

Supporting healthier communities

Active Living Program



Planning for healthy lifestyles

Walkable and bikeable communities have better and more equitable access to healthy food, housing, transit, jobs and community destinations – creating healthier residents and more livable communities.

Communities are looking for ways to create more pedestrian and bike friendly spaces, but they often lack the resources or capacity to make it happen. Hennepin County provides technical assistance to help assess community needs; reach residents often missed in engagement efforts; and demonstrate pedestrian, bike or placemaking enhancements to test for permanent investments.

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Partnership grants to support healthy community planning

Community Impact

- Brooklyn Center adopted an Active Living Design checklist for new development projects.
- Brooklyn Park tested enhanced pedestrian and bike connections through a strip mall parking lot.
- Hopkins tested a variety of placemaking strategies as part of the ARTery experiment
- Osseo and St. Louis Park developed policy language that supports health in the cities' 2018 comprehensive plan updates.
- Sumner Library supported bike facility investments with targeted engagement with area youth.



Eight Hennepin communities have adopted Complete Streets, Active Living, or other policies to support physical activity and healthy communities.

Who is eligible?

Cities and government agencies within the Hennepin County Public Health jurisdiction (all Hennepin communities excluding Bloomington, Edina, Minneapolis, and Richfield).

How does it work?

Technical assistance and funding to plan for healthy communities and make active lifestyles more accessible

Projects funded up to \$15,000

Projects must be completed by October of funding year.

What can be funded?

- Projects demonstrating a bicycle, pedestrian, or placemaking improvement in your community
- Assistance engaging communities on potential improvements to create a healthy community
- Community assessments to evaluate needs around biking, walking, transit access, and placemaking

Learn more and apply

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