



# 2026 Livable Communities Funding Availability



# Livable Communities Program



## Celebrating 30 Years!

Incentive grant program to advance Imagine 2050 goals for

- Our region to be equitable and inclusive
- Our communities to be healthy and safe
- Our region to be dynamic and resilient

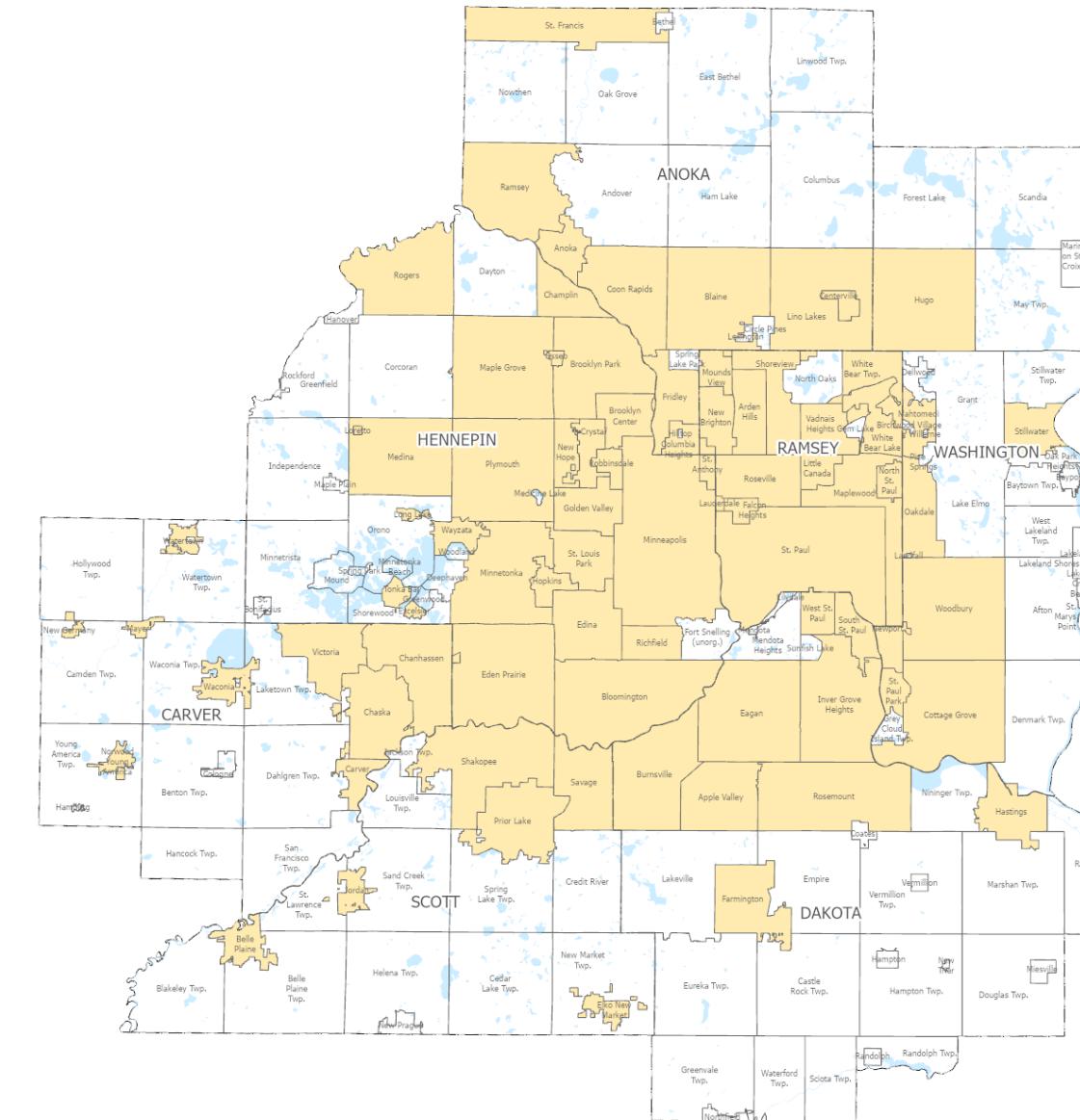
Livable Communities supports these goals by funding capital and environmental cleanup projects that

- Expand housing choices
- Improve safety
- Ensure everyone can meet their needs in their community

