

HUD FY2011 Sustainable Communities Grantees

Arizona

Community Challenge Grant Award

The Hopi Tribe will be awarded **\$150,000** for *Planning the development of the Tawa’ovi Community on the Hopi Reservation*. The tribe will use the funds to develop planning and zoning codes and economic development feasibility studies for the proposed community. This approach will lead the way for a sustainable community of up to 1,500 people with the necessary community services and jobs to sustain its residents over the next 10 years. Currently, the Hopi Tribe faces a need for new housing, employment and economic opportunities, planning and zoning codes, plans for community and economic development that will reduce the Tribes unemployment rate and poverty rates which exceed 20%. The development to the Tawa’ovi Community will be a blue print for the development of additional communities that will provide the Hopi people with the homes and jobs they need to meet the needs of all 13,077 members of the Hopi Tribe.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- Complete feasibility studies for commercial and other economic development projects for the new community
- Secure funding to develop infrastructure, housing, community and economic development opportunities of the community
- Develop a model that can be used by the Tribe and other Tribes to develop new communities that will reduce overcrowding in housing and create employment opportunities in Native Communities with high unemployment and poverty rates

Funding Amount: \$150,000

Core Partners: Northern Arizona University

HUD Region: 9

Community Challenge Grant Award

The **City of Phoenix** will be awarded **\$2,935,634** for *Reinvent Phoenix: Cultivating Equity, Engagement, Economic Development and Design Excellence with TOD*. The City will create a new model for urban development in Phoenix – one that increases quality of life while maintaining desirability and attainability for the entire spectrum of incomes, ages, family sizes, and physical and developmental abilities along the light rail corridor. The Reinvent Phoenix program will eliminate physical and institutional barriers to TOD and catalyze livable, sustainable development through planning, regulatory reform, innovative infrastructure designs, economic development incentives, capacity building, and affordable housing implementation activities; demonstrate regional benefits of transit oriented development through the design and implementation of pilot projects for economic development, housing and infrastructure; and involve residents in identifying strategic improvements that will enhance safe,

convenient access to quality, affordable housing; well-paying jobs; education and training programs; fresh food and healthcare services.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- Increased public participation in planning and decision-making
- Reduced energy consumption and associated environmental and economic impacts
- Increased redevelopment opportunities to improve housing affordability and economic development opportunities on vacant and underutilized land
- Increased local capacity to implement equitable, healthy, environmentally-sensitive transit oriented development (TOD), and
- Improved walkability and accessibility to fresh healthy food, employment, education and healthcare.

Funding Amount: \$2,935,634

Core Partners: Arizona State University, St. Joseph’s Hospital, St. Luke’s Health Initiative, Mountain Park Health Center, METRO, Discovery Triangle Development Corp. Urban Land Institute (ULI), American Institute of Architects (AIA), American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), Southwest Autism Research Center (SARRC), Arizona Bridge to Independent Living (ABIL), Phoenix Union High School District, Maricopa Community Colleges, Art Link, Local First Arizona, Native American Connections, Gorman and Co. Inc, Cloudbreak Phoenix LLC, Bethel Development Inc., NRP Group, Desco Inc.

HUD Region: 9

Arkansas

Regional Planning Grant Award

The **East Arkansas Planning and Development District** will be awarded **\$2,600,000** to develop an *East Arkansas Regional Planning Consortium Sustainability Plan*. This effort will support a community and multijurisdictional planning effort that integrates housing, land use, economic development, transportation and infrastructure investments. The project will assist area jurisdictions and the region in addressing challenges that are interrelated but are often not addressed comprehensively, including such challenges as revitalization, access to jobs, education and services, energy and other resource conservation and environmental impact. This three-year project will begin with a substantial community outreach component that will be supported by the development of a regional inventory of underutilized assets enhanced by digital modeling tools to help communities envision the greater outcomes such assets can provide as strategies are implemented.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- Regional studies will be integrated into this process addressing issues including housing, transportation, water infrastructure, energy, local food, and access to each of these.

- Collection and management of data will be carried out to ensure decisions are well-informed and communicated across all jurisdictions.
- The Arkansas Development Finance Authority will use the housing element of this project for inclusion into the broader statewide housing market analysis and needs assessment to provide the required planning and documentation for applying for other non-federal entitlement, federal competitive, and foundation/private funds.

Funding Amount: \$2,600,000

Core Partners: Life Options of Eastern Arkansas, Crossroads Coalition, NE Arkansas Coalition, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Arkansas State University, Five Community Colleges, JQuad Planning Group

HUD Region: 6

Regional Planning Grant Award

Metroplan will be awarded **\$1,400,000** to develop *Metro 2040: Blueprint for a Sustainable Region* in order to create a regional sustainability plan for the Central Arkansas region. The target area is located in the heart of Arkansas, where the Mississippi Delta meets the Ouachita Mountains. Anchored by Little Rock and North Little Rock, the Central Arkansas region is comprised of four counties and has a population of 675,000. This effort will align current efforts to holistically address transportation, housing, development patterns, health and environmental needs, and economic development. The *Blueprint* will develop a comprehensive regional plan for the sustainability of the Central Arkansas region, addressing the full complement of Livability Principles in an integrated fashion, with a 30-year planning horizon. With the support of seven institutions of higher education and other partners, the Central Arkansas Sustainability Consortium is poised to help make Central Arkansas a better place to live, work, play, and learn.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

The plan will focus on deeper public engagement through paying community liaisons who will conduct

- focused interviews to provide meaningful stakeholder input into the plan.
 - Funding will provide for the coordination of new partners and integration of services across the
- region.
 - Funding will provide the resources needed to take the plan from the regional level down to the
- local level by coordinating at least five technical planning studies for the area projects.

Funding Amount: \$1,400,000

Core Partners: Little Rock Housing Authority, Benton Housing Authority, Arkansas Coalition of housing and Neighborhood Growth for Empowerment, Arkansas energy Office & Arkansas Economic Development Commission, Pulaski Technical College, Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce, Central Arkansas Planning and Development District, Arkansas Coalition for Obesity Prevention & Arkansas Department of Health, Arkansas Baptist College, Hendrix College, University of Central Arkansas Center for Community and

HUD Region: 6

California

Community Challenge Grant Award

The Housing Authority of the County of Sacramento will be awarded **\$150,000** for the *Sacramento Area TOD Loan Fund & Food Distribution*. The County will provide financing for strategic property acquisition in current and future transit corridors and to preserve and expand affordable housing opportunities in proximity to public transit. Partnering with nonprofit and for-profit developers, this new program will capitalize on historically low land values and address the current lack of available credit to acquire land for affordable housing. Building upon local planning and policy initiatives that promote equitable TODs, the TOD Loan Fund will help secure scarce developable properties near transit and position Sacramento for equitable development and inclusive TOD communities when the market returns. The commitments made through the TOD Loan Fund will ultimately leverage other public and private investment into the local housing market. In partnership with Soil Born Farms, this grant will also evaluate the opportunity for creating a food distribution hub near a TOD neighborhood. In addition to providing jobs for local residents, the food hub will also provide access to local fresh fruit and vegetables in urban neighborhoods currently lacking full service grocery stores.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

Evaluate the opportunity for creating a food distribution hub near a transit-served neighborhood

- Provide access to local fresh fruit and vegetables in urban neighborhoods currently lacking full service grocery stores
- Conduct a detailed business plan for the aggregation hub including site evaluation and selection,
- development of a farm-to-market food network with local farmers, a formalized management structure, management plan and financing options

Funding Amount: \$150,000

Core Partners:

California Endowment, Clearinghouse CDFI, Community Alliance with Family Farmers, Sacramento Area Council of Governments, Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services, Teichert Construction, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Valley Vision, Sierra Health Foundation, Sacramento Area Commerce and Trade Organization, Merchants Bank, Low Income Investment Fund, Housing California, Farmers Bank, Five Star Bank, CA Department of Housing and Community Development

Community Challenge Grant Award

The City of West Sacramento will be awarded \$400,000 for the Washington District Plan for Sustainable Community Development (PSCD). The PSCD will consist of two main components – a Transit-Oriented Development Strategy and a Complete Community Strategy for the Washington District. Washington is the oldest neighborhood in West Sacramento, as its original street grid was first laid out in the mid-19th century. However, in spite of Washington’s close proximity to the tremendous economic growth experienced across the river in Downtown Sacramento, economic conditions in the neighborhood have remained mostly stagnant. The Transit-Oriented Development Strategy will address issues and initiate solutions related to infrastructure deficiencies, transit service needs, regulatory barriers, infill development site opportunities, and neighborhood preservation concerns to advance transit-oriented, high-density development in the district. The Complete Community Strategy will focus on existing and future community assets and needs related to affordable housing, education, recreational opportunities, and access to employment for residents of the predominantly low-income district. The City will complete the PSCD working with numerous community partners and the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG).

