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BACKGROUND

The Metropolitan Land Planning Act authorizes the Council to establish a planning assistance fund to make grants and loans to local governments to assist in preparation of local comprehensive plans (473.867 Planning Assistance; Grants; Loans)

Attached is a summary of the framework for a local planning assistance grant program to make grants available to qualifying local governments and counties to prepare and submit comprehensive plan updates to the Metropolitan Council by December 31, 2008.

GRANT ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a community with a 2005 Net Tax Capacity (NTC) amount less than or equal to 300 percent of the median NTC for all communities in the metropolitan area. The eligible NTC is \$12,840,000 or less.

and,

2. Be a community with a forecasted household growth for 2010 to 2030 that is a percent of growth equal to or greater than the median percent of forecasted household growth. This growth is 21 percent or greater.

or,

3. Be a county, or a consortium of at least five communities working collaboratively to update the local comprehensive plans of at least five communities.

POTENTIAL ASSISTANCE ALTERNATIVE

Many communities have a low NTC and little forecasted 2010 to 2030 household growth. For these communities, the Council will offer to assist communities with their comprehensive plan updates through the use of the Council's Electronic Content Management System, to be implemented in 2007.

By using the available software, Council staff can scan the 1998 plans into the system. Once scanned, Council staff, with city staff input, can review the document and identify information that needs to be changed. The software redacts specific numbers or wording that need to be updated, amended or expanded to meet the 2030 planning requirements.

This assistance would limit the amount of work for communities that have relatively few changes from the current, or 1998 comprehensive plan.

The Council identifies the following communities that have zero or one percent household growth increase, with low net tax capacity, as potentially eligible for this Council assistance.

Community	County	Net Tax Cap	%HH Inc
New Trier	DA	65,149	0%
Landfall	WA	113,851	0%
Miesville	DA	150,804	0%
Hilltop	AN	313,837	0%
Pine Springs	WA	514,392	0%
Lakeland Shores	WA	556,167	0%
St. Mary's Point	WA	689,182	0%
Lake St. Croix Beach	WA	1,019,643	0%
Birchwood	WA	1,294,017	0%
Lilydale	DA	1,747,811	0%
Minnetonka Beach	HE	2,465,982	0%
Lakeland	WA	2,140,808	1%

2007 PLANNING ASSISTANCE GRANT FRAMEWORK

The Council has indicated a preference for distributing the funding assistance to small communities with limited budgets and staff.

The Council staff considered "need" based on NTC, and percent household growth from 2010 to 2030 to identify those communities having comparatively low property values, but with forecasts for substantial household growth.

The Council will provide a grant - 50 percent of the grant upon review and approval of the grant application and the remaining 50 percent following the Council's action on the plan – to applicants that agree to the following requirements:

- 1. Meet Council grant agreement requirements that require the applicant to provide a work plan that identifies the eligible grant funding activities for which the grant funds will be used as set forth in MN Statutes 473.867, subd. 6, *Assistance for plan updates*.
- 2. Submit the plan to the Council no later than December 31, 2008
- 3. Include all information to meet content requirements set forth in MN Statutes 473.851
- 4. Submit a plan that is in conformance with regional system plans and policies

5. Distribute a draft plan for adjacent local government review by June 30, 2008

(473.858, subd 2 requires local governments to submit draft plans to adjacent governmental units and affected school districts for review and comment at least six months prior to submitting the plan to the Council)

6. Discuss a draft plan with Council sector representatives twice in 2007 to update the Council on plan progress or policy conflict concerns

Sector Representatives are part of a Local Planning Assistance outreach program to local communities to improve communication and provide professional planning and technical assistance on an ongoing basis)

7. Discuss a draft plan with watersheds for local surface water management plan requirements

(473.859, subd 2 requires water management plans, complimenting 103G.235 requirements. Watershed organizations and districts have authority to approve local water management plans, with the Council providing technical advisory comments

Proposed Grant Amounts

The application of "need" based on NTC and percent household growth increase, results in list of 47 eligible communities. *(see attached table)*

Of these, 12 are unsewered communities, and 35 are sewered communities. Three counties, Carver, Dakota and Scott are potential consortiums. The following summarizes the possible funding.

Eligible to Apply	Grant Amount	Total Grants	
12 Unsewered Communities	\$15,000	\$180,000	
35 Sewered Communities	\$20,000	\$700,000	
3 Counties or Consortiums for Townships	\$50,000	\$150,000	
		\$1,030,000.00	

Potentially Eligible Communities								
Dist	Community	Со	Net Tax Cap	HH 2010	HH 2030	Chg 2010-2030	HH % Growth	Status
	Anoka							
g	Bethel	AN	325,830	160	200	40	25%	local sewer
11	Centerville	AN	3,316,325	1,340	1,850	510	38%	metro sewer
g	Burns Township	AN	4,280,027	1,530	2,120	590	39%	unsewered
11	Columbus	AN	4,578,446	1,450	1,750	300	21%	metro sewer
g	St. Francis	AN	5,073,587	2,800	5,000	2,200	79%	local sewer
ç	East Bethel	AN	9,162,907	4,500	9,000	4,500	100%	unsewered
	Carver Co							
4	New Germany	CA	230,748	180	370	190	106%	local sewer
4	Hamburg	CA	335,515	240	400	160	67%	local sewer
4	Hancock Township	CA	414,046	140	170	30	21%	unsewered
4	Young America Township	CA	953,401	300	450	150	50%	unsewered
4	Cologne	CA	1,013,415	1,180	3,840	2,660	225%	local sewer
4	Mayer	CA	1,107,525	1,500	3,700	2,200	147%	local sewer
4	San Francisco Twp	CA	1,122,559	350	460	110	31%	unsewered
4	Hollywood Township	CA	1,184,050	410	500	90	22%	unsewered
4	Waconia Township	CA	1,730,877	490	620	130	27%	unsewered
4	Dahlgren Township	CA	1,836,445	750	6,250	5,500	733%	unsewered
4	Watertown Township	CA	1,888,193	540	700	160	30%	unsewered
4	Norwood Young America	CA	2,518,510	1,800	3,800	2,000	111%	local sewer
4	Watertown (City)	CA	2,679,963	1,800	3,000	1,200	67%	local sewer
4	Victoria	CA	8,271,211	4,000	10,200	6,200	155%	metro sewer
4	Waconia	CA	9,174,563	4,500	10,000	5,500	122%	metro sewer

