	Investigate contaminated sites with the greatest potential to improve the environment and reduce risk to human health	12
	Potential to support equitable environmental protection based on project location and potential impact of exposure	6
Subtotal Outcomes		48

Site Investigation Scoring Table continued

HOW: PROPOSED PROJECT PROCESS		
Process	Address a residential and/or workforce need that was identified by or with residents or workers most impacted by inequities	4
	The city is taking steps toward addressing racial and other inequities at the local level, especially efforts to implement equitable development practices	3
Subtotal Process		7
WHO: PROPOSED PROJECT TEAM		
Capacity	Project team's capacity to begin an environmental investigation and commit sources for required matching fund contribution	15
	The team demonstrates a need for public financing	
	The project team, including partners, is designed to reflect and be responsive to those underrepresented and most impacted by the project; or the predevelopment activities will seek to build such partnerships in a meaningful way	
	Demonstrate public applicant's capacity to oversee environmental investigations	
Subtotal Team		15
Total		70
Applicants must score at least 35 of the 70 available points		

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Site Investigation Checklist

TBRA Site Investigation Application Contents

- 2024 TBRA Site Investigation Form (Online Form in WebGrants Funding Opportunity)

Application Attachments

- Resolution from applicant authorizing TBRA application submission (PDF).
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- Legal Description of Site (PDF).
Name the file “TBRA Legal Descrip – [Project Name].”

Maps (include project boundary)

- Parcel Map using LCA online mapping tool – a street map showing parcels and parcel identification numbers (including a unique county ID) for the redevelopment project.(PDF)
- Aerial Map using LCA online mapping tool – An aerial map showing the redevelopment project boundary. (PDF)
- Overview Map using LCA online mapping tool – An aerial map showing ¼ mile and ½ mile radius from the project site. (PDF)

Project Images and Figures

- Current Conditions (Include image(s) of building interiors for abatement requests.) Name the file “TBRA Current Images – [Project Name].”
- Proposed Development (e.g., elevations, architectural renderings, concept sketches, etc.).
Name the file “TBRA Development Images – [Project Name].”

Environmental Reports

- RAP (PDF)
Name the file “TBRA RAP– [Project Name].”and/or
- Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (PDF)
Name the file “TBRA Phase II ESA – [Project Name].”
- Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (PDF)
Name the file “TBRA Phase I ESA - [Project Name]”
- Other prior environmental reports e.g., Limited Site Investigation, Limited Hazardous Materials Report, Asbestos or Lead-based paint Survey, etc.

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TAX BASE REVITALIZATION ACCOUNT (TBRA) CLEANUP

TBRA

Funding

Available Funding: \$2,375,000 per round round

Award Limit: 50% of available funding per city and no more than 75% of available funding in Minneapolis and St. Paul

Local Match: None

Grant Term: Three years (up to two year extension possible)

Application Limit: None

Key Dates

Round One Due: May 1, 2024

Round One Decision: July 2024

Round Two Due: November 1, 2024

Round Two Decision: January 2025

Cleanup Eligible Sites Table

Eligible Sites

- Properties with contamination that exceeds safe standards set by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) or the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) for the intended use.
- Properties that are publicly-owned or privately-owned that will
 - increase the tax base **and**
 - add or preserve jobs **and/or**
 - add or preserve affordable housing
 - after redevelopment is completed
- Total cleanup costs are over 1% of the total development cost excluding the cost of site acquisition

Ineligible Sites

- A responsible party has been identified and is likely financially capable of carrying out the cleanup in the foreseeable future;
- TBRA funding is not needed in order for the redevelopment to proceed;
- Eligible cleanup costs are equal to one percent or less than the total project development costs excluding the cost of site acquisition;
- Redevelopment proposals that will not generate property taxes or payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT/PLT);
- The application does not score at least 50% (75 points) of the total possible points (150 points)

Applications may also be determined ineligible for funding if:

- adequate cleanup funding is available from other public and private sources;
- any part of a redevelopment site that will be funded by the State or Federal Superfund Program in the current or following fiscal year
- the redevelopment requires extensive new regional infrastructure beyond that which is already planned
- the redevelopment is not consistent with the municipality's comprehensive plan

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TAX BASE REVITALIZATION ACCOUNT (TBRA) CLEANUP

TBRA

Cleanup Eligible Activities Table continued

The Council considers the following additional factors when reviewing future costs to be paid using grant funds:

