

LIVABLE COMMUNITIES TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Notice of Funding Availability

The Metropolitan Council announces the availability of \$13 million in funding for a new program that will support transit oriented development (TOD) activities in several identified “TOD areas.” High density, mixed-use development adjacent to transit stations using pedestrian friendly design standards is known as transit oriented development. The Livable Communities (LCA) TOD program will leverage the region’s public investment in its transit infrastructure by focusing on proposals that are located in the following areas:

- Within a DEED designated Transit Improvement Area (TIA) or area eligible for TIA designation.
- Within a one-quarter mile radius along designated high frequency local bus lines.
- Within a one-half mile radius of a bus stop or station on designated high-frequency express routes.

The purpose of this new program is to assist LCA-participating communities to implement transit oriented development that demonstrates how increasing density around transit stations can reduce dependence on automobile ownership, vehicular traffic, and associated parking requirements that would otherwise be necessary to support a similar level of more traditional development, and encourage more transit ridership.

The Livable Communities TOD program is an extension of the established Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) and Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA) and will allow grantees to combine in one application requests for TBRA contaminated site investigation and cleanup funds with LCDA infrastructure and site acquisition funds for the same project if desired, or to apply for funds from just one fund. Of the \$13 million available, \$8 million will be awarded for LCDA eligible activities, and \$5 million will be awarded for TBRA eligible activities.

See the Livable Communities TOD Program Guide and Application for more information on the program, application process, and maps showing eligible TOD Areas. Applications will be due on February 15, 2012.

Workshops will be held:

Tuesday, January 10, 2012 Metropolitan Council Offices
9-11 a.m. 390 Robert Street N, St. Paul
and

Thursday, January 12, 2012 St. Louis Park City Hall
9-11 a.m. 5005 Minnetonka Blvd, St. Louis Park

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