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- Provide the City will a framework for developing the Washington District into a vibrant, mixed-use, mixed-income community
- Economic development, including infill development or recycled parcels of land or private sector investment along a project or corridor, or local business development and job creation.
- Engage a very low-income community in a planning process to identify their wants and needs for local employment, housing, transportation, education, and recreation options

Funding Amount: \$400,000

Core Partners: Bryte and Broderick Community Action Network, West Sacramento Housing Development Corporation (WSHDC), West Sacramento Historical Society, West Sacramento Youth Resource Coalition, D & S Development, Inc., Sacramento Area Council of Governments

Regional Planning Grant Award

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) will be awarded \$4,991,336 to develop a San Francisco Bay Area Regional Prosperity Plan for the Nine County San Francisco Bay Area region. This initiative will increase access to regional prosperity for workers, by creating middle-income jobs and developing and preserving affordable housing in transit-served communities. There will be two interconnected areas of work: a community-rooted process to develop and implement a regional

Economic Opportunity Strategy to expand economic opportunities for low and moderate income people, and the implementation of a strategy for *Housing the Workforce* by creating and preserving housing affordable to low income workers. The implementation of this plan will link underserved communities with policy experts and government agencies to align infrastructure investments with access to the jobs and housing improvements to access economic opportunity.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- Creation of new job/small business opportunities or improved job/small business access in both transit-served job centers and in communities with a strong concentration of unemployment and poverty
- Investment of regional infrastructure into these communities to create jobs and enhance opportunity structures
- Development of workforce and small business expansion pathways to channel workers and firms into this growth
- Creation of a regional plan to close the funding gap for affordable housing development and preservation with a funding toolkit of both regional and local mechanisms

Funding Amount: \$4,991,336; Category 2

Core Partners: Association of Bay Area Governments, The San Francisco Foundation, Silicon Valley Community Foundation, The Great communities Collaborative, Bay Area Council, council of Community Housing Organizations, Non-Profit Housing Association of Northern California, Urban Habitat

HUD Region: 9

Colorado

Regional Planning Grant Award

Denver Regional Council of Governments will be awarded **\$4,500,000** for the *Metro Vision - From Regional Framework to Strategic Action Plan*. Due to the recent construction of 6 new fix-rail corridors, DRCOG anticipates a region with greater access to job opportunities across the entire income spectrum, lower combined transportation and housing costs, reduced consumption of fossil fuels, and ultimately the development of concentrated, mixed-use, pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly “urban centers” along transit lines that allow residents to easily access their daily needs. The planning process is divided into five main categories, with the first three (regional, corridor, and site specific) representing district interrelated planning levels and the remaining two (stakeholder engagement and outcomes assessment; knowledge sharing) cut across and support planning efforts at all three levels. The overall goal of this proposal is to align investments, programs and policies to generate benefits beyond the transit lines themselves.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- Detailed execution planning at the corridor level will bring *Metro Vision* closer to implementation, and will focus on the three transit corridors currently under construction as part of the EAGLE P3 public-private partnership.
- Corridor-level planning will lead to identification and selection of three Catalytic Projects (one at each of the corridors) at specific sites that offer the potential for transformational changes.
- Valuable Lessons for other transit station areas throughout the region will result from pre-development planning, environmental review and policy changes that catalyze redevelopment at these sites.

Funding Amount: \$4,500,000; Category 2

Core Partners: Mile High Transit Opportunity Collaborative, Reconnecting America, Enterprise Community Partners, Urban Land Conservancy, Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation, The Piton Foundation, The National Renewable Energy Laboratory, The University of Colorado-Denver, PlaceMatters, FRESC: Good Jobs, Strong Communities, Transit Alliance, Regional Transportation District

HUD Region: 8

Connecticut

Community Challenge Grant Award

The **Town of Mansfield** will be awarded **\$610,596** to proactively plan for anticipated growth, maintaining their rural character while providing access to jobs and housing that are the foundation of the town’s long-term sustainability. The Town will use the funds to: remove regulatory barriers to business growth; identify tools to increase the type and amount of affordable housing available within close proximity to job centers and transit connections; strengthen the agricultural community; restore balance between owner occupancy and rental units in established neighborhoods; and identify uses and densities needed for transit-oriented development. This will be codified through the development of new zoning and subdivision Regulations that incorporate the recommendations from the projects listed above and are user-friendly in their language and organization. They will ensure that zoning regulations support housing choice and business growth through identification and removal of regulatory barriers and improving predictability of the development process.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

Facilitate job creation by removing regulatory barriers to business growth into the planning

- process
 - Preserving agricultural land while allowing farmers to recognize value from land holdings
- Increase the number of affordable housing units, particularly within walking distance of job
- centers and transit connections.
 - Expand community participation in the decision-making process to a broader cross-section of the
- community, and keep those participants involved after the conclusion of the project

Funding Amount: \$610,596

Core Partners: University of Connecticut, Windham Region Council of Governments, Center for Land Use Education and Research, Community and Natural Resources Planning Program

HUD Region: 1

Community Challenge Grant Award

The **City of Stamford** will be awarded **\$1,105,288** for the *Vita Health and Wellness District*. The plan will focus on development of a new, \$600 million expansion and reinvestment of the Stamford Hospital campus by Stamford Health System with an adjacent health and wellness district. The project will provide for development of mixed-use and affordable housing by Charter Oak Communities including through land acquisition and initiatives by both the public and private sectors to rehabilitate blighted housing and buildings in the existing neighborhood, and improvement of transportation corridors to provide better walking, transit, and vehicle access into and within the *Vita* district connecting to Stamford's downtown transportation hub, jobs center, and to the broader region.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- Development of consumer-based health facilities including an urban farm, obesity-prevention program, and community health center
- Development of mixed-income housing, multi-family units and mixed-use properties by the private sector through the deployment of a village commercial district and improvements to the West Side master plan, in coordination with the development of the new hospital complex;
- Planning walkable/bikeable access routes, as well as between the Vita district and a planned walking bridge, a key connection to downtown and the intermodal center;
- Planning for the reconfiguration of transportation chokepoints to provide better circulation within and access beyond the district

Funding Amount: \$1,105,288

Core Partners: Stamford Public Housing Authority, Charter Oak Communities, and Stamford Hospital

HUD Region: 1

Florida

Community Challenge Grant Award

The **City of Opa-locka** will be awarded **\$624,479** to undertake and implement the *Sustainable Opa-locka 20/30*, a new citywide comprehensive plan. The plan will support local redevelopment tools for becoming a more livable, competitive, and sustainable community. Opa-locka is a distressed city with approximately 16% of the population unemployed, 98% of which are African-American or Hispanic, and 32% of families are below the poverty line. The city will be partnering with the Opa-locka Community Development Corporation (OLCDC) to undertake this endeavor. In 2010, OLCDC sponsored an intense community visioning charrette whose participants included nationally known leaders in urban design, planning, housing, historic preservation and implementation as well as city, county and regional planning staff. The resulting *Opa-locka Vision 20/20* brought a fresh local perspective and illustrated that the city has the assets not just for revitalization but for a much more sustainable economy and environment. *Sustainable Opa-locka 20/30* will take this vision to the next step.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- Create an economic development strategy that will enable Opa-locka to take advantage of scattered assets such as large general aviation airport, hundreds of thousands of square feet warehouse/industrial flex space, and the unique sense of place that derives from the presence of more than 100 historic Moorish Revival buildings in or near the city center.
- Create a housing strategy that will address affordability, historic preservation, missed use and mixed income development, and assure more housing units are clustered near public transportation and stores that sell fresh food.
- Engage in strategic property acquisition to create an early catalytic example of a project that demonstrates the viability of new economic development strategies for this community.
- Conduct a model community engagement strategy that seeks consistent and genuine participation from residents and businesses to chart a new, more livable, and more sustainable future.

Funding Amount: \$624,479

Core Partners: Opa-locka Community Development Corporation, Southeast Florida Regional Partnership, Reese Fayde & Associates

HUD Region: 4

Community Challenge Grant Award

The **Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners** will be awarded **\$1,980,504** for the *Glades Region Master Plan*. The board will use the funds to develop a master plan for the entirety of the Glades Region (GR). This will include the provision of more transportation choices and equitable/affordable housing, enhancement of economic competitiveness, existing communities support, policy coordination, investment

leveraging and valuing communities and neighborhoods. The GR is widely recognized as one of the poorest areas in the State of Florida, experiencing pervasive economic, social and health problems. The GR lacks a major economic engine, resulting in high rates of unemployment, low incomes and high poverty rates. With a new plan for a privately financed major logistics center, the GR will create a master plan to take full advantage of this infusion of private capital investment. The plan will identify all the types and mix of land uses and attendant infrastructure needed to serve planned development/ redevelopment to ensure that its implementation will result in the achievement of the anticipated project benefits mentioned below.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- Enhance economic competitiveness via the provision of a multimodal transportation system, resulting in reliable, timely access to employment centers, goods and other basic services to residents/employees while expanding business access to markets
- Leverage government investment with private equity/financing and in-kind resources from partner agencies
- Provide amenities, services and employment in an area which has existing, occupied affordable housing stock

Funding Amount: \$1,980,504

Core Partners: Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, Workforce Alliance, Florida Crystals

HUD Region: 4

Regional Planning Grant Award

The **East Central Florida Regional Planning Council** will be awarded **\$2,400,000** to develop *Transit as an economic catalyst: planning for sustainable and inclusive growth around East Central Florida’s Sun Rail stations*. The region will use this Category 2 plan to develop and prepare for implementation of sustainable and inclusive community development plans around the future station locations for East Central Florida’s SunRail commuter rail system. Development around the SunRail station will attract higher paying jobs as well as access to these jobs using public transport, promote social equity and access to opportunity, provide more transportation choices reducing energy use, provide affordable and energy efficient housing around the stations, encourage sustainable, compact urban development around the stations, and integrate/leverage investments among state regional and local transportation, economic development, housing, community development as well as other agencies.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- Assessment of affordable housing needs near all 12 Phase I SunRail stations, as well as development of strategies for encouraging the provision of needed affordable housing.
- Alignment with economic and workforce development strategies to ensure the overall station area plans to improve access to jobs and incentivize further investment in these communities.
- Alignment with state, regional, and local transportation plans to provide appropriate local transit,

bicycle and pedestrian connections to SunRail stations.

- Development of strategies to help revitalize minority/low-income neighborhoods adjacent to the SunRail stations and provide equitable outcomes for all residents.

