# Local Housing Incentive Account (LHIA) Program Description and Contact Information

## **Metropolitan Council's Mission Statement:**

The Metropolitan Council is the regional policy-making body, planning agency and provider of
essential services for the Twin Cities metropolitan region. The Council's mission is to foster
efficient and economic growth for a prosperous metropolitan region. It's priorities include
creating a financially sustainable 21<sup>st</sup> century transportation system; promoting dynamic
housing opportunities for all; and leveraging investments that drive regional economic
development.

## Metropolitan Council's Local Housing Incentive Account (LHIA) Program:

The LHIA Program provides funding to support affordable housing projects that assist eligible
communities in meeting their negotiated Livable Communities Act (LCA) housing goals including, but not limited to, acquisition, rehabilitation and construction of permanent
affordable and life-cycle housing. Funds from this account are awarded as grants that must be
matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis by the municipality receiving the funds.

### **Income Limits:**

Metropolitan Council's LHIA serves households with incomes that do not exceed 60% of the
Twin Cities metropolitan area median income with preference for proposals with a significant
component serving households at 60%. Also, priority will be given to proposals that serve large
families by providing two or more bedrooms per housing unit.

### **Program Contact:**

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For additional information on the Metropolitan Council or LHIA program, you may access the website at <a href="http://metrocouncil.org/Communities/Services/Livable-Communities-Grants.aspx">http://metrocouncil.org/Communities/Services/Livable-Communities-Grants.aspx</a>