



Livable Communities Workgroup Potential Questions for Discussion:

➤ **Specific Program Criteria:**

Does a community's concern represent a unique circumstance, or broader concern or theme?

Are there any discernible patterns for projects that are not recommended for funding?

➤ **General Program Concerns, Goals and Requirements:**

What can the Metropolitan Council consider to increase participation by under-participating communities? What can be done to increase diversity in project types, and to ensure programs are accessible to all areas of the metropolitan region?

A goal for the LCDA is to fund projects that can be replicated. Does the Metropolitan Council adequately "show and tell" with local officials on successful projects/examples? Is there an over-emphasis on 'demonstration' as opposed to 'livable'?

Where are LCA programs successful or where do they fall short with respect to how they link to all regional systems and policies, ie wastewater, transportation, parks, housing? Do program requirements allow for links/efficiencies with all regional systems and policies?

Are program requirements consistent with the flexibilities provided for by state statutes governing the LCA?

➤ **Communication/Information/Clarity:**

Is there a need for more clarity or information on the application process? If so, what can the Metropolitan Council do to improve the process, criteria or materials?

What kind of feedback does Metropolitan Council staff provide to cities on projects that are not recommended for funding?