



GRANT OPPORTUNITIES REPORT

Ready, Set, Go!

Advanced Notice Preps Applicants for HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program

U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan recently announced the approaching second round of the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program for FY2011. The program will invest \$67 million in projects that create stronger, more sustainable communities that connect housing to jobs while fostering local innovation and building a clean energy economy.

HUD has posted an advance notice of requirements for the FY2011 Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program. The application cycle has not been opened yet. However, the purpose of the notification is to allow potential applicants the opportunity to review the requirements and prepare for the application in advance of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFA). Similar to last year, the application will be a two-step process. A preliminary application will be required primarily to determine eligibility. The full application will be due 30 to 45 days after the pre-application deadline.

In 2010, HUD awarded \$100 million in Regional Planning grants to 45 rural and metropolitan regions around the country, with \$25 million dedicated to areas with populations less than 500,000. This year, HUD is renewing that commitment by allocating at least \$25 million from the second round of grants for regions with populations less than 500,000.

HUD announced in their press release that the focus of the second round of the program will support regional planning efforts that integrate housing, land-use, economic and workforce development, transportation, and infrastructure developments in a manner that empowers regions

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to consider how all of these factors work together to bring economic competitiveness and revitalization to a community. The program will place a priority on partnerships, including the collaboration of arts and culture, philanthropy, and innovative ideas to the regional planning process.

The Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program is closely coordinated with the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), co-leaders with HUD in the Partnership for Sustainable Communities. This could mean that an announcement regarding the next round of DOT TIGER grants is on its way as well.

Grant Opportunities

ENVIRONMENTAL/CONSERVATION

National Forest Foundation Announces Funds for Watershed Health and Restoration (CA& NV)

Deadline: July 18, 2011

Match: 50%

The NFF is currently soliciting proposals for its Matching Awards Program (MAP), a grant program that provides matching funds for direct on-the-ground and citizen-based monitoring projects benefiting America's National Forests and Grasslands. MAP funds can be used to support conservation and restoration projects benefiting wildlife habitat, recreation, watershed health, and community-based forestry. By pairing federal funds—provided through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Forest Service—with non-federal dollars raised by award recipients, the resources available to nonprofit partners to implement projects are effectively doubled.

Eligible Applicants: Eligible agencies include non-federal partners, community-based organizations, Native American tribes and 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations implementing action-oriented on-the-ground conservation and citizen-based monitoring projects on or around National Forests or Grasslands.

Eligible Activities: The NFF will support watershed restoration and enhancement projects, especially those initiatives that include diverse perspectives and address critical issues such as non-point source pollution and fish habitat enhancement through project activities such as:

- Sediment reduction through slope stabilization and contouring;
- Planting of native species in damaged riparian areas;
- Removal of invasive exotic species;
- Culvert replacement to improve fish passage.

Nevada Announces \$ 1 Million Available for Nonpoint Source Pollution Prevention Program 319(h) Grants

Deadline: Sept 9, 2011

Match: 50% Minimum

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) seeks proposals for projects and programs to reduce nonpoint sources of pollution within the state. Selected proposals will be awarded federal funds available under Section 319(h) of the Clean Water Act (CWA). Selected proposals will be administered by the Nevada Nonpoint Source Pollution Management Program (NPS Program).

Eligible Applicants: Federal, state, local, tribal governments; interstate and intrastate public agencies; public and private nonprofit organizations; and educational institutions are eligible to apply.

Eligible Activities: Eligible activities include the direct implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) or demonstration of new and innovative BMP technologies; training and/or technical assistance to landowners regarding BMP installation and/or maintenance; monitoring to measure project/BMP effectiveness; education to raise the level of public awareness about NPS pollution and its effect on water quality; urban stormwater pollution prevention activities (including Low Impact Development) that are not specifically required by a draft or final National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), Phase I or Phase II Stormwater permit; and special projects that meet one or more of the state priorities.

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Funding Available for Research and Demonstration of Innovative Drinking Water Treatment Technologies in Small Systems (CA& NV)

Deadline: August 25, 2011

Match: No match is required.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as part of its Science to Achieve Results (STAR) program, is seeking applications proposing to conduct research necessary to identify, develop and demonstrate novel and innovative treatment technologies and approaches for small public drinking water systems. Successful technologies should be robust, sustainable and be able to treat or mitigate groups of contaminants or contaminant precursors in drinking water sources and systems.