Funding Amount: \$2,400,000; Category 2

Core Partners: Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority, FDOT (District 5), Lake-Sumter MPO, METROPLAN ORLANDO, Space Coast TPO, Volusia TPO, Creative Village Development, LLC, Shimberg Center for Housing Studies, University of Florida, Nonprofit Housing Roundtable of Central Florida, Orlando Health, Health Council of East Central Florida, myregion.org, Urban Land Institute

HUD Region: 4

Idaho/Wyoming

Regional Planning Grant Award

Fremont County, Idaho is awarded **\$1,500,000** to develop the *Regional Plan for Sustainable Development for the Western Greater Yellowstone Area*. This will include a Greater Yellowstone Framework for Sustainable Development, a Comprehensive Resource Plan and Sustainability Strategy, and a Model Development Code. The effort will connect an area that extends across two states and two national parks. The outcome of these studies and pilot jurisdictions will create a clear framework from which the consortium can move forward into the implementation stage of the plan. This framework will allow a group of local governments that share a common landscape come together to create a standardized code by which they can develop meaningful and effective plans for their respective jurisdictions. The consortium members understand the long-term benefits that will come from a well-structured and well-executed sustainability plan that reflects the cross-cutting lessons across jurisdictional boundaries.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- Create a clear framework from which the consortium can move forward into implementation
- Develop a locally supported code

Funding Amount: \$ 1,500,000

Core Partners: **Idaho:** Rexburg, Madison County, St. Anthony, Ashton, Island Park, Teton County, Driggs, Victor; **Wyoming:** Teton County; Yellowstone Business Council; USDA Forest Service; Bureau of Land Management; Idaho Department of State Lands

HUD Region: 10

Illinois

Community Challenge Grant Award

The **City of Freeport** will be awarded **\$295,419** to advance *Freeport Riverfront Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Growth Initiative*, a dynamic initiative to create jobs and position their community within the 21st century global economy. They propose a holistic planning and implementation process designed to sustainably redevelop the core of the city and grow our economy. This initiative is centered in our Downtown Riverfront, anchored by the “Rawleigh Corridor”—a 14-block redevelopment area surrounding the 450,000 square foot, 5-building Rawleigh Complex. The Freeport Riverfront Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Growth Initiative will build upon the tremendous work undertaken by the city and its community, state, and federal partners to date. Taking all of this work to the next level, this planning and implementation process will identify strategic next steps for the sustainable redevelopment of Freeport’s urban core and growth of their economy.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- Job creation, workforce training, business incubation, and site redevelopment to attract more investment in the downtown
- Increased participation and decision-making by traditionally marginalized/underserved populations
- Increase affordability and accessibility of housing through new planned downtown housing that will include dedicated affordable and workforce units, within close proximity to employment centers
- Enhance energy efficiency and reduce overall community energy use through high performance green building techniques and renewable energy technologies
- Job creation, workforce training, business incubation, and site redevelopment
- Increased rail use, transit ridership, and commuting by bike and by foot; reduced gas consumption; and reduced parking demand per dwelling
- Benefits to the natural environment through reduced pervious surface area, stormwater improvements, and greenspace additions

Funding Amount: \$295,419

Core Partners: Stephenson County Health Department, University of Illinois

HUD Region: 5

Community Challenge Grant Award

The **Village of Oak Park, as part of a coalition of suburban communities**, will be awarded **\$2,916,272** for the *West Cook County Transit Oriented Development Strategy*. The West Cook County Housing Collaborative (The “Collaborative”) is in its third year of existence and consists of five West Cook suburban communities immediately adjacent to the City of Chicago. The Collaborative’s efforts will create or update existing comprehensive plans for the five communities, allowing them to revisit outdated zoning and infrastructure plans that are impediments to transit-oriented, affordable housing development. The Collaborative will also create an acquisition/ predevelopment fund to support affordable housing, preservation and development near transit stops in the five communities.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- Increased engagement of residents and the business community in planning processes
- Comprehensive plans for suburban communities that coordinate with Chicago Metropolitan Area Planning’s *Go to 2040* regional plan to support implementation
- By using a transit-oriented development strategy, residents of all five communities will have more transportation choices
- Increase the amount of affordable housing in each community by providing low-interest loans or equity contributions to support the development
- Planning activities will include developing a strategy for implementing energy efficiency measures for new and existing, affordable housing and commercial buildings, with grants made to support the strategy eventually identified.

Funding Amount: \$2,916,272

Core Partners: West Cook County Housing Collaborative (WCCHC), Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), Bellwood, Berwyn, Forest Park, Maywood, Oak Park, IFF, Metropolitan Planning Council, Metropolitan Mayor’s Caucus, CMAP, Voorhees Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

HUD Region: 5

Iowa/Nebraska

Regional Planning Grant Award

Omaha-Council Bluffs Metropolitan Area Planning Agency (MAPA) will be awarded **\$2,045,000** to develop a *Regional Plan for Sustainable Development*. The plan will include the development of several scenarios for future growth that represent different ways of achieving equilibrium between the goals of equity, environmental sustainability, and economic growth in the future development of the Omaha-Council Bluffs metropolitan region. The scenarios will be developed through an extensive community engagement process at the regional, local, and neighborhood scales.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- Provide citizens, policy-makers, and providers of public services with a clear and comprehensive vision, based in shared community values, of how the region should develop over the next 40 years.
- Illuminate the workings of the many systems that support the region and the ways in which they complement and compete with one another
- Grapple with ways of improving governance and the delivery of services that enhance regional livability and narrow persistent disparities in the community.

Funding Amount: \$ 2,045,000

Core Partners: *Nebraska:* Douglas, Sarpy, Washington, and Saunders Counties; Omaha, Bellevue, La Vista, Gretna, Papillion, Blair. *Iowa:* Pottawattamie, Mills, and Harrison Counties; Council Bluffs

HUD Region: 7

Kansas

Regional Planning Grant Award

The **Flint Hills Regional Council** will be awarded **\$1,980,000** to develop a *Flint Hills Regional Plan for Sustainable Development* for the Flint Hills eco-Region. The plan will build on existing work and extend that model to the remaining counties of the eco-Region through community engagement, and land use modeling. Through this approach, the consortium will identify, track, and measure performance for the eco-Region, from its natural resources to the embedded and emergent economic and land use systems.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

The plan will leverage the region’s unique environment to help sustain the economic viability of smaller towns throughout the region and ensure continued vibrancy of its more urban metropolitan areas.

The plan will help ensure the 100,000 acres of Ft. Riley training land is not compromised by unplanned urban growth to maintain the fort’s ability to conduct and sustain its training missions to support national defense.

Funding Amount: \$1,980,000

Core Partners: Kansas State University, Fort Riley, Flint Hills Discovery Center, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Commerce.

HUD Region: 7

Regional Planning Grant Award

Regional Economic Area Partnership (REAP) will be awarded **\$1,500,000** to develop a Category 1 *South Central Kansas Regional Plan for Sustainable Development*. Through this plan, REAP will provide the region with a framework to address economic competitiveness, social equality, energy use, and the public health and environment in a cooperative manner as well as develop an integrated policy that addresses housing, land use, economic and workforce development, transportation, and infrastructure investments. The plan will ensure the region's economic competitiveness by including a coordinated plan to foster longterm job creation with adequate infrastructure to affordably access employment and services as well as ensure the next generation has access to the same affordable housing, transportation and economic opportunity in the future.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- Creation of a shared elements plan in regional transportation, housing, water, and air quality plans tied to local comprehensive land use.
- Reduction of social and economic disparities for the low-income, minority communities and other disadvantaged populations within the region
- Increase in participation and decision making in developing and implementing a long range vision for the region by populations traditionally marginalized in public planning processes.
- Improvement of public health outcomes that result from creating safer, more walkable neighborhoods.

Funding Amount: \$1,500,000

Core Partners: Wichita State Hugo Wall School of Urban and Public Affairs, Environmental Finance Center, Regional Economic Area Partnership Water Resources Committee, Wichita State University Center for Community Support and Research, Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Department, Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, Workforce Alliance and Kansas WorkforceONE, Kansas Small Business Development Center, Visioneering, Kansas Health Foundation, University of Kansas School of Medicine, Wichita Downtown Development Corp, Wichita Independent Neighborhoods, Inc., Ponder: Connect Marketing

HUD Region: 7

Louisiana

Community Challenge Grant Award

The **Parish of St. Charles** will be awarded **\$442,422** for the *LA 52 Corridor Revitalization Plan*. The goal of the plan is to encourage the redevelopment of LA 52 to improve safety and connectivity for drivers, transit users, cyclists and pedestrians. The plan will revitalize the LA 52 Corridor, oriented around a major 2.6-mile

north-south connector. The Parish's Comprehensive Land Use Plan, *Plan 2030*, adopted in July 2011, considers the revitalization of LA 52 as key to promoting sustainable development in the Parish. The plan will focus on engaging with the community to re-envision the corridor as a destination that connects the surrounding neighborhoods, rather than a barrier that separates them.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- Enhance economic competitiveness of all property owners along the corridor by encouraging public and private investment
- Provide more transportation choices with the addition of pedestrian and cyclist pathways along the road
- Create added value to communities and neighborhoods by planning for investments to develop healthy, safe and walkable neighborhoods connected to each other

Funding Amount: \$442,422

Core Partners: Center for Planning Excellence; the St. Charles Parish Hospital; St. Charles Parish School Board; Family Resources of New Orleans; Louisiana Workforce Commission-River Parishes Workforce Investment Act Area 14; New Orleans Regional Planning Commission; River Parish Transit Authority

HUD Region: 6

Maryland

Regional Planning Grant Award

The **Baltimore Metropolitan Council** will be awarded **\$3,503,677** to create a *Regional Plan for Sustainable Development* for the entire Baltimore region. The region will follow an 8 phase process over the next three years that will incorporate housing, transportation, and workforce development strategies to drive growth and investment over the next 25 years. Furthermore, the plan will produce stand alone regional housing and workforce development plans as well as a series of robust demonstration efforts in green and healthy housing, watershed protection, transit-oriented development, and finally a financing plan to fund the ongoing implementations mentioned above.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- Increased participation and decision-making in developing and implementing a long-range vision for the region by populations traditionally marginalized in the decision making process.
- Initial reductions in social and economic disparities for low-income residents of the region as well

- as decreased per capita VMT and overall combined housing and transportation costs per household
- Increased share of residential and commercial construction on underutilized infill development sites
- More equitable distribution of housing that is affordable to all and increased proportion of the local population adequately prepared to participate in growth sectors

Funding Amount: \$3,503,677

Core Partners: University of Maryland National Center for Smart Growth, Maryland Department of Planning, Maryland Department of Transportation, Annie E. Casey Foundation, Enterprise Community Partners, The Baltimore Neighborhood Collaborative, Baltimore Integration Partnership, Maryland Transportation Alliance, Citizens Planning and Housing Assn, Inc. Baltimore Regional Initiative Developing Genuine Equity, Morgan State University

HUD Region: 3

Massachusetts

Community Challenge Grant Award

The **City of Boston** will be awarded **\$1,865,160** for the *Fairmount Line Smart Growth Corridor Project*. The project will conduct planning and strategic land acquisition to facilitate mixed-use and transit-oriented development along the Fairmount Commuter Rail Line in conjunction with the construction of four new stations and improvements to existing stations. The Fairmount Line is a 9.2 mile commuter rail service running from Boston's multi-modal central transit station in downtown Boston (South Station) and terminating at the Readville section of Boston's Hyde Park neighborhood. With only three stations between South Station and Readville, the Fairmount Line runs through, but does not really serve, the primarily low-income neighborhoods along the line. The project will increase the number and percentage of residents living, the number of affordable housing units, and the number of businesses and jobs within 1/2 of a transit stop.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- To provide improved access to transit for residents of the neighborhoods along the line, connecting them to job centers and downtown
- To expand affordable housing opportunities and employment opportunities near transit for the residents of the neighborhoods by strategic land acquisition, site assembly and disposition for
- Transit-Oriented Development projects near the new and existing stations.
- To reduce the number of vacant, underutilized or abandoned properties in the neighborhood by assisting the acquisition, planning, disposition and redevelopment of key privately-owned and City –owned parcels along the Fairmount Corridor.

