H-GAC Livable Centers Program Facts

- **Goals Statement:** The goal of H-GAC’s Livable Centers Program is to facilitate the creation of walkable, mixed-use places that provide multi-modal transportation options, improve environmental quality, and promote economic development.

- **Project Types:** The Livable Centers Program funds both studies and implementation projects.
  
  - Studies create the groundwork for future implementation projects by identifying potential investments and generating implementation designs and plans.
  - Implementation projects provide funding support for transportation investments identified through planning studies.

- **Funding Source: Federal Transportation Dollars**
  
  - Livable Centers Studies: STP (Surface Transportation Program)
  - Livable Centers Implementation Projects: CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation Air Quality)

- **Funding Process:** Livable Centers funds are programmed through H-GAC’s TIP (Transportation Improvement Program), a competitive selection process that allocates funding over a three year period.

- **Funding Level:**
  
  - Federal: 80%
  - Local Match: 20% (minimum)

- **Project Eligibility:** Projects must be sponsored by an eligible sponsor such as a local government, transit agency, or management district. Sponsors must be able to provide at least a 20% funding match. Projects must also meet the project requirements detailed in the Livable Centers Metrics document.