Potentially Eligible Communities

Dakota Co							
13 Mendota	DA	208,063	90	120	30	33%	metro sewer
16 Coates	DA	209,270	70	90	20	29%	unsewered
16 Randolph	DA	273,433	140	170	30	21%	unsewered
16 Vermillion	DA	360,136	200	300	100	50%	local sewer
16 Sciota Township	DA	484,056	130	190	60	46%	unsewered
16 Greenvale Township	DA	1,142,166	260	340	80	31%	unsewered
16 Nininger Township	DA	1,204,933	330	400	70	21%	unsewered
16 Hampton Township	DA	1,288,051	360	450	90	25%	unsewered
16 Vermillion Township	DA	1,532,619	430	550	120	28%	unsewered
16 Eureka Township	DA	2,260,510	550	700	150	27%	unsewered
16 Empire Township	DA	2,496,076	950	2,300	1,350	142%	metro sewer
Hennepin Co							
3 Long Lake	HE	2,953,000	900	1,100	200	22%	metro sewer
2 Osseo	HE	3,131,826	1,100	1,400	300	27%	metro sewer
1 Greenfield	HE	3,755,918	1,000	1,600	600	60%	metro sewer
1 Hassan Township	HE	4,584,700	1,200	1,600	400	33%	metro sewer
1 Dayton	HE	4,852,030	2,000	11,000	9,000	450%	metro sewer
1 Independence	HE	6,448,950	1,380	1,800	420	30%	metro sewer
2 Corcoran	HE	6,688,735	4,000	8,500	4,500	113%	metro sewer
1 Rogers	HE	11,412,066	4,700	9,000	4,300	91%	local sewer
4 Minnetrista	HE	11,845,388	2,100	5,300	3,200	152%	metro sewer
1 Medina	HE	12,652,403	2,100	4,450	2,350	112%	metro sewer
Ramsey Co							
10 North Oaks	RA	11,598,759	1,600	2,300	700	44%	metro sewer
10 Arden Hills	RA	11,636,900	3,800	8,000	4,200	111%	metro sewer

Scott Co	1						
4 Blakeley Township	SC	616,553	220	310	90	41%	unsewered
4 St. Lawrence Township	SC	646,602	200	500	300	150%	unsewered
4 Jackson Township	SC	1,019,583	510	650	140	27%	unsewered
4 Belle Plaine Township	SC	1,150,058	280	500	220	79%	unsewered
4 Louisville Township	SC	1,745,305	450	600	150	33%	unsewered
4 Sand Creek Township	SC	1,948,406	550	750	200	36%	unsewered
4 Helena Township	SC	2,043,067	550	800	250	100%	unsewered
4 Elko New Market	SC	2,742,034	2,120	8,000	5,880	277%	local sewer
4 Jordan	SC	3,329,448	2,700	4,600	1,900	70%	local sewer
4 Cedar Lake Township	SC	3,656,508	950	1,400	450	47%	unsewered
4 Belle Plaine (City)	SC	4,146,774	2,900	6,500	3,600	124%	local sewer
4 New Market Township	SC	4,764,999	1,300	1,950	650	50%	unsewered
4 Spring Lake Township	SC	4,770,034	1,470	1,990	520	35%	unsewered
Washington Co							
12 Grey Cloud Island Township	WA	434,564	370	2,500	2,130	576%	unsewered
12 Marine on St. Croix	WA	1,465,230	320	430	110	34%	unsewered
12 Bayport	WA	2,467,826	1,140	1,500	360	32%	metro sewer
12 Denmark Township	WA	2,849,785	650	990	340	52%	unsewered
12 Baytown Township	WA	3,004,681	600	760	160	27%	unsewered
12 St. Paul Park	WA	3,574,804	2,900	4,150	1,250	43%	metro sewer
12 Newport	WA	3,600,980	1,580	2,130	550	35%	metro sewer
12 Stillwater Township	WA	3,855,325	960	1,260	300	31%	unsewered
12 Afton	WA	5,208,955	1,150	1,550	400	35%	unsewered
12 May Township	WA	5,260,191	1,200	1,600	400	33%	unsewered
12 Scandia	WA	5,437,461	1,590	2,100	510	32%	unsewered
11 Hugo	WA	11,055,641	7,200	15,600	8,400	117%	metro sewer
12 Lake Elmo	WA	11,198,715	3,619	8,727	5,108	141%	metro sewer

Notes Median NTC \$4.28M 150% Median \$6.42 300% NTC \$12.84M Median %HH Inc 21%

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