Funding Amount: \$1,865,160

Core Partners: Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA), Fairmount/Indigo Line Community Development Corporation Collaborative, Metropolitan Area Planning Council, Boston Main Streets, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), Boston Transportation Department (BTD)

HUD Region: 1

Community Challenge Grant Award

The **Montachusett Regional Planning Commission** will be awarded **\$129,500** for the *Wachusett Station Smart Growth Corridor Plan*. The purpose of this grant proposal is to fund the development and completion of a Wachusett Station Smart Growth Corridor Plan. Wachusett Station is a planned passenger rail station on the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) Commuter Rail Line that will be at the center of the study for this plan. This plan will study the surrounding area around the station and engage the local community examining various elements within this corridor area including transportation/circulation, land use, housing, economic development, open space/recreation and facilities/institution planning.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- Analysis of previously completed plans
- Visioning/charrette and focus groups will be conducted
- Plan elements will be drafted and a wrap-up event will be held
- Creation of smart growth zoning
- Development and completion of a *Wachusett Station Smart Growth Corridor Plan*

Funding Amount: \$129,500

Core Partners: Massachusetts Regional Transit Authority (MART), The Redevelopment Authority for the City of Fitchburg (FRA), Fitchburg State University, Cleghorn Neighborhood Center, Three Pyramids, Westminster business Park

HUD Region: 1

Community Challenge Grant Award

The **City of Worcester** will be awarded **\$930,000** for the *Main South to Loomworks Revitalization*. This project will expand upon recent planning efforts, especially a US Department of Education Promise Neighborhood plan, to provide detailed master planning studies and design work to quickly implement and

catalyze revitalization activities in an underserved portion of the Main South neighborhood. The neighborhood still struggles with the void left by the shuttered Crompton and Knowles Loomworks factory. While some of its buildings continue to house small businesses, and a few smaller buildings have been renovated as housing, the vast majority of the site remains vacant, abandoned, and neglected. The Main South to Loomworks Revitalization plan will create a comprehensive sustainability and connectivity plan for the subject neighborhood, a master plan and economic development study for the 95 Grand site and the former Loomworks industrial area, and detailed design and architecture and engineering documents for 93 Grand Street. The Community Challenge Grant would drive both planning and implementation of key initiatives with the potential to transform this area into a more equitable, environmentally sound, and economically healthy community.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- Create an affordable, economically vital, and sustainable community through the creation of affordable housing, the reuse of older industrial buildings and vacant land for new purposes, coordination of brownfields remediation, and planning for better connectivity to job centers and adjacent neighborhoods.
- Positively impact affordability and accessibility by increasing the supply of affordable housing units and better connecting the neighborhood to assets and transit.
- Increase economic development, through infill development on vacant and under-utilized land and through better social and physical connections to jobs and amenities.

Funding Amount \$930,000

Core Partners: The Community Builders, Inc, the Main South Community Development Corporation, Institute for Environment and Sustainability

HUD Region: 1

Michigan

Community Challenge Grant Award

The **City of Grand Rapids** will be awarded **\$459,224** for the *Michigan Street Corridor Plan*. The plan will engage urban anchor institutions, particularly institutions of higher education and academic medical centers, in a collaborative partnership with local government, community stakeholders, landowners, neighborhood residents, and business owners to develop a comprehensive, integrated model that will advance housing, economic and community development, transportation, and environmental outcomes to ensure a sustainable future for Grand Rapids and the West Michigan region. Multiple transportation modes, land development capacities, housing types and price points, target markets and accessibility/mobility options must be thoroughly examined to alleviate traffic congestion, accommodate additional land development, and ensure access to housing and needed services for disadvantaged populations if desired outcomes are to be achieved. The

strategy will work to balance quality housing choices to serve populations that can benefit from being in close proximity to jobs, employment centers, and educational institutions in order to insure that neighborhood services are available to residents and workers; with the proper transportation and green infrastructure is in place that will create a sustainable and livable community.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- Devise a comprehensive transportation strategy and corridor plan
- Develop a housing investment program to increase the number of employees, students, and faculty living in or around the Michigan Street corridor
- Creation and/or preserve affordable housing within the Michigan Street corridor area

Funding Amount: \$459,224

Core Partners: Grand Valley Metro Council, Spectrum Health, Grand Rapids Community College, Michigan State University, Grand Rapids Downtown Development Authority, Grand Rapids Parking Services, The Rapid, Grand Valley State University, Michigan Street Corridor Association, Frey Foundation, Dyer-Ives Foundation, Grand Rapids SmartZone, MSHDA, Grand Rapids Community Development Department, Grand Rapids Community Foundation

HUD Region: 5

Community Challenge Grant Award

The **County of Washtenaw** will be awarded **\$3,000,000** for the *Washtenaw County Sustainable Community* project. Today, 64% of the residents in Washtenaw County live in the urban core which runs from Ann Arbor (largest city) to Ypsilanti (second largest city), connected by Washtenaw Avenue. This corridor is the busiest road in the county yet few housing options presently exist directly on the corridor with mostly low-density neighborhoods in their place. The goal of this project is to remove barriers and create a coordinated approach to affordable and energy-efficient housing, as well as to connect these affordable housing options to job centers and healthy food through via an enhanced multimodal transportation corridor. By strengthening public transit and non-motorized travel modes, this project will rectify the disparity between isolated segments of the community, providing a catalyst for revitalization efforts with green building practices, increased energy efficiency, reduced housing costs in rental housing, and enhanced connections to job centers for low-income and working class residents.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

Creation of a market-driven strategy to educate consumers about housing energy costs to pressure property owners to invest in energy efficient improvements

Each target neighborhood will have a redevelopment strategy specific to its needs. The county will work with the four municipalities to create strategies to increase accessibility, safety, and multimodal

transportation on the corridor.

A green affordable demonstration project will be developed on the west end of the Washtenaw Corridor.

Funding Amount: \$3,000,000

Core Partners: City of Ann Arbor, City of Ypsilanti, Pittsfield Charter Township, Ypsilanti Charter Township, Ann Arbor Area Transit Authority, Ann Arbor DDA, Habitat for Humanity, Ypsilanti Housing Commission, Michigan State Housing Developing Authority, SPARK, Growing Hope, Eastern Michigan University

HUD Region: 5

Regional Planning Grant Award

The **Tri-County Regional Planning Commission**, will be awarded **\$3,000,000** to create the *Mid-Michigan Program for Greater Sustainability*. The Tri-County Regional Planning Commission will provide more detail on the existing regional planning effort, *Choices for our Future*, specifically in the areas of governmental issues, a healthy economy and healthy environment, transportation and other infrastructure, open space and resource protection, and growth and redevelopment. Some initiatives related to these planning areas are well developed, with concrete objectives and benchmarks, some are in development, and others have received little attention to date and represent gaps that need to be addressed.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- Build on existing regional planning investments to create fine-tuned execution plans for high-priority initiatives in *Choices for our Future*
- Better integrating planning and developing performance measures for housing, economic development, and infrastructure to guide difficult decisions on where to strategically invest, and disinvest, in the region
- Building capacity for local sustainability planning and better coordinate efforts at the regional level through a Consortium that includes offices, agencies and stakeholders in Clinton, Ingham, and Eaton Counties of mid-Michigan

Funding Amount: \$3,000,000; Category 2

Core Partners: Greater Lansing Housing Coalition, Mid-Michigan Environmental Action Council, Michigan State University, Michigan Energy Options, Ingham County, Clinton County, Eaton County, City of Lansing, City of East Lansing, City of Williamston, Village of Webberville, Township of Leroy, Township of Williamstown, Charter Township of Meridian, Charter Township of Lansing

HUD Region: 5

Regional Planning Grant Award

The **Northwest Michigan Council of Governments** will be awarded **\$660,000** to develop the *Grand Vision to Grand Action: Regional Plan for Sustainable Development*. The purpose of the plan is to augment northwest lower Michigan's capacity to build economically competitive, healthy, environmentally sustainable, and opportunity-rich communities to create local economies through regional efforts. The plan will improve regional planning efforts that integrate housing, transportation, economic development and environmental infrastructure investment decisions and increase state, regional, and local capacity to incorporate sustainability principles and social equity into community planning.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- Establish and secure coordinated contracts and intergovernmental agreements.
- Analyze existing data and materials and implement additional research, data collection, assessments and analysis as necessary addressing such issues as land use, housing, economic development, workforce, environmental stewardship elements, transportation opportunities,
- energy use and reduction and many more.
- Align regional efforts with local master plans, zoning ordinances, and regulations to support economic development, and greater transportation and housing choices.