- Eligible activities for contaminated soil remediation include excavation, transportation, disposal fees for removal of contaminated soil conducted according to the RAP submitted with the application.
- The costs for replacing contaminated fill with clean fill and grading of clean soil are eligible as long as
- the volume of clean soil requested to be paid with grant funds is equal or less than the volume of contaminated soil removed.
- To minimize the amount of funds needed to replace contaminated soils, applicants are encouraged to design and implement projects in a way that minimizes the amount of backfill needed to replace the contaminated soils (e.g., underground parking, basements). Any underground use must be consistent with the approved RAP.
- Costs associated with soil vapor mitigation must be based on data provided that shows soil vapors are over 33 times the MPCA intrusion screening value thresholds.
- Actions documenting environmental monitoring systems or the successful implementation of a RAP such as technical writing are eligible for reimbursement.
- We recommend applicants use separate line items when bidding work to be paid by grants to simplify the review of reimbursement requests if a grant is awarded.
- Contractor markups for subcontractor costs are eligible but limited to 10% or less.

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TAX BASE REVITALIZATION ACCOUNT (TBRA) CLEANUP

Cleanup Scoring Table

WHAT: PROPOSED PROJECT OUTCOMES		
Tax Base	Increase to the city tax base	25
	Add tax revenue in the near term.(Projects not in or not expected to be in a Tax Increment Finance district(s) earns 5 points because all the affected tax jurisdictions benefit after construction is complete.)	
Jobs and Housing	Build new affordable housing that helps the city meet their share of the region’s need for affordable housing built between 2020-2030. Priority will be given to new housing units affordable to household with incomes at or below 30% of the area median income (AMI) in census tracts with the most households spending more than a third of their income on housing costs before considering units affordable at other levels of AMI up to 60% OR Preserve and rehabilitate affordable housing, prioritizing cities at highest risk of losing Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (NOAH) and/or cities with higher rates of housing cost burdened households, AND Build or preserve affordable housing opportunities with priority given to projects that serve populations not currently served by the local housing market with priority given to housing for previously unhoused individuals, individuals with disabilities and housing developed with on-site supportive social services.	25
	Add or preserve long-term job opportunities with priority given to projects with living wage jobs	
	Add jobs in priority high-growth and high-opportunity sectors of the region’s economy for industry sectors that have demonstrated significant growth in recent years compared with the nation as a whole; and/or advance city job growth priorities identified in a public economic development strategy	
	Increase long-term living wage jobs in a qualified Seeding Equitable Environmental Development (SEED) eligible area	
Compact, Connected Development	Support efficient growth in the region through adaptive reuse, infill development or redevelopment	20
	Increase the use of transit and alternatives such as walking or biking	
	Demonstrate a market demand for future redevelopment proposals	5

TAX BASE REVITALIZATION ACCOUNT (TBRA) CLEANUP

TBRA

Cleanup Scoring Table continued

WHAT: PROPOSED PROJECT OUTCOMES		
	Criteria	Points
Environment and Livability	Cleanup contaminated sites with the greatest potential to improve the environment and reduce risk to human health	8
	Improve access to local and regional parks and trails through outreach, site design, or programming	20
	Conserve vital existing regional natural resources features and functions	
	Conserve, restore or protect the region's water resources through environmentally sound opportunities for recharging groundwater with best management practices for stormwater	
	Commitment to resilient energy infrastructure using renewable and/or district energy sources	
	Increase job opportunities within micro-enterprises, worker-owned businesses, or other business models that support wealth creation	
	Support equitable environmental protection for projects in areas most impacted by prior contaminants, pollutants, or hazardous substances that reduce potential impact of exposure	
Subtotal Outcomes		120
HOW: PROPOSED PROJECT PROCESS		
Process	Address a residential and/or workforce need that was identified by or with residents or workers most impacted by racial or other inequities	10
	The city is taking steps toward addressing inequities at the local level, especially efforts to implement equitable development practices	4
Subtotal Process		14
WHO: PROPOSED PROJECT TEAM		
Capacity	Demonstrate public applicant's capacity to oversee environmental cleanup grants	16
	The team demonstrates a need for public financing	
	The project team, including partners represents the community the project will serve; or predevelopment activities will build a representative team	
	Project team's readiness to proceed with project site cleanup and construction	
Subtotal Team		16
Total		150
Applicants must score at least 75 of the 150 available points		

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TAX BASE REVITALIZATION ACCOUNT (TBRA) CLEANUP

TBRA

Cleanup Checklist

TBRA Site Investigation Application Contents

- 2024 TBRA Site Investigation Form (Online Form in WebGrants Funding Opportunity)

Application Attachments

- Resolution from applicant authorizing TBRA application submission (PDF).
Name the file “TBRA Resolution – [Project Name].”
- Legal Description of Site (PDF).
Name the file “TBRA Legal Descrip – [Project Name].”

