

Strategic Growth Council



SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM SOLICITATION FOR APPLICATIONS AND INVITATION TO ATTEND TECHNICAL WORKSHOPS FOR THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM

On behalf of the Strategic Growth Council, the Department of Conservation will be administering a \$22.3 million competitive planning grant program for sustainable community plans.

Applications are due by 5:00 PM Tuesday, August 31, 2010.

Workshops will be conducted to provide technical assistance in preparing grant applications and vetting project proposals for eligibility and competitiveness.

WORKSHOP LOCATIONS

SACRAMENTO – July 27, 2010

(Tuesday)
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Cal EPA Building
1001 "I" Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
Sierra Hearing Room (2nd Floor)

ROHNERT PARK – July 29, 2010

(Thursday)
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Sonoma State University
1801 E. Cotati Avenue
Rohnert Park, CA 94928
Environmental Tech Center

LOS ANGELES – August 3, 2010

(Tuesday)
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Los Angeles County Metropolitan
Transportation Agency
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952
(Corner of Cesar E. Chavez Avenue
and Vignes Street) (Union Station)
Metro Board Room

MODESTO – August 5, 2010

(Thursday)
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
10th Street Place
1010 10th Street
Modesto, CA 95354
City/County Chambers
(Basement Level)

To RSVP for Technical Assistance workshops contact Bruce Gwynne at the Department of Conservation Division of Land Resource Protection at:

(916) 322-3439 or via email to: SGCsustainablecommunities@conservation.ca.gov

PLANNING GRANT APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY AND AVAILABLE FUNDING

Guidelines and FAQ's are available at: http://sgc.ca.gov/planning_grants.html

- Cities, counties, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), Joint Powers Authorities (JPAs), Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs), Councils of Governments (COGs), or combinations thereof, are eligible to apply. **However, for interested entities that are not eligible to apply, we encourage partnerships with eligible applicants.**

The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 funding is subject to future bond sales. Up to \$22,315,000 will be available for the first cycle of the planning grants.

Applications must be must received, or postmarked, by 5:00 PM, Tuesday, August 31, 2010.

Mail or deliver your application package to:
Sustainable Communities Planning Grants Program
c/o Department of Conservation
Division of Land Resource Protection
801 K Street, MS Floor 18-01
Sacramento, CA 95814

Please submit three hard (paper) copies (one unbound original and two copies) and one digital copy (CD or DVD), in Microsoft Office Suite or PDF formats, including Proposal Summary Statement, Proposal Description, and all supporting documents.

See the Guidelines and Application at:
http://www.sgc.ca.gov/docs/funding/2010_04_22_Planning_Grant_Guidelines- FINAL REVISED.pdf

The **Strategic Growth Council** is tasked with coordinating the activities of state agencies to: improve air and water quality; protect natural resources and natural lands; increase availability of affordable housing; improve infrastructure systems; promote public health; and assist state and local entities in the planning of sustainable communities. Find out more about the Strategic Growth Council at: <http://www.sgc.ca.gov/>

The **Sustainable Communities Planning Grants and Incentives Program** awards financial assistance to cities, counties, Regional Transportation Planning Agencies, Joint Powers Authorities, Councils of Governments, and Metropolitan Planning Organizations for the development, update, adoption, and/or implementation of planning instruments, including the following: Targeted General Plan Updates or Elements; Specific Plans/Infill Plans/Zoning Ordinances; Climate Action Plans; Regional Plans; Rural Blueprint Plans; Interregional Plans; Sustainable Community Strategies; Alternative Planning Strategy; Natural Communities Conservation Plans; or Regional Greenprint Plans. Find out more about the Sustainable Communities Planning Grants and Incentives Program at: http://www.sgc.ca.gov/docs/funding/2010_04_22_Planning_Grant_Guidelines- FINAL REVISED.pdf