

Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Opportunity for Metropolitan Washington



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Overview



- New Opportunity for COG
- HUD, DOT & EPA Partnership for Sustainable Communities
- Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant
- Regional Application for the National Capital Region

Partnership for Sustainable Communities



- Three Federal Agencies, HUD, DOT & EPA
- Announced June 16, 2009
- Six Livability Principles
 - Provide more transportation choices
 - Promote equitable, affordable housing
 - Enhance economic competitiveness
 - Support existing communities
 - Coordinate policies and leverage development

Sustainable Communities Initiative



Funding Breakdown

\$150 million total

- Integrated Regional Planning Initiatives: \$100 million
 - Challenge Grants (separate NOFA): \$40 million
 - Technical Assistance (separate NOFA): \$10 million

Integrated Regional Planning Initiatives



- **Program Goal**: support multi-jurisdictional regional planning efforts that integrate housing, economic development, and transportation decision-making in a manner that empowers jurisdictions to consider the interdependent challenges of economic growth, social equity and environmental impact simultaneously.

- *HUD Advanced Notice & Request for Comment* -

Integrated Regional Planning Initiatives



Funding Availability

\$100 million total

- Small Metro Areas: \$2 million
- Large Metro Areas: \$5 million
 - 20% leveraged funding, public, philanthropic and private sources including in-kind contributions

Integrated Regional Planning Initiatives



Category 1: Regional Plans for Sustainable Development

Category 2: Detailed Execution Plans and Programs

Category 3: Implementation Incentives

Category 1: Regional Plans for Sustainable Development



- Stakeholder Driven Visioning and Scenario Planning
- Data Analysis and Urban Design
- Outreach efforts to achieve stakeholder consensus around a single vision

Category 2: Detailed Execution Programs



- Preparation/Adoption of detailed plans to support a regional sustainable vision
- Examples: inter-jurisdictional affordable fair housing strategies, regional transportation investment programs, corridor TOD plans, sector/area plans
- Regional Coalitions are eligible based on demonstrating the adoption of a regional vision

Category 3: Implementation Incentives



- Examples: Pre-development costs, capital costs for regionally significant development or infrastructure
- Regional Coalitions are eligible based on demonstrating the adoption of a regional sustainable development plan and existing programs in place meeting HUD, DOT, EPA's criteria for sustainability factors

Next Steps



- Respond to Advanced NOFA– due March 12, 2010
- Coordinate Opportunities for Funding
 - Develop Framework for Regional Application
 - Establish Multi-Jurisdictional Partners
- Appoint COG Board task force – April
- NOFA published – April
- Applications due to HUD – June
- Announcement of Awardees – August