



Community Development Committee

Meeting date: May 5, 2008

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	April 30, 2008
Subject:	LCA Extensions and Amendment Procedures Options
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Minnesota Statutes Section 473.25
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Paul Burns, Livable Communities Program Manager 651-602-1106
Division/Department:	Community Development/Livable Communities

Proposed Action

None. This is an informational item. Staff will present options for modifying the procedures for reviewing and acting upon requests from grantees for extensions and changes or amendments to Livable Communities Act grants.

Background

At the last Community Development Committee, staff was directed to develop options for revising the process for reviewing and acting upon requests from grantees to extend or amend the outcomes to Livable Communities Act grants. In the last few months, two grantees have received approval from the Community Development Committee for extensions beyond the one-year administratively-approved extension available to grantees, and two grantees requests for changes to their end projects have presented their case to a review panel.

The last change in procedures for addressing Livable Communities grants was made in September, 2007.

The staff is working on developing options for the Committee to consider that would change the way staff and the Committee address future requests for grant agreement amendments.

Rationale

As indicated above, the Committee has considered two extension requests recently and will be considering two requests to change the end use of grants. In prior years, three extension requests and one change to the end use of a grant has been approved. There are several additional outstanding grants that may be requesting extensions or changes to the end project proposed in their application for LCA funds. Staff is aware of at least one such grant that will very likely be requesting both an extension and a change in end project within the next month.

Funding

Though applicable to all three Livable Communities grant accounts, it would not involve the amount of funding, only changes in the use of funding through the LCA grants.

Known Support / Opposition

Staff is not aware of any support or opposition.