Maps (include project boundary)

- Parcel Map using LCA online mapping tool – a street map showing parcels and parcel identification numbers (including a unique county ID) for the redevelopment project.(PDF)
- Aerial Map using LCA online mapping tool – An aerial map showing the redevelopment project boundary. (PDF)
- Overview Map using LCA online mapping tool – An aerial map showing ¼ mile and ½ mile radius from the project site. (PDF)

Project Images and Figures

- Current conditions (Include images of site, and/or existing building exteriors for all requests. Include image(s) of building interiors for abatement requests.)
Name the file “TBRA Current Images – [Project Name].”
- Before image (JPG or GIF)
- Proposed site plan figure.
Name the file “TBRA Site Plan – [Project Name].”
- Proposed development (e.g., elevations, architectural renderings, concept sketches, etc.).

Name the file “TBRA Development Images – [Project Name].”

- Proposed soil excavation location with estimated volume (for soil cleanup grant requests).
Name the file “TBRA Proposed Excavation– [Project Name].”

Environmental Reports

- RAP (PDF) Name the file “TBRA RAP– [Project Name]”
- Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (PDF)
Name the file “TBRA Phase II ESA – [Project Name].”
- Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (PDF)
Name the file “TBRA Phase I ESA – [Project Name].”
- Hazardous materials report (PDF) for asbestos or lead-based paint
- Response Action Plan approval from MPCA (PDF) for soil or ground water cleanups.
Name the file “TBRA RAP Approval – [Project Name].”

Budgets (Excel spreadsheet)

- Detailed contamination cleanup budget
- Line-item budget for asbestos and lead-based paint
- Construction Financing Commitment(s)

Other

- Letters of local support
- Demonstration of community engagement

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TBRA SEEDING EQUITABLE ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT (SEED)

TBRA

Funding

Available Funding: \$250,000 per round

Award Limit: \$50,000 for investigation; 50% of available funding available for cleanup

Local Match: None

Grant Term: Two years (no extensions)

Application Limit: None

Key Dates

Round One Due: May 1, 2023

Round One Decision: July 2023

Round Two Due: November 1, 2023

Round Two Decision: January 2024

SEED Eligible Sites Table

Eligible Sites

- Site must be in an equitable development area (as determined by the Metropolitan Council).
- Properties with contamination that is not safe for the intended future use according to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) or the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) for the intended use.
- Properties that are publicly owned or privately owned that have the potential to
 - increase the tax base and
 - add or keep jobs and/or
 - add or keep affordable housing
 - after redevelopment is completed.

Ineligible Sites

- An individual or organization likely responsible for the contamination has been identified and is also likely financially capable of carrying out the investigation or a cleanup.
- TBRA funding is not needed for the redevelopment to proceed.
- Redevelopment proposals that will not generate property taxes or payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT/PLT).
- The application does not score at least 50% (35 points) of the total possible points (70 points)

Applications may also be determined ineligible for funding if:

- adequate cleanup funding is available from other public and private sources;
- any part of a redevelopment site that will be funded by the State or Federal Superfund Program in the current or following fiscal year
- the redevelopment requires extensive new regional infrastructure beyond that which is already planned
- the redevelopment is not consistent with the municipality's comprehensive plan

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TBRA SEEDING EQUITABLE ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT (SEED)

SEED Eligible Costs Table

Eligible Costs

- Creating or updating environmental investigation* documents including:
 - Phase I environmental site assessment
 - Phase II environmental site assessment work
 - plans
 - Phase II environmental site assessment
 - Hazardous building materials assessment
 - Abatement plans
 - Asbestos emissions control plans (ECP)
- hazardous building materials abatement or mitigation** (asbestos and/or lead-based paint only) including:
 - Abatement area containment
 - Implementing asbestos emissions control plan
 - Asbestos removal or encapsulation
 - Lead-based paint removal or stabilization
 - Loading, transport, and disposal of asbestos and/or lead-based paint wastes
- For sites with an approved cleanup plan and developer site control:
 - contaminated soil remediation
 - groundwater remediation
 - soil vapor mitigation
- limited demolition (as necessary to assess or access contamination only)
- environmental oversight

