Livable Centers Initiative Application

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Application Disclaimer *(Required)*

> The applicant is required to review the 2026 LCI Application Guidebook prior to submitting their application. Please use the guidebook to help you submit a competitive and complete application.

☐ **Yes, I acknowledge that I read the guidebook and fully understand the LCI program and the sponsor's responsibilities.**

Section 1: Applicant Information

Organization *(Required)*

(Eligible applicants include governmental entities or CIDs.)

Name *(Required)*

First Name

Last Name

Job Title *(Required)*

Department *(Required)*

Phone *(Required)*

Email *(Required)*

Section 2: Type of Study

Select the type of study for which you are seeking grant funding. You may check multiple boxes if your study fits more than one category. *(Required)*

☐ **Catalytic: Promotes the creation of transit-oriented development around an existing or planned Autonomous Rail Rapid Transit (ART), Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), Light Rail Transit (LRT), or Heavy Rail Transit (HRT) station.**

☐ **Catalytic: Supports the revitalization of the community's existing or planned downtown district/town center.**

☐ **Tactical: Advances the implementation of a priority action identified in a study or plan within the LCI area.**

Full Study Management Assistance Pilot Program *(Required)*

Starting in 2026, ARC is offering full study management to help one (1) sponsor with limited resources and staffing. If you foresee any of the issues listed below, we strongly consider seeking ARC study management. Please check the following box(es), as applicable:

☐ We have limited staff capacity.

☐ We anticipate multiple studies and deadlines this year.

☐ Our procurement and contracting process takes longer than six (6) months.

☐ We lack experience in LCI study management (e.g., payments and invoicing).

☐ We can ensure timely procurement, contracting, and invoicing throughout the study process and do not need ARC assistance.

☐ Other reason

Section 3: Study Information

Name of Study *(Required)*

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LCI Area *(Required)*

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Last Study or Plan Adoption Date *(Required)*

[MM] [DD] [YYYY]

Total Cost of Study *(Required)*

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Proposed Local Match *(Required)*

(Minimum 20% of the Full Study Cost)

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Study Area Location/Extents *(Required)*

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Has the proposed study been identified in a previous LCI study or plan, comprehensive plan update, or another recently completed study or plan? *(Required)*

○ Yes

○ No

Please name the study or plan and reference the section(s) or page(s) that relate(s) to this proposed study.

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Provide a brief study goal and description. In your project description, please briefly describe the specific products and/or deliverables that this study will create. *(Required)*

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How does this proposed LCI Study address a need in your community? *(Required)*

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How does your proposed LCI Study advance or address the following LCI Program Goals? *(Required)*

If your application is selected, the answers provided will be incorporated into the LCI study scope.
1. **Healthy, Safe, Livable Communities:** Create multimodal developments that prioritize connectivity, public health and safety for people of all ages and abilities.
2. **A Competitive Economy:** Maximize the economic potential of downtowns and transit nodes with a diverse mix of housing, jobs and community services.
3. **Diverse Stakeholder Engagement:** Empower and engage all stakeholders through comprehensive and impactful community outreach.

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ARC requires that applicants actively engage community-based organizations and/or artists in the development of their LCI application. List CBOs and/or artists involved in the development of this application, as well as how they will be involved in the planning process, if the proposed study is selected. *(Required)*

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Who in your community has been historically under-represented in local planning processes? How will these individuals or groups intentionally be included in this planning process? Please be specific. *(Required)*

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Report of Accomplishments *(Required)*

You must include your Report of Accomplishments from your most recent LCI Action Plan with your application.

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Commitment

- All applications are required to include a letter of commitment from the Chief Elected Official (e.g., mayor or county commission chairperson), or a Council/Commission Resolution, indicating commitment to the implementation of the study and the matching funds. If your study is multi-jurisdictional, the application must include letters of support and funding (if applicable) from all cities, counties, and CIDs included in the proposed study area.
- The CBO leadership and/or artist(s) involved in the development of your application must provide a letter of support and indicate how they actively contributed.
- Community Improvement Districts (CIDs) applying for assistance are required to include a letter of commitment to the implementation of the study and matching funds from its Executive Director or board chairperson, as well as a letter of support from the underlying jurisdiction (i.e., the county and/or city where the CID is located).
- If entities other than the applicant are providing matching funds, letters of commitment to the study and matching funds from those entities are required.
- Other letters of support from key stakeholders are strongly encouraged. These can include, but are not limited to, MARTA, neighboring jurisdictions, arts and cultural organizations, churches and schools, civic and business organizations, neighborhood groups, etc.

Funding Commitment and Support Documents *(Required)*

Upload required letters of funding commitment and/or support.

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