Funding Amount: \$660,000

Core Partners: Northwest Michigan WORKSI, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Michigan Land Use Institute, Traverse Bay Economic Development Corporation, Northern Lakes Economic Alliance, SEEDS Inc., Traverse Bay Poverty Reduction Initiative, Disability Network, Human Services Collaborative Boards, Northwestern Michigan College, NorthSky Non-Profit Network.

HUD Region: 5

Missouri

Community Challenge Grant Award

The **Mid-America Regional Council** will be awarded **\$403,432** for the *Sustainable Code Framework Initiative for the Kansas City Region*. The Council will allow first suburb communities, to align their codes and policies to encourage and foster sustainable development and redevelopment. The 19 members of the First Suburbs Coalition have worked together for almost ten years and this grant will afford them the opportunity to put in place a consistent set of sustainable-development, redevelopment-ready codes, policies

and incentives. In addition, the Green Impact Zone, a nationally recognized place-based initiative in the core of Kansas City, Missouri, is on the road to generating significant housing redevelopment as a catalyst for further development. This effort will help set in place sustainable development standards so that subsequent development will continue to enhance the community. These standards will promote quality, sustainable development in the neighborhood, while recognizing the necessity of not pricing development out of reach in a community that is just starting its revitalization.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- Development of a Sustainable Code Framework
- Audits of eight first suburban codes in light of the framework and code adoption Development of a set of sustainable development standards for the Green Impact Zone

Funding Amount: \$403,432

Core Partners: First Suburbs Coalition, Kansas City District Council of the Urban Land Institute, University of Missouri-Kansas City, City of Fairway, City of Roeland Park, City of Rayton, City of Gladstone, City Grandview, City of Independence, City of Mission, City of Prarie Village, Wyandotte County/Kansas City, KS

HUD Region: 7

Montana

Regional Planning Grant Award

Opportunity Link will be awarded **\$1,500,000** to develop the *Northcentral Montana Regional Planning for Sustainable Development*. This process will engage regional governments, planners, stakeholders and residents throughout a 36-month period to develop a high road approach to emerging jobs and contracts, and a series of baseline and benchmark metrics that can guide evaluation of progress. Opportunity Link will provide GIS-based scenario planning, training in comprehensive sustainable plan, and one-on-one follow-up technical assistance to government planning offices. Training opportunities will be provided throughout the project period with current data and new resources made available to residents, organizations and planners online through the Northcentral Montana Sustainable Communities Clearinghouse.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- Engage regional governments, planners, stakeholders and residents throughout a 36-month period to develop citizen involvement, government coordination, a high road approach to emerging jobs and contracts, and a series of baseline and benchmark metrics that can guide evaluation of progress
- Creation of coordinated plan elements in areas of transportation; housing; economic development; and quality of life issues, including potable and storm water management, obesity and diabetes reduction.

Funding Amount: \$ 1,500,000

Core Partners: Cascade County, Teton County, Chouteau County, Toole County, Glacier County Blackfeet Indian Reservation, Hill County Fort Belknap Indian Reservation, Judith Basin County, Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation, Liberty County City of Great Falls, Great Falls MPO, Phillips County City of Havre, Pondera County

HUD Region: 8

Nebraska/Iowa

Regional Planning Grant Award

Omaha-Council Bluffs Metropolitan Area Planning Agency (MAPA) will be awarded **\$2,045,000** to develop a *Regional Plan for Sustainable Development*. The plan will include the development of several scenarios for future growth that represent different ways of achieving equilibrium between the goals of equity, environmental sustainability, and economic growth in the future development of the Omaha-Council Bluffs metropolitan region. The scenarios will be developed through an extensive community engagement process at the regional, local, and neighborhood scales.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- Provide citizens, policy-makers, and providers of public services with a clear and comprehensive vision, based in shared community values, of how the region should develop over the next 40 years.
- Illuminate the workings of the many systems that support the region and the ways in which they complement and compete with one another
- Grapple with ways of improving governance and the delivery of services that enhance regional livability and narrow persistent disparities in the community.

Funding Amount: \$ 2,045,000

Core Partners: **Nebraska:** Douglas, Sarpy, Washington, and Saunders Counties; Omaha, Bellevue, La Vista, Gretna, Papillion, Blair. **Iowa:** Pottawattamie, Mills, and Harrison Counties; Council Bluffs

HUD Region: 7

Nevada

Regional Planning Grant Award

The **City of Henderson Department of Community Development**, on behalf of the **Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition (SNRPC)**, in Clark County, NV, is awarded **\$3,488,000** to conduct the *Southern Nevada Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Initiative*. The Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition serves as the Strategic Planning Authority for local governments in the greater Las Vegas Metropolitan Area region. SNRPC is organized to promote regional collaboration and planning for quality of life issues transcending governmental jurisdictional boundaries. A ten member governing Board, guided by a Technical Committee, focuses on planning for balanced economic, social, physical, environmental and fiscal development and orderly management of the region’s growth.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- Provide an integrated platform from which to work with local jurisdictions, citizens’ groups, and policy experts in the region to garner the resources needed to fully implement plan recommendations
- Develop strategies to strengthen and sustain the economic and social fabric of Southern Nevada communities

Core Partners: Southern Nevada Housing Authority, Southern Nevada Water Authority, RTC of Southern Nevada, Conservation District of Southern Nevada, Boulder City, City of Las Vegas, City of Henderson, Clark County, City of North Las Vegas, Clark County School District, UNLV-Brookings Mountain West/Lincy Institute

Funding Amount: \$ 3,488,000

HUD Region: 8

New Hampshire

Community Challenge Grant Award

The **New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority** will be awarded **\$1,000,000** for the *New Hampshire Community Planning Grant Program*. The Authority will use the funds to create a statewide, multi-agency consortium to develop and facilitate a competitive grant program for New Hampshire municipalities, called the New Hampshire Community Planning Grant Program (the CPG Program). The CPG Program will provide matching competitive grants for communities to conduct work that supports the creation of local regulations that will foster sustainable community development and implement more than a decade of statewide research and reports promoting smart growth and sustainable development

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- Building of codes for energy-efficient rehabilitation of older structures; corridor planning to increase mixed-income housing near employment nodes, pedestrian- and transit-oriented development
- Affordable housing and economic development connecting housing and transportation investments and local adoption of the “Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive.”

- Support for local communities in the creation of form-based codes; mixed-use and inclusionary zoning, lot-size averaging, village plan alternative subdivisions and infill development

Funding Amount: \$1,000,000

Core Partners: New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority, New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, New Hampshire Department of Transportation, New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority, Plan NH – The Foundation for Shaping the Built Environment, New Hampshire Municipal Association, New Hampshire Community Loan Fund, New Hampshire Preservation Alliance, New Hampshire Legal Assistance, University of New Hampshire (UNH) Cooperative Extension

HUD Region: 1

Regional Planning Grant Award

Nashua Regional Planning Commission will be awarded **\$3,369,648** for the *New Hampshire Sustainable Communities Initiative*. The project will increase the capacity of the state to create integrated, coordinated, and sustainable regional plans, establish a consistent planning and policy framework, and coordinate local plans into an overall statewide strategy. The Initiative will capitalize on and incorporate shared principles included in existing plans to fulfill local and regional priorities. These practices will make it possible for large communities and small villages throughout the state to achieve economic vitality while safeguarding natural resources, character and rural landscape.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- Reduced social and economic disparities for low-income and communities of color within the region.
- Increase in affordable housing units located close to major employment centers, parks green space, and vital amenities such as hospitals and schools.
- Increased share of residential and commercial construction on underutilized infill development sites encouraging revitalization.
- Improved health outcomes that result from creating safer, more walkable neighborhoods.
- Increased number of communities prepared for flooding/other climate change related impacts.
- Increased investments in water infrastructure for drinking water, wastewater, and storm water systems.

Funding Amount: \$3,369,648

Core Partners: Conservation Law Foundation, Healthy Eating Active Living NH, NH Charitable Foundation, NH Energy and Climate Collaborative, NH Creative Communities Network, Family Assistance Advisory Council of NH, Plan NH, University of New Hampshire Carsey Institute, NH GRANIT, Carbon Solutions of New England, Cooperative Extension

HUD Region: 1

New Jersey

Regional Planning Grant Award

The State University of New Jersey’s Edward J. Bloustein School for Policy and Planning at Rutgers will be awarded **\$5,000,000** to develop a *Regional Plan for Sustainable Development* for the 13-county North Jersey Transportation Authority region. The plan will be both “place-based” and “issue-based” and will use sustainability, transit system connectivity, and transit-oriented development as the central framework for integrating plans, regulations, investments, and incentive programs at all levels of government to improve economic and environmental conditions, while promoting regional equity and resource efficiency. The outcome of plan implementation will be a more sustainable future for the region that invests in existing communities where housing, jobs, educational, cultural, and recreational opportunities are made more easily accessible to most residents of the region.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- The planning process will help break down silos and engage a broader range of regional stakeholders in the planning process to develop a shared vision for the future and to integrate plans across jurisdictions, functional areas and organizations.
- Prioritize redevelopment as the primary means of accommodating future growth in population and employment ensuring land use planning throughout the region.
- Advance sustainable development by seeking to change the current trajectory of growth patterns in the region away from continued sprawl to a more equitable and sustainable pattern of land development that supports existing communities and healthy, economically productive lives for the region’s citizens.
- Harmonize existing plans, to foster a new, integrated regional vision for where future housing development (including housing affordable to a range of income levels), employment and
- education centers, transportation infrastructure, water infrastructure, and other investments should be made

Funding Amount: \$5,000,000; Category 2

Core Partners: New Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, New Jersey Transit, New Jersey Office of Planning Advocacy, Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey, Municipal Land Use Center at the College of New

Jersey, New Jersey Future, New Jersey Regional Coalition, Plan Smart NJ, Regional Plan Association