Ineligible Costs

- “Soft costs” such as
 - administrative overhead,
 - travel expenses,
 - legal fees,
 - bonds,
 - insurance,
 - permits,
 - licenses or authorization fees,
 - costs associated with preparing grant proposals or applications or bids,
 - applicant project coordination costs, operating expenses, planning costs, and prorated lease and salary costs.
- non-hazardous wastes, such as household waste, construction debris and solid waste (e.g., old tires)
- regulated materials found in buildings, such as mercury in thermostats, oils in door closers, and other issues related to heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems
- geotechnical costs
- managing excess clean soil
- construction costs
- costs for assessment or cleanup work outside of the redevelopment site (as identified in the application & cleanup plan)

* If an application is only for environmental investigation, costs incurred prior to award are not eligible for reimbursement with grant funds. Investigation work incurred within 180 days before the application submission deadline may be considered as matching funds.

** If an application is primarily for abatement and includes some recently incurred investigation costs (within 180 days before the application submission deadline), the costs for the investigation work included in a cleanup abatement grant request will only be reimbursed if the SEED applicant’s overall project is recommended for funding.

Costs associated with asbestos and lead-based paint abatement must be for activities that meet state standards established by the Minnesota Department of Health and Minnesota Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) as well as federal standards including Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) and the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) and the Environmental Protection Agency’s Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule.

The Council will consider the following additional factors when reviewing costs to be paid using grant funds.

- We recommend applicants use separate line items when bidding work to be paid by grants to simplify the review of reimbursement requests, if a grant is awarded.
- Contractor markups for subcontractor costs are eligible but limited to 10% or less.

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TBRA SEEDING EQUITABLE ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT (SEED)

SEED Scoring Table

WHAT: PROPOSED PROJECT OUTCOMES		
Tax Base	Increase the tax base OR Potential to increase the city tax base from expected changes to the property classification OR the preferred land use in a current Request For Proposals for redevelopment	5
Jobs and Housing	Potential to add or preserve living-wage jobs or affordable housing based on the proposed development OR existing land use designation and proximity to existing employment centers	5
Compact, Connected Development	Develop vacant lots or re-use vacant buildings	20
	Potential to increase the use of transit and alternatives such as walking or biking	
	Interim use that increases visibility or improves market potential of the redevelopment opportunity	
	Demonstrate a market demand for the proposed redevelopment OR likelihood of future redevelopment proposals	
Environmental and Livability	Identify or reduce risk to human health from suspected or known environmental contaminants, pollutants, hazardous substances or hazardous building materials and likely impact of risks particularly to vulnerable populations (e.g., infants, children, and elderly) based on the current property use at or adjacent to the subject property	15
	Potential to support equitable environmental protection based on project location and potential impact of exposure from existing environmental risks	6
HOW: PROPOSED PROJECT PROCESS		
Process	Address a residential and/or workforce need that was identified by or with residents or workers most impacted by inequities	4
	The city is taking steps toward addressing inequities at the local level, especially efforts to implement equitable development practices	3
WHO: PROPOSED PROJECT TEAM		
Capacity	Project team's capacity to begin an environmental investigation or cleanup	12
	The team demonstrates a need for public financing	
	The project team, including partners represents the community the project will serve; or predevelopment activities will build a representative team	
	Public applicant's capacity to oversee environmental investigations or cleanup	
Total		70
Applicants must score at least 35 of the 70 available points		

TBRA SEEDING EQUITABLE ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT (SEED)

TBRA

SEED Checklist

TBRA SEED Application Contents

- 2024 TBRA SEED form (online form in WebGrants Funding Opportunity)

Application Attachments

- Resolution from public applicant authorizing TBRA application submission (PDF). Name the file “TBRA Resolution – [Project Name].”
- Legal description of site (PDF). Name the file “TBRA Legal Descrip – [Project Name].”

Maps (include project boundary)

- Parcel map using Livable Communities Act online mapping tool – a street map showing parcels and parcel identification numbers (including a unique county ID) for the redevelopment site. (PDF)
- Aerial map using Livable Communities Act online mapping tool – An aerial map showing the redevelopment project boundary. (PDF)
- Overview map using Livable Communities Act online mapping tool – An aerial map showing ¼ mile and ½ mile radius from the redevelopment site. (PDF)

Project Images and Figures

- Current conditions (Include image(s) of building interiors for abatement requests.) Name the file “TBRA Current Images – [Project Name].”