Eligible Applicants: Public nonprofit institutions/organizations, including public institutions of higher education and hospitals, and private nonprofit institutions/organizations, including private institutions of higher education and hospitals, located in the U.S., state and local governments, Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments,

and U.S. territories or possessions are eligible to apply. For profit organizations, including proprietary educational or research institutions, are ineligible.

Eligible Activities: EPA is seeking new, or innovative, modifications of existing treatment technologies that can perform significantly better than current technologies. These technologies may include those which are used to retrofit or augment existing treatment trains; treatment practices or technologies aimed at contaminant or contaminant precursor reduction in source waters; and technologies used within the distribution system including point-of-use (POU) devices. Identifying technologies that have the potential to be “game-changing” may involve considering national and international sources as well as considering input from those who have not traditionally participated in environmental conversations.

Comprehensive Grant Services

R.O. Anderson offers the following grants services:

Money Search: R.O. Anderson can provide you with an in-depth search of available grant opportunities and develop a list of potential funding sources.

Research: If your organization has a written proposal, but has not found the funding source, our firm can locate available funding opportunities. We can also rewrite the proposal to fit the new guidelines and resubmit to the new source.

Proposal Writing: Starting from the project's concept, R.O. Anderson offers grant writing and development services. We will prepare proposals and related documents for submission to and follow-up with the funding source(s).

Grant Administration: R.O. Anderson also offers grant administration services. With a CPA on staff, we are prepared to handle the task of administering the grant so that you can focus on your project.

Ready to get started? We're ready to help you take the next step to obtain funding for your projects. Contact Stephanie Hicks, AICP, Senior Planner/Grants Professional, at (775) 215-5042 or shicks@roanderson.com.

In Last Month's Issue

HUD Announced \$3.09 Million for FY 2011 Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Program (CA& NV)

Deadline: June 15, 2011

Match: Cost sharing or matching is not required under this grant. However, maximum grant amount is \$500,000.

The purpose of the ICDBG program is the development of viable Indian and Alaska Native communities, including the creation of decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunities primarily for persons with low- and moderate- incomes.

Funding Available for Economic Development Planning Efforts (CA& NV)

Deadline: Ongoing

Match: 30 to 50%

The Economic Development Agency's (EDA) Planning Program is one of six economic development assistance programs the agency

operates. Under this program, EDA provides assistance to eligible recipients to create regional economic development plans in order to stimulate and guide the economic development efforts of a community or region. The Planning Program also helps support planning organizations, including District Organizations and Indian Tribes, with Short-Term Planning and State Planning investments designed to create and retain higher-skill, higher-wage jobs, particularly for the unemployed and underemployed in the Nation's most economically distressed regions.

Nevada Announces Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program 2011 Deadlines (NV)

Deadline: NOI due June 16, 2011
Final Application due Nov 17, 2011

Match: 25%

FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant programs provide funding for eligible mitigation activities that reduce disaster losses and protect life and property from future disaster damages.

\$1 Million in Funding for Parks and Playgrounds (CA)

Deadline: July 29, 2011

Match: None (Maximum Grant Amounts: \$200,000)

The Infrastructure Fund is designed to support efforts to improve community parks and open space to make them more accessible, viable, and safe for children and youth. Proposals will increase and/or greatly improve park infrastructure and will directly result in creating more welcoming environments. These grants are intended to support proposals that have identified park projects that address the lack of outdoor space for underserved children and youth and that will result in long-term infrastructure improvements that encourage park usage.

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Calendar

July 1, 2011

Urban Greening Planning Grants

July 1, 2011

Statewide Park Program Round Two

July 18, 2011

National Forest Foundation Matching Awards Program

July 29, 2011

Infrastructure Fund

August 25, 2011

EPA's Science to Achieve Results (STAR) Program

September 9, 2011

Nevada Nonpoint Source Pollution Prevention Program

September 15, 2011

EDA Public Works Program

November 17, 2011

NV FEMA UHMA Full Application

Continuous Filing

EDA Planning Grants

USDA Rural Development
Community Facilities Program

USDA Rural Development Rural
Utilities Program

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