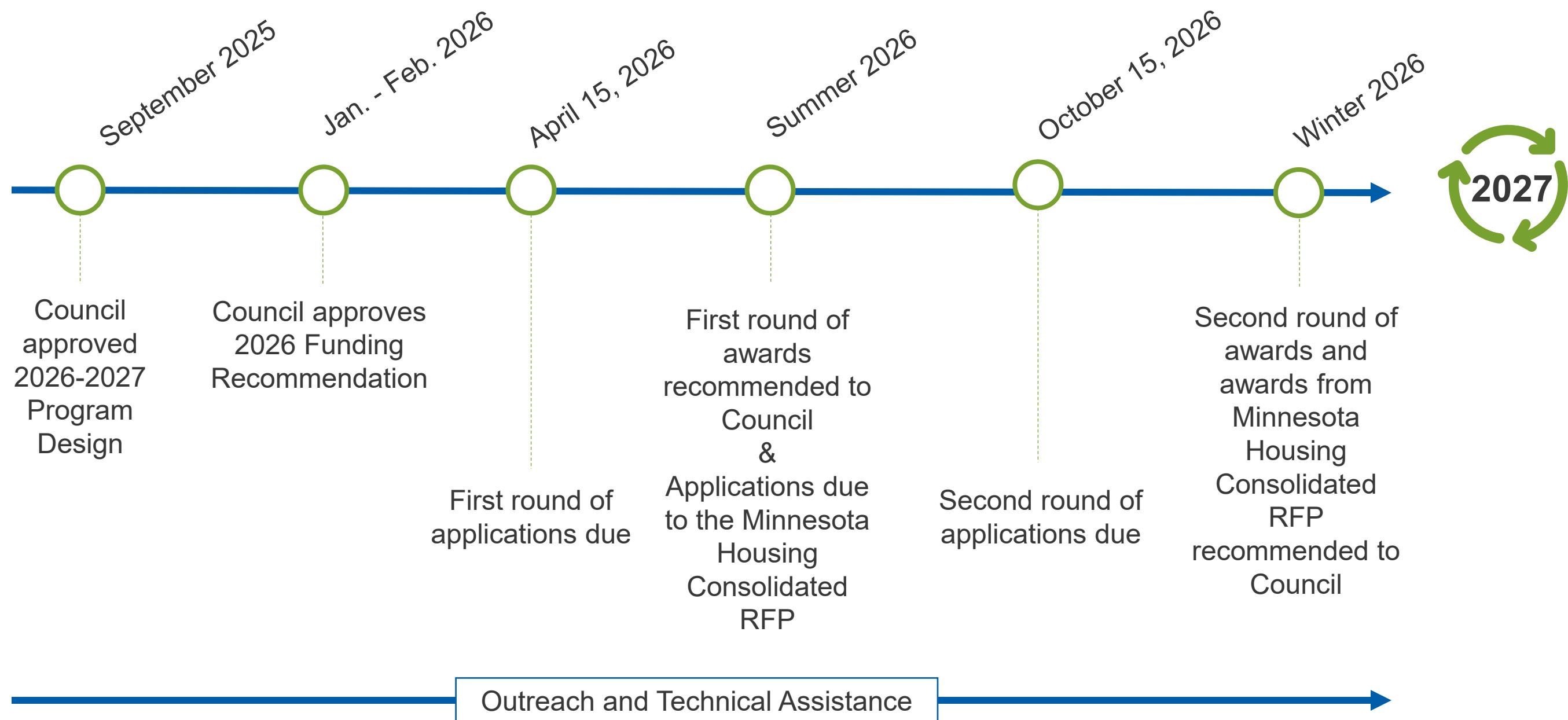
# 2026 Livable Communities Participation

## 81 Municipalities

- Cities and townships voluntarily enroll in the Livable Communities program
- Participating cities must continue to meet program requirements to remain eligible to apply and draw down funds:
  - Consistency with comp planning requirements
  - Spending on affordable housing-related activities
  - Report on the housing action plan
  - Adopt a fair housing policy



# 2026 Livable Communities Program Timeline



# Livable Communities Funding Accounts



## Focus on outcomes not acronyms

The Livable Communities Act (LCA) establishes three funding accounts:

- The **Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA)** may be used to fund environmental site investigation and cleanup activities
- The **Local Housing Incentives Account (LHIA)** can be used to help cities meet their local forecasted affordable housing need and requires a local dollar-for-dollar match
- The **Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA)** is the program's most flexible funding account and can be used to advance the goals of the LCA and the regional development guide, Imagine 2050.

# Sources: 2026 Livable Communities Fund Availability

Source	Programmable Balance	FY2026 Recommendation	2026 Anticipated Ending Balance
<b>Base Revenue: TBRA</b>	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$0
<b>Base Revenue: LHIA</b>	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$0
<b>Base Revenue: LCDA</b>	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$0
<b>Restricted Reserve: TBRA</b>	\$4,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$3,000,000
<b>Unrestricted Reserve</b>	\$10,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000 + 2026 interest earnings
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$35,500,000</b>	<b>\$27,500,000</b>	<b>\$8,000,000 + 2026 interest earnings</b>

# Uses: 2026 Livable Communities Fund Availability

## Addressing the affordable housing crisis

Policy Development	Small Area Planning	Early Stage Development: Environmental Site Investigation	Early Stage Development: Pre- Development	Construction Stage Development: Environmental Cleanup	Construction Stage Development: Homeownership	Construction Stage Development: Rental, Mixed-Use, Commercial	Minnesota Housing Consolidated RFP (multi-family rental housing)	TOTAL
\$200,000	\$400,000	\$500,000	\$1,500,000	\$5,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$12,400,000	\$3,500,000	\$27,500,000

# Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve \$27,500,000 for the FY2026 Livable Communities grant program, as described in Attachment 1: FY2026 Livable Communities Fund Availability, to be administered per the 2026-2027 Fund Distribution Plan.





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