HUD Region: 2

New Mexico

Community Challenge Grant Award

The **Pueblo de cochiti Housing Authority** will be awarded **\$292,023** for the *Cochiti Plaza Revitalization Project*. The project is a unique undertaking of the Pueblo to revitalize their community by re-examining the historic settlement patterns at the heart of the Pueblo, the “Plaza.” The Plaza is the center point for all traditional and cultural activities that occur throughout the year, and this project aims to maintain and strengthen ties to the traditions, culture, and language of the Cochiti people. Through this effort, the Tribe will address substantial and long-term needs and obstacles for promoting local employment, affordable housing, cultural sustainability, and improved transportation systems.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- Fulfill a long standing tribal community need to revitalize a vital area of public space
- Increase and enhance employment and income opportunities for tribal members and local artisans
- Analyze the existing physical structures of 60 homes and two Tribal cultural buildings for future renovation
- Involve historically underrepresented groups in the planning process—youth, elders, and disabled persons

Funding Amount: \$292,023

Core Partners: Pueblo de cochiti Transportation, Youth Services, and Elder Services Departments; New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority; Sandoval County Department of Transportation; Sandoval County Department of Tourism; Central Mexico Housing Corporation; Native American Chamber of Commerce; New Mexico Small Business Development Center

HUD Region: 6

Regional Planning Grant Award

Doña Ana County will be awarded **\$2,000,000** to develop the *Camino Real: Regional Plan for Sustainable Development*. Through grouping the work into 6 component areas, Doña Ana County hopes to bring new

economic development opportunities to the area while preserving the historical settlement pattern of Camino Real. The plan will integrate housing and transportation planning to minimize vehicle miles traveled, and explore innovative ride-sharing and public transit options. The plan will provide a rationale for capital spending decisions so that infrastructure resources that permit higher residential densities are combined in ways that protect existing traditional communities and agricultural lands while encouraging growth patterns that support public transit options. In doing so, this project will build local capacity to plan, promote community engagement and support a more sustainable future.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- Establishment of coordinated intergovernmental planning and secure agreements
- Alignment of infrastructure investment to ensure equitable land use planning
- Identification of measures to track progress in the creation of sustainable communities
- Engagement in site-specific planning and design of capital projects or programs

Funding Amount: \$2,000,000

Core Partners: City of Las Cruces, New Mexico State University, South Central Council of Governments, Las Cruces Metropolitan Planning Organization, El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization, Colonias Development Council, Tierra del Sol Housing corporation

HUD Region: 6

New York

Community Challenge Grant Award

The City of Binghamton was awarded **\$486,058** to update the City's 2003 Comprehensive Plan, integrate it into a 1.7 mile Main Street Corridor Plan, and support a small number of ongoing innovative, cross-sector programs in order to continue building institutional and civic capacity. This project will restore Binghamton as a vital, livable, and resilient urban community. It will also increase enrichment through the culture and arts. By carrying out both community-based planning and resident-centric programming in tandem, the city will solidify and bolster the gains made in the past five years, and integrate what seemed to be “disparate” initiatives into a clear, comprehensive strategic plan to restore the area's economic competitiveness, improve the quality of life for all residents, and foster bottom-up and top-down consensus and action around livability and smart growth practices and goals.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- Restore Binghamton as a vital, livable, and resilient urban core community, with healthy, inclusive compact neighborhoods that offer all residents meaningful work opportunities, housing and

- transportation choices, recreational spaces, enrichment through the culture and arts, and direct involvement in the decision-making process
- Focus investments along the Main Street Corridor, addressing vacancy through infill development, renovation and rehabilitation of existing buildings
- Return underutilized lots to active spaces that encourage investments in the surrounding neighborhoods

Funding Amount: \$486,058

Core Partners: WSKG Public Radio, Cornell Cooperative Extension – Broome County, NYS Office of Smart Growth, Livable Communities Alliance, VINES (Food & Health Network of South Central NY member), Quaranta Housing Services, Broome County Strategic Alliance for Health, Binghamton Regional Sustainability Coalition, United Way of Broome County, Broome County Gang Prevention, Binghamton University’s Binghamton Neighborhood Project, NYS Office of Smart Growth, Empire State Futures

HUD Region: 2

Regional Planning Grant Award

Adirondack Gateway Council, Inc. will be awarded **\$750,000** to fund the *Adirondack Gateway Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Program* for the Adirondack Gateway Region. The primary goal of the program is to create a comprehensive regional development plan that will serve as a guide for local, regional and state policies and investments and enable the region to grow in a sustainable manner over the next 20 years. This Plan will address the inter-related challenges of housing, transportation, environmental impact, economic and workforce development. It will focus on strategies for improving telecommunications/broadband access, education, energy use, and health/wellness issues faced by the Adirondack Gateway Region.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- Creation of a regional profile, series of GIS maps, library and inventory of all local planning documents, including development of sustainability data indicators.
- Creation of an economic development strategy and infrastructure plan.
- Creation of housing needs analysis and plan.
- Creation of an environmental quality improvement plan.

Funding Amount: \$750,000

Core Partners: Adirondack/Glens Falls Transportation Council, Glen Falls Industrial Development Agency, Greater Glens Falls Local Development Corporation, Glens Falls Housing Authority, Greater Glens Falls Transit,

HUD Region: 2

The **Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority** will be awarded **\$2,000,000** to develop a *Regional Plan for Sustainable Development* for the Erie and Niagara counties that make up the Buffalo Niagara region. The region seeks to develop adopt sustainable development strategies, fill key gaps in planning and set the stage for a more vital future for Buffalo and Niagara. Funding will support the creation of a Citizen Planning School to build capacity on sustainability issues and public facilitation techniques and hold six regional sustainability visioning sessions.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- Support public engagement, knowledge transfer and capacity building through an online forum and open regional dialogue with policy information and analysis, webinars and technical assistance
- Analyze existing planning documents and hold public planning sessions to develop a Regional Housing Plan, Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and Food Access Plan
- Creation of Implementation Strategies that target specific stakeholders and deliver webinars and technical assistance sessions to stakeholders
- Creation of project-specific implementation strategies, scenario modeling, and “implementation councils” and updated regional GIS systems.

Funding Amount: \$2,000,000

Core Partners: The Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, Local Initiatives Support Corporation Buffalo, Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus, Belmont Housing Resources for WNY, Inc., Buffalo Niagara Partnership

HUD Region: 2

North Carolina

Community Challenge Grant Award

The **City of High Point** will be awarded **\$239,141** for the *Urban Placemaking to Develop and Transform the Economy of High Point (UPDATE High Point): Preparing for the 21st Century - An Ordinance Rewrite for a Sustainable Community* project. UPDATE High Point will create a new ordinance that enhances the vibrancy and vitality of Downtown High Point. The City of High Point has long been a commercial hub of central North Carolina by drawing visitors from around the globe to the downtown’s semi-annual home furnishings trade show. In recent years, however, downtown High Point has seen limited economic investment and population growth due in part the city’s two decade-old ordinance which encourages development on the periphery of High Point, discouraging infill and brownfield development. The new ordinance will be drafted with significant input from the community and will be developed alongside new design standards and preferred development types that the city can use to incentivize desired development forms, such as mixed-use development.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- Incentivize the construction of mixed-income housing developments to provide moderate and low-income High Point residents with a greater supply of equitable and affordable housing utilizing green building construction technologies
- Protect and revitalize the historic neighborhoods that compose Downtown High Point
- Institutionalize open space protections to ensure that residents continue to have access to park and recreational resources

Funding Amount: \$239,141

Core Partners: University of North Carolina Greensboro Center for New North Carolinians, Center for Energy Research & Technology at North Carolina A&T State University, Clarion Associates, Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation

HUD Region: 4

Regional Planning Grant Award

The **Centralina Council of Governments** will be awarded **\$4,907,544** to develop the *CONNECT Vision: Connecting Vision to Plan*. The goals of the project are to translate the adopted *CONNECT* Regional Vision, a values-based document, into an implementable planning document with performance metrics in a way that fully engages the full diversity of the region’s population. These goals will be realized through interjurisdictional collaboration that reaches beyond government to engage residents, businesses, and diverse stake holders with an end result being a Regional Plan for Sustainable Development. The achievement of this plan will produce reduced growth in vehicle miles traveled, reduced unemployment rates, reduced housing and transportation costs for families, and support economic and housing revitalization efforts in the small cities and towns around the region.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- Robust public engagement in choosing the regional preferred development scenario, establishing implementation strategies, and recommending priorities and performance metrics.
- Creation of a regional planning database and a process for keeping it current
- Creation of regional performance metrics, allowing appointed officials, business leaders and members of the community to gain a working understanding of sustainability planning and assessing progress towards locally-defined goals.

Funding Amount: \$4,907,544; Category 2

Core Partners: Catawba Regional Council of Governments, The University of North Carolina – Charlotte, The Lee Institute, Urban Land Institute, Mecklenburg County *CONNECT* council, City of Charlotte *CONNECT* council, Charlotte Housing Authority, Regional Workforce Alliance, Charlotte Regional

Partnership CONNECT council, Johnson C. Smith University, Winthrop University

HUD Region: 4

Regional Planning Grant Award

Cape Fear Council of Governments will be awarded **\$1,130,000** to develop a *Lower Cape Fear Regional Plan for Sustainable Development*. The Regional Plan for Sustainable Development will integrate choices and decisions surrounding housing, economic development, transportation, energy, water and environmental quality. The plan will build upon the values unique among the region's communities, and include a variety of viable options for transportation, workforce housing, and that works in collaboration to advance common goals. Once completed, the regional plan will be used as a guide for local and regional entities when creating or amending their plans, policies, regulations or programs and will be used to align the plans, policies and regulations that already exist in the region.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- The plan will enable the Lower Cape Fear region to meet the challenges of economic competitiveness with revitalization.
- The plan will enable the region to meet the challenges of rapid population growth with social equity, inclusion and access to opportunity.
- The plan will enable the region to meet the challenges of climate change and energy use in a manner that minimizes impacts to public health and the environment.

