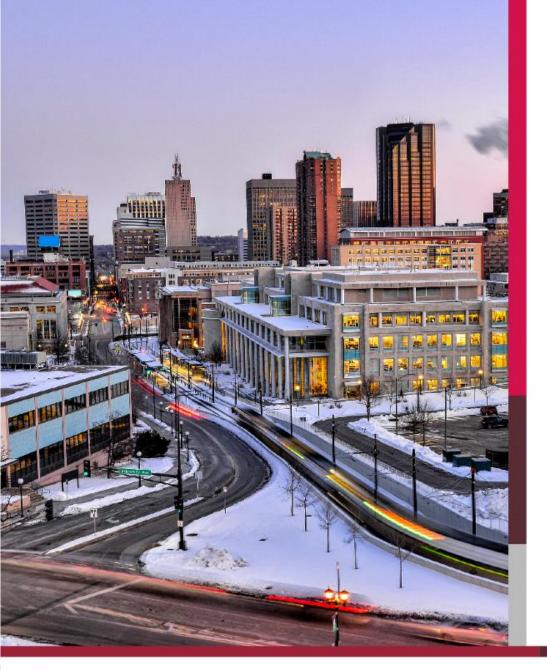


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# Critical Corridors Fall Solicitation Update

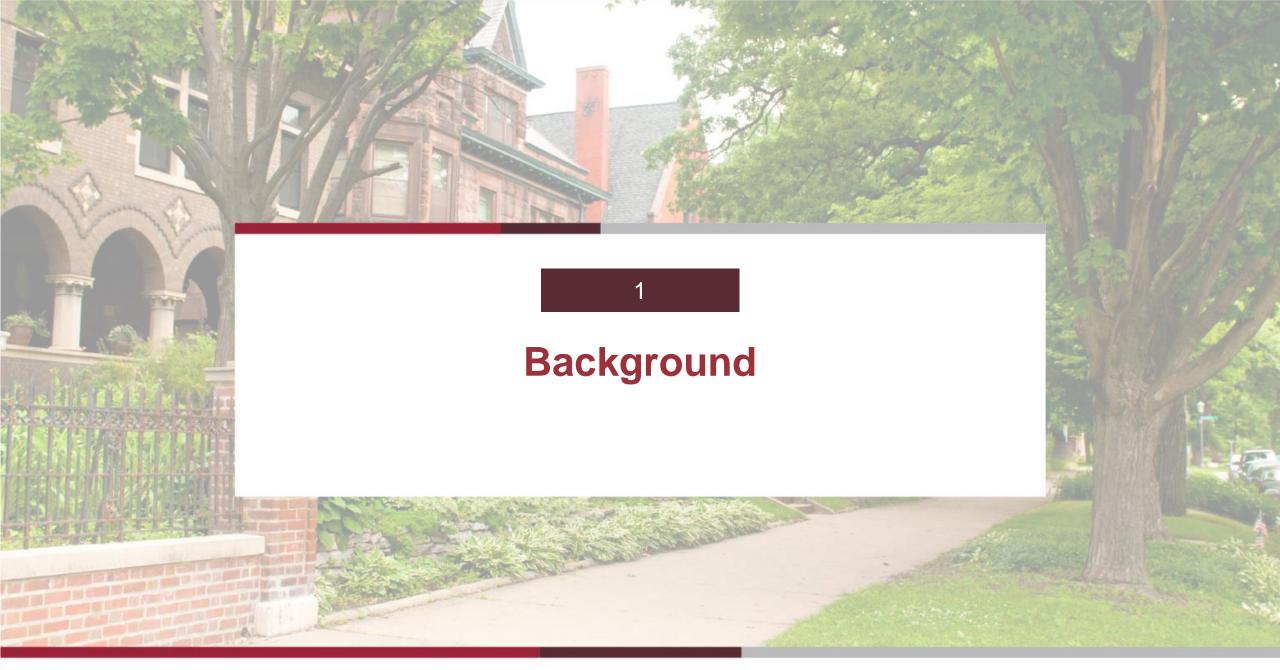
Community & Economic Development

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### Agenda

- Background
- Critical Corridors Solicitation











#### Strategies

Ensure place-based inclusion, create resilient and equitable communities

- Preserve and increase the supply of rental housing units for lowest-income residents
- · Expand affordable homeownership opportunities and improve housing stability for communities that have experienced historic wealth extraction
- Foster inclusive economic development within county transit, economic, and cultural corridors
- Support communities in equitable site development



#### Foster economic competitiveness, innovation, and transformation

- Sustain and accelerate workforce recovery programs
- Develop pathways to entrepreneurship and Black, Latinx, Asian, and Indigenous business ownership
- Attract and grow high-wage industry and innovation: technology, advanced manufacturing, and life sciences
- Strengthen business retention and expansion infrastructure to support communities





## **Critical Corridors**

#### **Critical Corridors Programs**

- Background and History
  - Funded by the Housing & Redevelopment Authority (HRA) levy.
  - Program launched Fall 2022.
  - Spring 2023 solicitations: obligated \$161,000 to five projects under the Pre-Development Planning and Commercial Corridor Initiative programs.
- Programs:
  - Pre-Development Planning
  - Commercial Corridor Initiative
  - Development & Infrastructure





#### **Development & Infrastructure**

- Funds inclusive redevelopment and public infrastructure within critical corridors.
- Supports efficient land use and compact built form.
- Enhances access to housing, jobs, retail and services through proximity to transit, pedestrian, and bicycling infrastructure.

#### Fall 2023 Solicitation: Development & Infrastructure

- Funding available: approximately \$1.5 million
- Timeline:
  - Solicitation opened: September 5, 2023.
  - Solicitation closed: October 6, 2023.
  - Policy Presentation to HRA Board: November 14, 2023.
  - Award Recommendations to HRA Board: November 28, 2023.



#### **Solicitation**

- Received 11 eligible applications for a total of \$4.4 million in requests:
  - Eight applications in the city of Saint Paul, for a total of \$3.1 million.
  - Three applications in suburban Ramsey County, for a total of \$1.3 million.
- Applications include activities in four cities:
  - Maplewood
  - Roseville
  - Saint Paul
  - Shoreview



### **Evaluation Process**

- Evaluation Teams included representatives from:
  - Ramsey County: CED & Public Works.
  - Outside partners: Metropolitan Council, Baker Tilly.
- Evaluators independently reviewed applications.
- Evaluation Team discussed and prioritized applications.
- CED Leadership reviewed evaluations and will make funding recommendations, also taking into account:
  - Geographic distribution of projects.
  - Funding needs.



#### **Next Steps**

- Development & Infrastructure award recommendations will be presented to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority on November 28, 2023.
- Next solicitations Pre-Development Planning and Commercial Corridor Initiative – planned for Spring 2024.

