

9. 2024 LIVABLE CENTERS PROGRAM CALL FOR PROPOSALS

BACKGROUND

The Livable Centers Program, administered by the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) since 2008, encourages a complementary mix of land uses that are designed to be walkable, connected, and accessible by multiple modes of transportation, including bus, bike, or walking. Livable Centers are defined as places where people can live, work, and play with less reliance on their cars. H-GAC and our local partners work with communities to identify a vision for the study area and make specific recommendations, such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities. Similarly, proposed policies and programs aim to promote economic development while cultivating a sense of identity within study areas.

One of the implementation strategies to reduce reliance on single vehicle occupancy in H-GAC's 2045 Regional Transportation Plan is the Livable Centers Program. Forty-three Livable Centers studies have been completed in our region, with three active studies. The Livable Centers Program features Livable Centers and Focused Livable Centers.

Livable Centers Studies (LC) serve as small area plans and fulfill all four Livable Centers Program goals which include creating multi-modal travel choices, resilient quality places, and equitable infrastructure investments while promoting economic generators and housing choice with complementary transportation planning. Focused Livable Centers Studies (FLC) serve as targeted, community-node studies that must meet two Livable Centers Program goals to create multi-modal travel choices, resilient quality places, and one additional Livable Centers goal that best fits the needs of the study sponsor.

CURRENT SITUATION

The Livable Centers Program will release the call for proposals from local governments or other eligible project sponsors to conduct Livable Centers planning studies for Cycle 7 FY2025-2028 on Tuesday, February 13, 2024. Study types will include Livable Centers and Focused Livable Centers. It is anticipated that \$2,484,283 of Transportation Planning Funds will be used to fund approximately eight studies. More information on the proposal process may be found at: [Livable Centers Call for Planning Study Partners | Houston-Galveston Area Council \(H-GAC\)](#). For questions, email LivableCenters@h-gac.com.

ACTION REQUESTED

For Discussion and Possible Action. [No Action Requested]

LIVABLE CENTERS

CALL FOR STUDY SPONSORS



ATTENTION LOCAL GOVERNMENTS & ELIGIBLE ENTITIES

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

FEBRUARY 13, 2024

H-GAC seeks to identify and fund Livable Centers studies and Focused Livable Centers studies for Cycle 7 FY 2025-2028.

Studies encourage a mix of land uses designed to be walkable, connected, and accessible by multiple transportation modes.

Key Dates:

- Pre-Submittal Meeting: 9:30 a.m. Thursday, March 14 (Optional)
- Notice of Intent to Apply: Due by Thursday, May 9 (Required)
- Final Applications: Due by Monday, July 8

**Proposed studies must be in Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, or Waller counties.*



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