Funding Amount: \$1,130,000

Core Partners: New Hanover County, Brunswick County, Pender County, Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization, Wilmington Housing Authority, Brunswick Housing Opportunities, Cape Fear Regional Community Development Corporation, City of Wilmington, Wave Transit, AMEZ Housing

HUD Region: 4

North Dakota

Regional Planning Grant Award

Rural Economic Area Partnership Investment Fund will be awarded **\$1,500,000** to develop a *Western North Dakota Sustainability Plan*. Western North Dakota is seeking to conduct a regional sustainability planning process to address unprecedented growth dynamics resulting from the dramatic expansion of the oil production industry. The Region is proposing a seven-fold initiative designed to address immediate needs resulting from emerging growth challenges. It is the aim of this regional sustainability planning effort to conduct a series of initiatives, all designed to support a sustainable future and diversified economy for the region.

- Addressing the immediate, short term needs of communities and counties to meet growth management challenges.
- Capitalization on one of America’s strongest rural economies for entrepreneurial development.
- Set the stage for economic diversification based on the strengths of the oil and agriculture industries

Funding Amount: \$1,500,000

Core Partners: SW Reap, The Association, Building Communities, AE2S Nexus

HUD Region: 8

Ohio

Community Challenge Grant Award

The **City of Warren** will be awarded **\$356,964** for the *Warren Community Challenge Program*. The project will promote sustainability at the local neighborhood level by developing affordable housing through the incorporation of inclusionary zoning ordinances and other activities. A review of the city’s current, historical, and emerging needs has led to the development of an action plan that will include a parcel inventory in five targeted corridors to identify vacant housing and vacant land; collaboration with Trumbull County Land Reutilization Corporation (TCLRC) to acquire and transfer ownership of property to owners who have demonstrated an ability to do rehabilitation; reinvigoration of the city’s code enforcement system; assessing vacant land for viability for land recycling; and a comprehensive review of Warren’s zoning code to remove regulatory barriers to developing affordable housing and recycling land. In addition,

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- The parcel inventory will result in a local database of housing information that will assist the City in prioritizing action steps to achieve optimal outcome for each property.
- Performing assessments on vacant parcels and homes will help locate the best parcels to invest in to return land to neighborhoods in ways that are accessible, sustainable, and healthy for communities and their residents.
- The review of the zoning code will remove local regulatory barriers and the update of ordinances to reflect changes in land use that will serve the needs of the community.

Funding Amount: \$356,964

Core Partners: Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership, Mahoning Valley Organizing Collaborative

HUD Region: 5

Oregon

Community Challenge Grant Award

The **City of Beaverton** will be awarded **\$1,000,000** for the *Beaverton Creekside District Master Plan*. The plan will accelerate planning and implementation for the Creekside District project and produce a development program that integrates suitable and affordable housing with efficient transportation, green infrastructure and local amenities. The plan will also improve mobility and access to transit and employment. In April 2011, the City adopted its Civic Plan Central City Strategy, a comprehensive analysis and strategic planning framework for Beaverton's Central City. Taking cues from community aspirations developed through Beaverton's award-winning visioning process, the plan provides a framework for a new understanding of the city core. It describes opportunities for addressing the major challenges to forging an identifiable and functional Central City, and lays out both the initial steps and the long-term strategies for implementing change.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

Increased infill development and private sector investment within the project area
Reductions in community energy use through community-scale energy strategies

- Increased supply of affordable housing units and proportion of low- income households within a
- 30-minute transit commute of major employment centers and associated reductions in disparities
- between racial and ethnic groups and between income groups in these areas

Funding Amount: \$1,000,000

Core Partners: Portland State University, Clean Water Solutions, State of Oregon Regional Solutions Center, Friends of Beaverton Creek, Central Beaverton Neighborhood Association

HUD Region: 10

Pennsylvania

Regional Planning Grant Award

The **County of Erie** will be awarded **\$1,800,000** to develop the *Destination Erie: Regional Plan for Sustainable Develop*. The plan will follow a 3 phase process moving from project initiation and regional assessment, to creating a vision for the future and finally to the creation of a regional sustainability action plan. The process will develop focus on strategies for creating a sustainable economy, and build on Erie's past to set the course towards a sustainable future and engage the community and build partnerships for action. The Consortium will focus on regional capacity building throughout the process, with the goal of securing specific commitments to ensure the plan strategies and actions will be implemented.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- Creation of a shared community vision of a sustainable future
- Creation of a detailed implementation program with actions, timeframes, responsibilities, and metrics to measure progress

Funding Amount: \$1,800,000

Core Partners: Erie Regional Chamber and Growth Partnership, Regional Center for Workforce Excellence, Jefferson Educational Society, Northwest Regional Planning and Development Commission, Erie Area Transportation Study Metropolitan Planning Organization, Housing Authority of City of Erie, Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority, Penn-State Behrend economic Research Institute, Erie County Redevelopment Authority, School District of the City of Erie, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority, Lake Erie Region Conservancy, Erie Western Pennsylvania Port Authority, The Erie Community Foundation, The United Way of Erie, Economic Development Corporation of Erie County, Ben Franklin Technology Partners, Black Family Foundation, Manufacturers and Business Association

HUD Region: 3

Regional Planning Grant Award

Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation will be awarded **\$3,400,000** to develop the *Lehigh Valley Sustainability Plan*. This initiative will promote the adoption of affordable housing policies at the municipal level and foster transit related land development to support public transportation. The Plan will include an assessment of the regional Jobs/Housing balance and a regional economic development plan that promotes sustainability. Topics covered in the plan include growth trends and forecasts, natural resources, farmland preservation, land use, economic development, housing, transportation, community utilities, parks and recreation and historic preservation. All types of communities will be targeted in this process to ensure all populations are given voice in direction of the region.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

An update to the report titled *An Affordable Housing Assessment of the Lehigh Valley, 2007* that

- will direct the implementation strategies of the Lehigh Valley Affordable Housing Effort.
- The Consortium will foster transit related land development as a key component to creating a more livable Lehigh Valley.
- The region will become more sustainable by fostering three catalytic projects that will directly improve walkability, support existing communities and increase the access to jobs for these neighborhoods

Funding Amount: \$3,400,000; Category 2

Core Partners: Lehigh Valley Planning Commission, community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley, Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority, Renew Lehigh Valley, Lehigh County Department of Community and Economic Development, Northampton county Department of Community and Economic Development, Wildlands Conservancy

HUD Region: 3

Rhode Island

Regional Planning Grant Award

The **Rhode Island Division of Planning**, will be awarded **\$1,934,961** to develop a plan for *A Sustainable Road Island*. This plan would address subject matter gaps related to housing and economic development in Rhode Island's State Guide Plan. The plan will use HUD's Livability Principles as evaluation criteria to synthesize goals, strategies and actions contained in the substantially linked Land Use, Transportation, Economic Development and Housing State Guide Plan Elements, into an integrated implementation program outlining steps that will move the region from planning to action.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- The Identification and Delineation of specific geographic areas within the State that are most suitable for infill and development including areas most appropriate for infrastructure investment.
- Capacity Building within state and local government and among participants in the planning process by increasing skills and technical expertise in sustainable development.
- Utilization of a public participation strategy to reach target populations, engaging them in the planning process and ensuring sustained participation throughout the RPSD implementation.

Funding Amount: \$1,934,961

Core Partners: Rhode Island Housing, Rhode Island Public Transit Authority, Rhode Island Department of Transportation, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation, Rhode Island Department of Health, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, Grow Smart Rhode Island, Rhode Island Legal Services

HUD Region: 1

Tennessee

Regional Planning Grant Award

Shelby County Government will be awarded **\$2,619,999** to develop a *Mid-South Regional Greenprint and Sustainability Plan*. The development plan will address the critical need for initiating long-term comprehensive land use planning in the region. Effective community engagement and capacity building are critical to the process and the project proposes to demonstrate a citizen-based regional planning process, driven by a consortium working in partnership with governmental bodies and the private sector to establish a regional vision and structure for ongoing engagement and setting goals for the major focus areas of the working groups. Once a vision has been developed and working groups have established goals and priorities, the project will advance to funding sub-area or topic-focused plans or pilot planning

efforts from the regional to the neighborhood level. Implementation of these sub-plans is expected to occur through adoption of formal policy recommendations, citizen advocacy and re-alignment of budgets, capital improvement plans and investments/staffing.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- Increased participation and decision by traditionally marginalized populations as well as increase in access to greenways, bikeways and other modes of alternative transportation including low-income and minority neighborhoods.
- Reduced social and economic disparities for disadvantaged populations in the target subareas, including gradual reduction in poverty levels and a measurable increase in essential goods and services in low-income neighborhoods.
- Increase in affordable housing located close to walking trails, parks, and schools and improved public health outcomes resulting from creating safer, more walkable neighborhoods.

