

A scenic view of a waterfront area with modern buildings and a fountain. The foreground shows a paved walkway with large stone spheres. In the middle ground, a large fountain sprays water into the air. The background features several multi-story buildings, including a prominent one with a glass facade and arched windows. The sky is blue with light clouds.

PROJECT PROPOSAL: SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM

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Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program Overview

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- Funding from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to support *regional planning efforts that integrate planning for housing, environment, transportation, and land use*
- Funding distributed across large and small metropolitan planning areas
 - ▣ \$5 million maximum for large (over 500,000 pop) metro areas
 - Hampton Roads falls under this category

Timeline of Grant Application

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- Advance Notice Received – February 2010
- Advance Notice Public Comments – March 2010
- Notice of Funding Availability – June 24, 2010
- Application Deadline – August 23, 2010
- Grant Awards – late September 2010
- Proposal Refinement with HUD – Fall 2010
- Grant Proposal Execution – February 2011

Proposal Basics

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- Build on existing regional planning efforts
- Address regional challenges
- Identify regional opportunities
- Provide foundation for future planning efforts at local and regional levels

Proposal Concept

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- Regional Development Framework
 - Will involve an intensive public involvement effort
 - Assessment of existing conditions
 - Analysis of potential strategies and scenarios
 - Coordinate with local and regional plans
 - Local comprehensive plans
 - Long-Range Transportation Plan
 - Regional Green Infrastructure Plan
 - Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy: “Vision Hampton Roads”

Work Plan Timeline

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Public Involvement Process



Technical Process

Key Issues for Application

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- Application is due Monday, August 23, 2010
- Regional consortium required
- Budget and leverage requirements

Regional Consortium

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- Required by HUD to consist of:
 - ▣ Regional planning agency: HRPDC
 - ▣ Metropolitan Planning Organization: HRTPO
 - ▣ Local governments representing principle cities and at least half the regional population
 - ▣ A nonprofit organization, foundation, or educational institution “that has the capacity to engage a diverse representation of the general population” and the ability to work with local governments, HRTPO, and HRPDC
 - Suggestions: The Planning Council, Virginia Tidewater Consortium for Higher Education

Budgeting

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- Grant Proposal is for \$2 - \$3.5 million
- Leverage
 - ▣ Minimum Leverage of 20% (\$400k - \$700k)
 - ▣ Target leverage for viable proposal competitiveness is recommended at 35% (\$700k - \$1.2M)

Recommended Action

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- Endorse the HRPDC staff proposal concept via a Memorandum of Understanding with members of the regional consortium
- Authorize the Executive Director/Secretary to execute the Memorandum of Understanding

Comments or Questions?