Environmental Reports

- Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (PDF) Name the file “TBRA Phase II ESA – [Project Name].” (Submit if analytical tables not included in RAP)
- Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (PDF) Name the file “TBRA Phase I ESA – [Project Name].”
- Hazardous Materials Report (PDF) for asbestos or lead-based paint
- Response Action Plan Approval from PCA (PDF) for soil or ground water cleanups. Name the file “TBRA RAP Approval – [Project Name].”

Budgets (Submit if requesting funding for abatement or other cleanup; Excel spreadsheet)

- Detailed Contamination Cleanup Budget
- Line-item Budget for Asbestos and Lead-Based Paint
- Other Redevelopment Incentives or Public Funding commitments
- Response for Proposals (RFPs for subject property) (Demonstrating preferred development guidelines) Construction Financing Commitment(s)

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Program Details

Available Funding: \$2,500,000

Local Match: 100% dollar per dollar

Grant Term: Three years

Award Limit: None

Application Limit: None

Key Dates

Consolidated RFP Released: April, 2024

Applications Due: July, 2024

Awards Made: January 2025

Application Process

The Metropolitan Council considers multi-family and single family affordable housing proposals by partnering with Minnesota Housing in their Consolidated Request for Proposals (RFP) process, as well as consulting with cities and counties designated as tax credit suballocators that may have additional recommendations for affordable housing projects eligible for LHIA: Minneapolis, Saint Paul, Washington County and Dakota County. Projects can apply to the Consolidated RFP requesting only state funds, only LHIA funds, or both, however funds must be granted directly to a city or county/port development authority. Funds can then be sub-granted to the project developer.

To confirm this, Consolidated RFP applicants must submit an Acknowledgment of Receptivity form, which certifies that the housing development, for which the application is submitted, is located in a municipality that participates in the Metropolitan Council's Livable Communities program, and that the city or development authority will be the grant recipient. Receptivity forms are provided in Minnesota Housing's applicant portal and on LHIA's Metropolitan Council webpage.

Grantees must match LHIA awards on a dollar-for-dollar basis with a source of funding that is either directly from, or is designated by, the participating city or development authority; sources include CDBG, HOME, TIF, Housing Trust Fund dollars, tax abatements, local housing revenue bonds, and the appraised value of donated land.

Eligible Costs Table

Eligible Costs

- Gap financing costs*, including land acquisition
- Property (structure) acquisition
- Demolition
- Site preparation (e.g., water, sewer, roads)
- General construction/structural additions
- Alterations and rehabilitation
- Interior and exterior finishing
- Roofing
- Electrical, plumbing, and/or heating and ventilation

** For single family awards, development gap funds are limited to no more than half of the difference between the purchase price of the home and the total per-unit hard costs, unless a mechanism is in place to ensure a minimum affordability term of 15 years.*

Ineligible Costs

- Soft costs, or administrative overhead
- Bonds and insurance
- Legal fees
- Permits
- Travel
- Grant/bid preparation costs
- Cleanup/abatement costs
- Resident services and/or operations

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Application Scoring

The LHIA helps expand and preserve lifecycle and affordable housing, both rented and owned. The LHIA annual base funding includes \$500,000 transferred from the LCDA tax levy plus \$1 million from the Council's general fund.

Threshold Criteria

- A significant component of the project must serve households with incomes at or below 60% of Area Median Income (AMI) with a minimum affordability term of 15 years.
- Grantees must have an adopted Fair Housing Policy in order to receive Livable Communities Act funding.
- Projects must have affirmative fair housing marketing plans.

Competitive Criteria

- Rental proposals creating or preserving affordability for persons at or below 30% of AMI;
- New affordable housing that furthers the City's ability to meet their share of the region's need for affordable housing, considering what the need is across affordability bands **OR**
- Preserved/rehabilitated affordable housing, prioritizing communities at highest risk of losing Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (NOAH) and/or communities with higher rates of housing cost burdened households.
- Proposals that serve large families by providing three or more-bedroom units;
- Proposals meeting the needs of individuals and households experiencing long-term homelessness;
- Proposals that provide a housing type not currently available or serve a population not currently served in or near the project area.