Funding Amount: \$2,619,999

Core Partners: The West Memphis MPO, The Mid-South Regional Greenways Steering Committee, ULI-Memphis, The Hyde Family Foundation, Memphis Regional Design Center, Community Development Council of Greater Memphis, Mid-South Peace and Justice Center

HUD Region: 4

Texas

Community Challenge Grant Award

The **City of Austin Neighborhood and Development Office** will be awarded **\$3,000,000** for the *Colony Park Sustainable Community Pilot*. The project is a proposed Master Planned, 208-acre development that will incorporate best practice strategies for energy-efficient building design, water conservation and zero-waste technology and standards to create a model sustainable and livable mixed-use, mixed-income community in the Austin, Texas. The project will include completion of a Master Plan, resulting in Planned Unit Development (PUD) rezoning; engineering for subdivision and site planning for review and approval by the City of Austin; infrastructure construction plans and architectural design guidelines for new sustainable residential and commercial development. The initiative will be led by the City of Austin Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office (NHCD), in partnership with the Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC). AHFC will serve as developer of the site and as builder for a portion of the housing. AHFC will also partner with private sector builders for development of both single-family and multi-family housing.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- Incorporate best practice strategies for energy-efficient building design, water conservation and zero waste technology and standards to create a model sustainable and livable mixed-use, mixed-income community in the Austin, Texas

- Complete a locally-developed and adopted Master Plan for subdivision and site planning and infrastructure construction plans and architectural design and plans for new sustainable residential and commercial development

Funding Amount: \$3,000,000

Core Partners: Austin Housing Finance Corporation, City of Austin Sustainability Office, Austin Energy, Austin Energy Green Building Program, The Pecan Street Project, Capital Area Texas Sustainability Consortium, City of Austin Solid Waste Services Department, City of Austin Water Utility, City of Austin Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services Office, Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department

HUD Region: 6

Community Challenge Grant Award

The **City of Garland, TX** will be awarded **\$106,500** for the *Centerville Marketplace Repositioning Strategy*. Through this strategy, the City and its partners seek to pioneer a new model of transforming distressed auto-dependent retail centers into vibrant mixed-use activity centers. Garland is transitioning from a fast-growing first-ring Dallas suburb to a mature urban city with all of the related issues that come with that status. With vacant developable land increasingly scarce, Garland must concentrate its efforts on redeveloping commercial districts that no longer meet consumer preferences and that rely solely on automobile access. Centerville Marketplace has historically served as one of the community’s key commercial centers. The economy in combination with the age of the center and changes in consumer demand have led to a rise in commercial vacancy. However recent public transportation investments and evidence of private sector interest make this an opportune time to revisit the configuration and tenant mix of Centerville Marketplace. Revising the now-outdated development regulations will help facilitate real estate and business investment that meets current market demand. Additionally, involving residents and community stakeholders in crafting a new vision for the center, one based in market reality, will enable this new investment to meet community aspirations.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- Broaden the housing construction opportunities within the Planning Area through amendments to the zoning codes with a basis in market reality and in accord with the community’s vision
- Develop policies and programs the city can apply to other centers and communities suffering a higher proportion of distressed retail property

Funding Amount: \$106,500

Core Partners: DART, Garland Chamber of Commerce, North Central Texas Council of Governments, Texas Department of Transportation

HUD Region: 6

Regional Planning Grant Award

Heart of Texas Council of Governments will be awarded **\$660,000** to develop a *Regional Plan for Sustainable Development (RPSD)* for the Development that has community engagement at its core and focuses primarily on gathering and integrating data and recommendations for three key areas: community, economy, and environment. The Regional Plan for Sustainable Development will include assessment and mapping of existing conditions as well as analysis and recommendations in the following areas: housing; transportation; water; infrastructure; air quality; solid waste; community engagement and engagement resources; entrepreneurship and small business; community priorities, needs, and concerns; issues creating disparities in access; economic vulnerability points, both for physical communities and for characteristic communities; and climate vulnerability points, especially drought and subsequent flooding.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- The plan will align local sustainability practices and goals with state and federal priorities and resources, which will in turn leverage additional investment into implementation.
- By working together in the process to develop and implement a RPSD, emergency preparedness planning will be developed and updated reciprocally with the RPSD.
- The RPSD will contain a specific plan for ongoing community engagement, which will offer strategies to increase engagement levels and to increase engagement impact.

Funding Amount: \$660,000

HUD Region: 6

Vermont

Regional Planning Grant Award

Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) will be awarded **\$480,000** to develop a plan for *Healthy, Vital and Strong Communities in Northwest Vermont* for the Counties of Grand Isle and Franklin. Through this plan, NRPC proposes to link a community health, economic vitality and social engagements toward a more vibrant future for the region. NRPC would achieve this link through: Filling gaps in the existing regional plan to improve health outcomes for citizens in rural and urban communities of the region. The plan will also focus on strategies to improve economic vitality and reduce poverty and engage the region's citizen's in the planning process.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- Provide small grants to organizations working in the region to implement programs that will educate the public about healthy community benefits, reduce/prevent drug and alcohol abuse, improve access to exercise for adults, connect school-aged children with safe rides home, improve access to childcare, and create pedestrian-oriented development code amendments.
- Provide small grants to organizations working on workforce development programs, mentoring services for adults, improved public transit, programs to attract and retain local businesses,

- childcare programs that address regional childcare shortage and local comprehensive plan amendments to further local economic development.
- Creation of implementation strategies for regional collaboration for disaster response.

Funding Amount: \$480,000

Core Partners: Franklin County Industrial Development Corporation, Lake Champlain Islands Chamber of Commerce, Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, Vermont Council on Rural Development, University of Vermont Center for Rural Studies, Northwest Medical Center, Rural Partnerships Inc., St. Albans Recreational Department, Vermont Department of Health, Grand Isle Clean Team

HUD Region: 1

Regional Planning Grant Award

Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission, will be awarded **\$540,000** to develop an *East Central Vermont Regional Plan for Sustainable Development* for the 40-town Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission (TRORC) and the Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission (SWCRPC) region of East Central Vermont. This grant will mesh the disparate planning programs of several regional organizations, with input from an even wider group of stakeholders. Planning efforts will be guided by extensive public input. The plan will focus on addressing housing, transportation, public utilities, natural resources and energy use in ways that bend the impacts of development toward a region that uses less energy, is more healthy and walkable, is more affordable and creates increased economic opportunity.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

- Alignment of public services with private sector needs and public funding
- Development of a housing plan that identifies the need for different housing types, including units that are accessible to people with disabilities, and a range of affordable options based on different income levels.
- Development of a transportation network that holistically recognizes the interactions between a multi-modal transportation network, land use context, economic development policies, and environmental effects
- Identification of a preferred growth scenario by comparing a spatial analysis and representation of three scenarios in the east central Vermont region.
- Greater concentration of development in previously built areas

Funding Amount: \$540,000

Core Partners: South Windsor County Regional Planning Commission, Vital Communities, Sustainable Energy Resource Group, Housing Vermont, Vermont Natural

Resources Council, Land Use Clinic at Vermont Law School, Champlain College, Vermont Economic Development Authority, Randolph Area Community Development Corporation, Upper Valley Housing Coalition, Upper Valley Land Trust

HUD Region: 1

Washington

Community Challenge Grant Award

The **City of Seattle** will be awarded **\$2,999,257** for the *Neighborhood Equitable Transit-Oriented Development Initiative (NET Initiative)*. The NET Initiative will implement equitable TOD along Seattle's existing LINK light rail line which serves the Rainier Valley, the city's most ethnically diverse, low-income neighborhoods. It will encourage mixed use, transit-oriented development through an inclusive process designed to sustain the community organizing capacity of these communities. Once Seattle's north/south lines are complete, light rail will link residents to over a million jobs region-wide as well as community colleges and universities, medical facilities, retail opportunities, and recreation. This plan will encourage mixed use, transit-oriented development through an inclusive process designed to sustain the community organizing capacity of these communities. The NET Initiative is based on the theory that creating affordable residential, commercial, and community space provides stability to current residents and businesses vulnerable to the displacement pressures of private investment and development at new light rail stations. Building off of recently-completed TOD plans for station areas, the NET Initiative will promote equitable development through integrated community development strategies.

Anticipated Project Benefits:

TOD Acquisition Loan Programs: Working with public and private partners, secure key sites for

- mixed-use transit-oriented development projects that include affordable residential and dedicated small business and community space.
- Commercial Stability Strategy: Support an established multicultural business district at Othello station by providing technical support and innovative approaches to stabilizing commercial leases and growing local businesses.
- Planning for Shared Cultural Centers: Fund a feasibility analysis and engage community members to plan a multicultural center to strengthen the existing culturally and ethnically diverse communities by providing a gathering place.

Funding Amount: \$2,999,257

Core Partners: Seattle Housing Authority, Sound Transit, University of Washington's Evans School of Public Affairs, Enterprise Community Partners, Impact Capital

HUD Region: 10

Community Challenge Grant Award

Thurston Regional Planning Council will be awarded **\$763,962** for the *Capitol-Martin Corridor and Neighborhood District Plan*. This plan will develop a coordinated vision, goals, policies, and implementation strategy for the three-city corridor as a whole, and focus planning efforts in Neighborhood Districts using infill and redevelopment for community revitalization. In the past 10 years, the corridor has suffered from low residential construction activity and commercial vacancies. The region hopes that implementation of the Corridor and District plans will serve as a national model for how small suburban cities can foster sustainable economic development, community livability, and reduce transportation plus housing costs through targeted and strategic planning, policy, and partnership efforts supported by well-designed investments.

- **Anticipated Project Benefits:**

- More variety in housing and job choices, destinations and activities, making the region's urban centers more vibrant and full of activity

- Increase transportation choices such as walking, bicycling, and transit – and shorten commutes for area residents

Attract more housing and residents to an area well-served by transit, reducing household combine housing and transportation costs

Funding Amount: \$763,962

Core Partners: City of Lacey, City of Olympia, City of Tumwater, Thurston County, Intercity Transit, Housing Authority of Thurston County, Thurston County Economic Development Council, Thurston County Chamber of Commerce, Planning Association of Washington, Washington State Department of Commerce

HUD Region: 10

Wyoming /Idaho

Regional Planning Grant Award

Fremont County, Idaho is awarded **\$1,500,000** to develop the *Regional Plan for Sustainable Development for the Western Greater Yellowstone Area*. This will include a Greater Yellowstone Framework for Sustainable Development, a Comprehensive Resource Plan and Sustainability Strategy, and a Model Development Code. The effort will connect an area that extends across two states and two national parks. The outcome of these studies and pilot jurisdictions will create a clear framework from which the consortium can move forward into the implementation stage of the plan. This framework will allow a group of local governments that share a common landscape come together to create a standardized code by which they can develop meaningful and effective plans for their respective jurisdictions. The consortium members understand the long-term benefits that will come from a well-structured and well-executed sustainability plan that reflects the cross-cutting lessons across jurisdictional boundaries.

- **Anticipated Project Benefits:**

- Create a clear framework from which the consortium can move forward into implementation

- Develop a locally supported code

Funding Amount: \$ 1,500,000

Core Partners: *Idaho:* Rexburg, Madison County, St. Anthony, Ashton, Island Park, Teton County, Driggs, Victor; *Wyoming:* Teton County; Yellowstone Business Council; USDA Forest Service; Bureau of Land Management; Idaho Department of State Lands

HUD Region: 10