



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA SECTION	CONSENT AGENDA
MEETING DATE	APRIL 27, 2026

ITEM:	Consideration to apply for Metropolitan Council Local Planning Assistance Grant funds to complete the 2050 Comprehensive Plan Update		
<i>Presenting Item: Aaron Chirpich, City Manager</i>			
DEPARTMENT:	Community Development	BY/DATE:	Ursula Brandt, City Planner / April 21, 2026
CORE CITY STRATEGIES: <i>(please indicate areas that apply by adding an "X" in front of the selected text below)</i>			
X Community that Grows with Purpose and Equity		_ Engaged, Effective and Forward-Thinking	
_ High Quality Public Spaces		_ Resilient and Prosperous Economy	
_ Safe, Accessible and Built for Everyone		_ Inclusive and Connected Community	

BACKGROUND

On December 17, 2025, the Metropolitan Council adopted need-based eligibility criteria for awarding available local planning assistance grant funds to help grantees review and update their comprehensive plans. Columbia Heights is an eligible sewerred community to receive a base funding level of \$40,000. The City can also work towards earning additional grant funds, up to \$14,000, during the planning process by Advancing Regional Goals and submitting the plan early.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT STATUS

The application to apply for the grant funds will open in May and close in November 2026. After the first of each month, applications submitted during the prior month will be processed.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff is recommending the City Council approve Resolution 2026-030, identifying the need for grant funds, authorizing the City Manager to apply for the Local Planning Assistance grant funds when available and enter into a grant agreement with the Metropolitan Council for the planning assistance grant funds.

RECOMMENDED MOTION(S):
MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Resolution 2026-030, there being ample copies available to the public.
MOTION: Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-030, a resolution identifying the need for funding to complete the 2050 Comprehensive Plan Update and authorizing an application for Planning Assistance Grant Funds.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Resolution 2026-030