



## **Redevelopment Grant and Demolition Loan Program Applications – Due August 1**

DEED's Brownfields and Redevelopment Unit is soliciting applications for grant funding for redevelopment projects through the Redevelopment Grant and Demolition Loan Programs.

Metro Cities was instrumental in securing state funding for the redevelopment grant and demolition loan programs in the 2019 legislative session. Cities with redevelopment funding-eligible sites are encouraged to apply.

The deadline for the submission of applications is 4:00 pm on Thursday, August 1, 2019.

For questions regarding the application process, please contact Brownfields and Redevelopment Unit staff at 651-259-7451. More information on the [Call for Applications](#) can be found here.

## **DEED Broadband Grant Pre-Application Outreach – Due August 2**

Cities which plan to apply for DEED broadband development grants, prior to submitting a broadband grant application, must contact all existing wireline broadband providers in the proposed project area. This pre-application outreach requires each applicant to include a description of the proposed project and a map of the project area with the written outreach.

Under current law, this must be completed no later than six weeks prior to the grant application deadline of September 13, 2019. That makes the last allowable date for written (email) outreach to all existing providers in the project area to be August 2, 2019.

Detailed information regarding suggested format and informational details for this mandatory outreach is included in the 2019 Grant Instructions and Application at pages 27 – 30 and located on [the DEED website](#).

For questions regarding this required pre-application outreach or other grant submittal questions, please contact DEED Office of Broadband Development staff at 651-259-7610 or [deed.broadband@state.mn.us](mailto:deed.broadband@state.mn.us).

## **Minnesota Housing 2021 QAP Public Comment Period Now Open – Q&A and Webinar Information Sessions Offered**

Minnesota Housing's Board of Directors approved the proposed 2021 Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) and the formal comment period for the QAP is now open through August 26 at 5:00 pm.

City officials interested in learning more about proposed changes to the 2021 QAP or want to learn more about the Qualified Allocation Plan may attend one of the following sessions:

- Attend MHFA's [2021 QAP in-person session](#) on **Thursday, August 1 from 1:30-2:30 pm** at Minnesota Housing. This session gives those involved and interested in multifamily development the opportunity to discuss the potential changes to the 2021 QAP, and to

provide feedback on how the 2021 QAP will impact an HTC application. [Register by Wednesday, July 31.](#)

- If you are new to the Housing Tax Credit (HTC) and QAP process, attend the [QAP 101 Webinar](#) on **Thursday, August 8 from 2-3 pm**. The webinar includes a general overview of the HTC program and a brief summary of proposed 2021 QAP changes. [Register by Wednesday, August 7.](#)

A list of the proposed changes can be [found on this document](#).

View the proposed 2021 Housing Tax Credit (HTC) Self-scoring Worksheets:

- [2021 HTC Self-Scoring Worksheet - Competitive Funding Round](#)
- [2021 HTC Self-Scoring Worksheet - 4% Only](#)

Comments may be submitted in person or in writing, later in August.

A public hearing will be held on **Monday, August 19 from 1:30-2:30 pm** at Minnesota Housing. If you plan to provide comments, please let [Tamara Wilson](#) know 24 hours before the hearing. Comments are limited to 10 minutes.

Written comments are due by **Monday, August 26 at 5:00 pm** to [mn.housing@state.mn.us](mailto:mn.housing@state.mn.us) or by mail to Minnesota Housing, attn: Tamara Wilson, Minnesota Housing, 400 Wabasha Street North, Suite 400, St. Paul, MN, 55102.

## **Metropolitan Council Awards 14 Livable Communities Tax Base Revitalization Grants**

Five cities will share \$3 million in grant awards approved this week by the Metropolitan Council. The Tax Base Revitalization Awards to 14 projects across the metropolitan region will promote redevelopment on previously developed sites.

Three types of grants were funded: contamination investigation, contamination cleanup, and seeding equitable environmental development (SEED) grants which improve redevelopment opportunities in an existing or former area of concentrated poverty.

The 14 sites are located in Hastings, Maple Grove, Ramsey, Minneapolis and St. Paul. More information on the grants and specific projects [can be found here](#).

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