



## **Save The Date! Metro Cities Housing Forum October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Mark your calendar for Metro Cities' Housing Forum on Thursday, October 2, 2025. This will be an in-person forum held at the Roseville Skating Center/Oval from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. The forum will feature panel discussions on local projects, resources and tools, tax increment financing, homeowner associations, preserving affordable housing, and more. Please RSVP by contacting Jennifer Dorn at [jennifer@metrocitiesmn.org](mailto:jennifer@metrocitiesmn.org).

## **Livable Communities Act Program Design Changes for 2026-2027**

The Metropolitan Council's Community Development committee this week approved a program design for the Livable Communities Program for 2026-2027. Key revisions to the program include consolidating the application into one entry point, modifications to the scoring process, including small area planning as an eligible use, reducing barriers for emerging and BIPOC developers, and switching to a two-year approval of the program design. Metro Cities submitted a letter in general support of the general direction of changes to the programs. Find more information on the changes to the program and Metro Cities' letter [HERE](#).

Metropolitan Council staff will conduct outreach and technical assistance to potential applicants on the updated programs, before the two-year funding allocation and program redesign go to the full Council for approval in February of 2026.

Please contact Ania McDonnell at [ania@metrocitiesmn.org](mailto:ania@metrocitiesmn.org) with any questions.

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