



# PROJECT PROPOSAL: SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM

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# 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
  - \$2 million maximum for small (under 500,000 pop) metro areas
    - Not less than 25% of appropriations fund this category

# Grant Timeline

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- HUD released an Advance Notice and Request for Comments in February 2010
- Notice of Funding Availability expected any day
- HRPDC has completed registration process to be an applicant

# Basis for Proposal

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- Regional Challenges
  - Sea level rise/climate change
  - Housing affordability
  - Transportation
    - Congestion
    - Accessibility
    - Mobility
  - Water quality
  - Air quality

# Basis for Proposal (continued)

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- Regional Opportunities
  - ▣ Increased regional cooperation
  - ▣ Integrated planning for housing, environment, transportation, and land use
  - ▣ Build on previous regional planning efforts
    - Long-Range Transportation Planning
    - Regional Green Infrastructure Plan
    - Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy: “Vision Hampton Roads”

# Proposal Overview

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- HRPDC and HRTPO staff have discussed program with advisory groups
  - Joint Environmental Committee
  - Transportation Technical Advisory Committee
  - Southside Regional Planner Forum
  
- Advisory Group Comments:
  - Integrate planning for housing, environment, transportation, and land use
  - Analyze various regional growth scenarios
  - Identify common goals and principles: “Regional Planning Principles”
  - Complement existing plans and efforts such as “Vision Hampton Roads”
  - Provide technical support for local planning efforts

# Proposal Concept

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- Regional Development Framework
  - ▣ Will involve a proactive/aggressive public involvement strategy
  - ▣ Will involve key strategy/issue research and analysis
    - Existing Conditions
    - Future Conditions
    - Policy Alternatives
  - ▣ Development and analysis of different growth scenarios
  - ▣ Potential selection of preferred vision based on local government and public involvement

# Workload/budgeting

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- 3 to 4 year timeline
- Budget based on award
  - ▣ Advance Notice assumed 20% match
- Personnel requirements:
  - ▣ At least some in-house project management
  - ▣ Most contracted out
- Local government staff involvement

# Recommendations

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- Authorize HRPDC staff to
  - ▣ Develop application and apply for grant upon receipt of Notice of Funding Availability
  - ▣ Convene Working Group of local Planning Directors
  - ▣ Accept grant award if offered

# Questions?