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AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP

Funding

Available Funding: \$3 million

Local Match: Dollar for dollar

Grant Term: Two years

Award Limit: 50% of eligible project gap costs

Application Limit: None

Key Dates

Applications Due: October 2024

Awards Made: January 2025

The LHIA Affordable Homeownership program will provide grants to support affordable homeownership development, including acquisition and rehabilitation, for projects that best meet the following two priorities:

- **Racial Equity Priority:** create homeownership opportunities for Black, Indigenous, and other ethnic or racial groups that own homes at disproportionately lower rates than white households in the region; and
- **Geographic Choice Priority:** create affordable homeownership opportunities in parts of the region where it is most challenging to do so.

Affordable Homeownership Eligibility

Only LCA participating cities will be able to apply for grants through the pilot program.

Additional eligibility criteria includes:

- Ensure a dollar-for-dollar local match
- Provide an affordable homeownership opportunity for a household earning 80% Area Median Income (AMI) or less
- Provide a minimum affordability term of 15 years
- Require Home Stretch or similar homeowner education for first-time homebuyers

Eligible Costs Table

Eligible Costs

- Gap financing costs, including land acquisition
- Property (structure) acquisition
- Demolition
- Site preparation (e.g., water, sewer, roads)
- General construction/structural additions
- Alterations and rehabilitation
- Interior and exterior finishing
- Roofing
- Electrical, plumbing, and/or heating and ventilation

Ineligible Costs

- Soft costs, or administrative overhead
- Bonds and insurance
- Legal fees
- Permits
- Travel
- Grant/bid preparation costs
- Cleanup/abatement costs
- Resident services and/or operations

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Affordable Homeownership Pilot Scoring

Pilot proposals that meet eligibility requirements are reviewed by a team of Metropolitan Council staff and be scored in the following three categories:

- Pilot priorities
- Equitable access
- Unique needs and affordability

The pilot scoring structure includes two steps:

Program Priorities

Scoring in this section evaluates the project location's ability to achieve the pilot program's priorities of racial equity and geographic choice. A minimum score of 5 points, out of a maximum of 17, is required in this section. Council data is available to complete this scoring internally as long as the project location is known.

RACIAL EQUITY		
Criteria		Points
Project is in a city with higher racial disparities in homeownership than the regional average		5
OR	Project is in a census tract with higher racial disparities in homeownership than the regional average	3
OR	Project is in a census tract with a higher share of Black, Indigenous, and other residents of color than the regional average	2
Highest possible subtotal for racial equity		8
GEOGRAPHIC CHOICE		
Criteria		Points
Project is in a city with an average home sale price higher than what is affordable to a household earning 80% AMI		5
OR	Project is in a city with an average home sale price higher than what is affordable to a household earning 60% AMI	3
Project is in a city where the share of single-family housing stock is higher than the regional average		2
Project is in a city with an affordable housing need less than 20 OR more than 50% of their need is in the 51-80% affordability level.		2
Project is located in a city with a net fiscal disparity of \$200 or more per household		1
Highest possible subtotal for geographic choice		10
Highest possible subtotal for both program priorities		18
<i>A minimum of 5 points would be required to ensure the project sufficiently addresses one or both program priorities</i>		

LHIA AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP PILOT

Equitable Access and Affordability

This section evaluates the individual project’s ability to achieve program goals; ensuring populations with lower homeownership rates than white residents have equitable access to the affordable homeownership opportunity that’s being funded, the proposal’s ability to meet unique local needs, and the proposal’s ability to provide deeper and/or longer affordability.

EQUITABLE ACCESS	
Criteria	Points
Developer or program partner has a demonstrated record of serving Black, Indigenous, and/ or other households of color in homeownership at rates equal to or greater than the city and or region’s homeownership rates for those same groups	3
Developer or program partner has current waiting list consisting of Black, Indigenous, or other households of color at levels equal or greater to the regional and/or city population	3
Project team includes a lender, realtor, or other homebuyer-facing team member that is reflective of the Black, Indigenous, or other households of color that have disparate homeownership rates in the region	2
Project will be made available to a first-generation homebuyers	2
Project addresses a need specific to the community in which the project is located, through financing marketing, design, size or other unique need	3
Project incorporates marketing efforts to affirmatively further fair housing	1
Other efforts as described by applicant that further equitable access to homeownership	Up to 11
Total for Equitable Access	25
AFFORDABILITY	
Criteria	Points
Project will be affordable to homebuyers earning less than 80% AMI	3
Project will remain affordable upon resale for more than 15 years	3
Total for Affordability	6
Total possible points	57