

POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCES FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

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FEDERAL								
US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)								
Community Facilities Grants	USDA	\$2 billion requested for FY13	Grants are available to public entities such as municipalities, counties, and special-purpose districts, as well as non-profit corporations and tribal governments.	Community Programs provides grants to assist in the development of essential community facilities in rural areas and towns of up to 20,000 in population. Grant funds may be used to assist in the development of essential community facilities. Grant funds can be used to construct, enlarge, or improve community facilities for health care, public safety, and	Development Financing, Construction	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/HAD-CF_Grants.html	Check website for application procedure	Discretionary
Farm to School Grant Program	USDA	\$5 million (award ceiling \$100,000 and award floor is \$20,000)	Eligible Schools; State and Local Agencies; Indian Tribal Organizations Agricultural Producers or Groups of Agricultural Producers; and Non-Profit Entities	Grants to assist implementation of programs that improve access to local foods in eligible schools, particularly farm to school programs. For example, nutritional-based education efforts, school gardens, standards-based curriculum, field trips to local farms, and other hands on activities. Three types of funding available: planning, implementation and support grants. Applicant must provide at least 25% of	Training, supporting operations, planning, purchasing equipment, developing gardens, partnerships and implementing	http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=mMkTRZRTmLqBywdXjnLJZkF2TIKfHxxzfZR5CRNvWZyhspgtRMhX!-802028924?oppld=219273&mode=VIEW	April 24, 2013	Discretionary
Healthy Food Financing Initiative	USDA	\$50 million	Businesses, local and tribal governments, non-profit organizations, cooperatives and universities, State Dept. of Agriculture, Colleges and Universities, Treasury-certified Community Development Financial Institutions and Community Development Entities, Community Development	Provides funding to increase access to healthy food in communities, particularly lower-income neighborhoods without grocery stores or other sources of fresh produce and nutritious food. Funds can be used to finance the opening of new grocery stores or renovate existing stores to expand supply of healthy food. Funds can also be used to improve distribution systems and do outreach and education to consumers about healthy food choices.	Financial and Technical Assistance	http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/ocs_food.html	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary
Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	USDA	Generally grants range \$10,000 up to \$500,000. (\$30 million requested for FY13)	Rural public entities (towns, communities, State agencies, and authorities), Indian tribes and rural private non-profit corporations are eligible to apply for funding.	The RBEG program provides grants for rural projects that finance and facilitate development of small and emerging rural businesses help fund distance learning networks, and help fund employment related adult education programs. Examples of eligible fund use include: Acquisition or development of land, easements, or rights of way; construction, renovation, of buildings, access streets and roads, parking areas, utilities; pollution control and abatement; capitalization of revolving loan funds including funds that will make loans for start ups and working capital; training and technical assistance; distance adult learning for job training and	Acquisition, Construction, Technical Assistance	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_rbeg.html	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary

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Rural Business Opportunity Grants (RBOG)	USDA	The maximum grant for a project serving a single state is \$50,000. The maximum grant for a project serving two or more states is \$150,000.	Rural public bodies, rural nonprofit corporations, rural Indian tribes, and cooperatives with primarily rural members.	The RBOG program promotes sustainable economic development in rural communities with exceptional needs through provision of training and technical assistance for business development, entrepreneurs, and economic development officials and to assist with economic development planning.	Training and Technical Assistance	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_RB OG.html	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary

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Rural Community Development Initiative	USDA	\$8 million requested for FY13	Check website	To develop the capacity and ability of private, nonprofit community-based housing and community development organizations, and low income rural communities to improve housing, community facilities, community and economic development	Technical Assistance	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/HAD-RCDI_Grants.html	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary
Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (REDLG)	USDA	\$43 million requested for FY13	A not-for-profit utility that is eligible to receive assistance from the Rural Development Electric or Telecommunication Program or a current Rural Development Electric or Telecommunication Programs Borrower. Other eligibility restrictions apply.	USDA provides grant funds to local utility organizations which use the funding to establish revolving loan funds. Loans are made from the revolving loan fund to projects that will create or retain rural jobs. Among other uses, funds can be used for community development assistance to non-profits and public bodies (particularly job creation or enhancement) and facilities and equipment for education and training for	Technical Assistance, Capitalization of revolving loan funds	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_redlg.html	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary

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US DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (EDA)								
Strong Cities, Strong Communities Visioning Challenge (SC2)	EDA and HUD	\$6 million total; \$1 million will be awarded to six total cities	Cities	Funding will support the development and implementation of comprehensive economic development strategic plans. Grant recipients run a local Challenge Competition, inviting multidisciplinary teams to submit proposals for comprehensive economic development strategic plans establishing and promoting a vision and approach to stimulate local economic	Economic development planning	http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-07-11/pdf/2011-17319.pdf	EDA is currently seeking public input on this program-funds are not yet available.	Discretionary
Planning and Local Technical Assistance Programs	EDA	Varies	State governments, County governments, City or township governments, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Nonprofits, Private institutions of higher education and Others (see text field entitled "Additional	These programs will help communities develop the planning and technical expertise to support communities and regions in their comprehensive, entrepreneurial, and innovation-based economic development efforts. Under the Planning Program, EDA provides assistance to eligible recipients to create regional economic development plans in order to stimulate and guide the economic development efforts of a community or region.	Planning/ Development Financing	http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=kDW2PsLT1zdv3HLW1Bpwx3yQvQbpJPt1XnmTfyM1yGJpBP99tt2g!-757993493?oppld=58876&mode=VIEW	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary

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US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT)								
Alternatives Analysis Program- Discretionary Livability Funding Opportunity	DOT (FTA)	\$25 million	MPOs, city agencies, transit agencies, and other local government authorities	Assist in financing the evaluation of all reasonable modal and multimodal alternatives and general alignment options for identified transportation needs in a particular, broadly defined travel corridor. Studies funded in this round of grants should further the Department's livability efforts.	Planning	https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2012/03/12/2012-5895/fy-2012-discretionary-livability-funding-opportunity-alternatives-analysis-program?utm_campaign=subscription+mailing+list&utm_medium=email&utm_source=federalregister.gov#h-	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary
Bus Livability Initiative	DOT (FTA)	\$125 million	Transit agencies or other public transportation providers, States and Indian Tribes.	Provide funding to transit agencies to replace, rehabilitate, and purchase buses and related equipment, as well as construct or rehabilitate bus facilities.	Capital Infrastructure Investments	http://fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3557.html	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary
Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) Program	DOT (FHWA/FTA)	Apportioned to States by a formula	N/A - Funding distributed to States via a statutory formula based on population and air quality classification designated by EPA.	Support for transportation projects or programs that improve air quality and relieve congestion in areas that do not meet National Ambient Air Quality Standards. Includes capital transportation investments and pedestrian/bicycle facilities and	Capital Infrastructure Investments	http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/air_quality/cmaq/	Check with state DOT or local MPO	Formula
Discretionary Bus and Bus Facilities (Section 5309): State of Good Repair Initiative	DOT (FTA)	\$650 million	Transit agencies or other public transportation providers, States or Indian Tribes.	Provide funding to rehabilitate bus and bus facilities. FTA will prioritize the replacement and rehabilitation of intermodal facilities that support the connection of bus service with multiple modes of transportation, including but not limited to: rail, ferry, intercity bus and private transportation providers. In order to be eligible for funding, intermodal facilities must have adjacent	Capital Infrastructure Investments	http://fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3557.html	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary

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Innovative Transit Workforce Development Program	DOT (FTA)	\$5 million	Eligible applicants are public transit agencies; state departments of transportation (DOTs) providing public transportation services; and Indian tribes, non-profit institutions and institutions of higher education.	FTA seeks proposals that promote diverse and innovative successful workforce development models and programs. Focus will be placed on programs that leverage investments in public transit that impacts local employment, support blue-collar operations and maintenance particularly in the area of new and emerging technologies and supports innovative methods of encouraging youth to pursue career in public transportation.	Faculty/instructors, including salaries and fringe benefits, support staff, classroom space, books, materials and supplies, transportation stipends for students. Capital expenses such as equipment purchases are not considered to be eligible costs unless they directly relate to the workforce development program being supported by FTA	https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2012/05/31/2012-13220/innovative-transit-workforce-development-program?utm_campaign=subscription+mailing+list&utm_medium=email&utm_source=federalregister.gov#p-3	July 6, 2012	Discretionary
INVEST 1.0 Implementation Projects	DOT (FHWA)	Multiple awards between \$25,000 to \$150,000	State DOTs, MPOs and other transportation agencies	Funding and technical assistance to MPOs, State DOTs, and local transportation agencies to evaluate the sustainability of transportation systems using INVEST 1.0. FHWA's INVEST tool is a collection of voluntary best practices and criteria designed to help transportation agencies integrate sustainable practices into their projects, plans, and programs.	Implementation	https://www.sustainablehighways.org/	Letters of interest by Feb.15 (but will be accepted after that time)	Discretionary
National Scenic Byways	DOT (FHWA)	\$43.5 million	State DOTs and Indian Tribes	Livability is a criteria that will be used in the consideration of projects. Projects on designated National Scenic Byways; All-American Roads; America's Byways®; State scenic byways; or Indian tribe scenic byways; could include construction of a facility for pedestrians and bicyclists; An improvement to a scenic byway that will enhance access to an area for the purpose of recreation; development of tourist information to the public (such as biking info and maps on scenic byways).	Capital Infrastructure Investments	http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/discretionary/nsbp2011info.htm	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary

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New Freedom Program (5317)	DOT (FTA)	Apportioned to States by a formula	States and public bodies are eligible designated recipients. Eligible sub recipients are private non-profit organizations, State or local governments, and operators of public transportation services including private operators of public transportation services.	The New Freedom formula grant program aims to provide additional tools to overcome existing barriers facing Americans with disabilities seeking integration into the work force and full participation in society. The New Freedom formula grant program seeks to reduce barriers to transportation services and expand the transportation mobility options available to people with disabilities beyond the requirements of the Americans with	Capital Infrastructure Investments	http://fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3549.html	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Formula
Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program	DOT (FHWA)	State allocated	State/MPO allocated	Conduct research and develop guidelines, tools and safety countermeasures to reduce pedestrian and bicycle fatalities.	Planning/research	http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/ped_bike/	Check website for next Notice of Funding Available (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary
Public Lands Highways	DOT (FHWA)	\$98.5 million	State DOTs, Federal Land Management Agencies, State government agencies, metropolitan planning organizations, local governments, and tribal governments – must apply through DOTs	Livability is a criteria that will be considered in the selection of projects. Transportation planning, research, and engineering and construction of, highways, roads, parkways, and transit facilities that are within, adjacent to, or provide access to Indian reservations and Federal public lands, including national parks, refuges, forests, recreation areas, and grasslands.	Capital Infrastructure Investments	http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/discretionary/plhd2011info.htm	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary
Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program; Tribal Transit Program	DOT (FTA)	Approximately \$15 million	Eligible applicants include Federally-recognized Indian tribes or Alaska Native villages, groups, or communities as identified by the U.S. Department of Interior (DOI), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).	Provides grants to federally recognized tribes or other identified groups to fund public transportation capital projects, operating costs of equipment and facilities for use in public transportation, planning, and the acquisition of public transportation services, including service agreements with private providers of public transportation services.	Capital and operating costs, planning and acquisition of public transportation services	https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2012/03/09/2012-5819/public-transportation-on-indian-reservations-program-tribal-transit-	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary
Rail Highway Crossing Hazard Elimination in High Speed Rail Corridors	DOT (FHWA)	\$21 million	States along the 11 designated high-speed rail corridors.	Elimination of hazards at railway-highway crossings along 11 designated high-speed rail corridors; could include pedestrian crossing improvements, civil or utility improvements such as improved crossing surfaces, lighting, and improved sight distance.	Capital Infrastructure Investments	http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/discretionary/rhchehsr2011info.htm	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary

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Recreational Trails Program (RTP)	DOT (FHWA)	State allocated	State/MPO allocated	Funding for maintenance and new construction of recreational trails and related facilities.	Capital Infrastructure Investments	http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/rectrails/	Check with state DOT: http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/rectrails/rtpstate.htm	Discretionary
Rural Transit Assistance Program (5311(b)(3))	DOT (FTA)	Apportioned to States by a formula	States, local governments, and providers of rural transit services.	The Rural Transit Assistance Program (49 U.S.C. 5311(b)(3)) provides a source of funding to assist in the design and implementation of training and technical assistance projects and other support services tailored to meet the needs of <u>transit operators in nonurbanized areas.</u>	Capital Infrastructure Investments	http://fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3554.html	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Formula
Safe Routes to School	DOT (FHWA)	State allocated	Determined by state DOT	Funding to improve sidewalks, crosswalks, bicycle infrastructure, and street improvements near elementary and middle schools.	Capital Infrastructure Investments	http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/saferoutes/	Check with state DOT	Discretionary
Section 5303-Metropolitan Planning; Section 5304-Statewide Planning; Section 5305-Planning Programs	DOT (FTA)	Apportioned to States by a formula	State DOTs and MPOs	These programs provide funds to support planning for transportation investment decisions in metropolitan areas and statewide; they are typically used to support planning for new and extension fixed rail projects paid for by New Starts. Eligible uses include planning for projects that protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and <u>State and local planned growth and</u>	Planning	http://fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3563.html	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Formula
Surface Transportation Program - Transportation Enhancement	DOT (FHWA)	Apportioned to States by a formula	State/MPO allocated	Helps expand transportation choices and enhance transportation through 12 eligible transportation enhancement surface transportation activities, including pedestrian & bicycle infrastructure and safety programs, landscaping beautification, historic preservation, and	Capital Infrastructure Investments	http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/te/	Check with state DOT: http://www.enhancements.org/contacts.asp	Discretionary
Transportation, Community & System Preservation	DOT (FHWA)	\$61 million	States, metropolitan planning organizations, local governments, and tribal governments	Livability is a criterion that will be used to evaluate candidate projects. Planning grants, implementation grants, and research, could include transit projects, complete streets, streetscaping, ped/bike improvements or plans, implementation of transit-oriented development plans, traffic calming measures, and much more. Very flexible program – projects must improve relationships among transportation, <u>community, and system preservation plans</u>	Planning/Research/Capital Infrastructure Investments	http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/discretionary/tcsp2011info.htm	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary

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Transit Cooperative Research Program (5313)	DOT (FTA)	Funds are allocated on an annual basis	Funds for projects are allocated by transit industry consensus through the Transportation Research Board (TRB).	The Transit Cooperative Research Program (TCRP) is an applied, contract research program that develops near-term, practical solutions to problems facing transit agencies. The transit industry driven program, TCRP, promotes operating effectiveness and efficiency in the public transportation industry by conducting practical, near-term research designed to solve operational problems, adopt useful technologies from related industries and introduce innovation that provides better	Research	http://fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3552.html	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary
Transportation for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities	DOT (FTA)	State allocated	States are direct recipients. Eligible subrecipients are private non-profit organizations, governmental authorities where no non-profit organizations are available to provide service and governmental authorities approve to coordinate services	This program (49 U.S.C. 5310) provides formula funding to States for the purpose of assisting private nonprofit groups in meeting the transportation needs of the elderly and persons with disabilities when the transportation service provided is unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate to meeting these needs. Funds are apportioned based on each State's share of population for these groups of people	Transit Operating Assistance	http://fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3556.html	Check with state DOT	Discretionary
Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA)	DOT (FHWA)	\$200 million as part of TIGER III	State departments of transportation; local governments; transit agencies; special authorities; special districts; railroad companies; and private firms or consortia that may include companies specializing in engineering, construction, materials, and/or the operation of transportation	Provides federal credit assistance in the form of direct loans, loan guarantees, and standby lines of credit to finance surface transportation projects of national and regional significance. TIFIA can help advance qualified, large-scale projects that otherwise might be delayed or deferred because of size, complexity, or uncertainty over the timing of revenues.	Capital Infrastructure Investments	http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/ipd/tifia/	Deadline for applications has passed. Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary
Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER)	DOT	\$527 million, \$141 million for rural areas	State, local, and tribal governments, including U.S. territories, tribal governments, transit agencies, port authorities, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), other political subdivisions of State or local governments, and multi-State or multijurisdictional groups	Competitive grant program funding infrastructure projects that promote economic competitiveness, improve energy efficiency, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve safety, quality-of-life and working environments in communities. Unlike last year, no planning grants will be awarded this year and all the funding will be for project implementation.	Capital Infrastructure Investments	http://www.dot.gov/tiger	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary
Transit Investment in Greenhouse Gas and Energy Reduction (TIGGER)	DOT (FTA)	\$49.9 million	Transit agencies or state DOTs	Provides funding for (1) capital investments that assist in reducing the energy consumption of a transit system and (2) capital investments that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions of a public transportation system.	Capital Infrastructure Investments	http://fta.dot.gov/tigger	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary

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Transportation Planning Capacity Building Program (TPCB)	DOT (FHWA/FTA)		State, metropolitan, rural and small communities, tribal and public lands planning opportunities are available.	Provides training, technical assistance, and support to help decision makers, transportation officials, and staff resolve complex transportation needs in their communities. Resources available on topics including land use, scenario planning, TOD, non-motorized transportation, safety, community impact assessments, operations and management strategies, and analysis methods.	Planning/research	http://www.planning.dot.gov/	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary and Formula
Urbanized Area Formula Program	DOT (FTA)	Apportioned to States by a formula	Funding is made available to designated recipients that must be public bodies with the legal authority to receive and dispense Federal funds. Governors, responsible local officials and publicly owned operators of transit services are to designate a recipient to apply for, receive, and dispense funds for transportation management areas pursuant to 49USCA5307(a)(2).	Provide transit capital and operating assistance in urbanized areas and for transportation related planning.	Capital Infrastructure Investments/Operating Assistance	http://fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3561.html	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Formula
Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative Grant Program	DOT (FTA) (in partnership with HHS and Department of Veterans Affairs, Labor and Defense)	\$25 million in capital funding; \$5 million in research funding	Eligible applicants are existing Direct Recipients under FTA's Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula program, as well as local governments, States, and Indian Tribes.	The Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative (VTCLI) is an innovative, federally coordinated partnership that will make it easier for U.S. veterans, active service members, military families, and others to learn about and arrange for locally available transportation services that connect them with work, education, health care, and other vital services in their communities. Projects are being funded in urban, suburban, and rural communities around the nation to strengthen and promote "one-call" information centers and other tools.	Capital and research grants	http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants/13094_13528.html	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)								
Brownfields Assessment Grant Program	EPA	Up to \$200,000 over three years or \$1M for coalitions over 3 years	Local governments, land clearance authorities, state-created governmental entities, regional councils/MPOs, state	Funding for planning/assessing brownfield redevelopment, conducting planning and community involvement, and site cleanup.	Environmental cleanup, Planning	http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/assessment_grants.htm	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary
Brownfield Economic Development Initiative (BEDI)	EPA	\$17.325 million, max grant \$3 million	Any public entity eligible to apply for Section 108 loan guarantee assistance	Competitive funding program to spur redevelopment of brownfield sites to productive economic use. Must be used in conjunction with a Section 108 loan	Environmental cleanup, Affordable Housing	http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/nofa10/grpbedi.cfm	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary
Brownfields and Lands Revitalization	EPA	\$76 million in FY2011	Local governments, land clearance authorities, state-created governmental entities, regional councils/MPOs, state	Funding for planning/assessing brownfield redevelopment and site cleanup. Restoration of brownfield sites to productive use and revitalization of affected neighborhoods	Environmental cleanup, Planning	http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/grant_info/index.htm	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary
Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities	EPA	\$2.5 million	Eligible applicants are states, territories, Indian Tribes, interstate organizations, intrastate organizations, and possessions of the U.S., including the District of Columbia; public and private universities and colleges, hospitals, laboratories, and other public or private	EPA will provide technical assistance to selected communities to implement development approaches that protect the environment, improve public health, create jobs, expand economic opportunity, and improve overall quality of life. Funding will also be given to communities facing community development challenges. Support provided by EPA or through non-profit organizations.	Technical Assistance	http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=70533 or http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/buildingblocks.htm	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary
Capacity Building for Sustainable Communities	EPA/HUD	\$5.65 million, max amount \$ 1 million	A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, a local or state public agency, a for-profit organization (for-profit firms are eligible, however, while they are allowed to cover their direct and indirect costs, they are not allowed to earn a profit from the project, and they are not eligible to receive EPA funding), a nationally recognized and accredited University or College; or any combination of the aforementioned entities as a Capacity Building Team to combine their skills and offer a coordinated program. A Capacity Building Team must designate a lead applicant to act as the fiscal agent for the grant.	Funding for intermediary organizations who will assist HUD in providing technical assistance to communities engaged in planning efforts built around integrating housing, land use, transportation, and other issues. Primary support will be given to recipients of Sustainable Communities and Brownfield Area Wide Planning grants.	Technical Assistance	http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/nofa11/grpcapbldgsc	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary
Clean Diesel Projects	EPA	\$20 million						

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Smart Growth Technical Assistance grants	EPA	Various	Local governments	Annual, competitive solicitation open to state, local, regional, and tribal governments (and non-profits that have partnered with a governmental entity) that want to incorporate smart growth techniques into their future development.	Technical Assistance	http://www.epa.gov/dced/sgia.htm	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary
Smart Growth Implementation Assistance (SGIA) program	EPA	Assistance provided by contracted experts	Tribes, states, regions, local governments, as well as nonprofits that have a partnership with a government entity.	The SGIA program focuses on complex or cutting-edge issues, such as stormwater management, code revision, transit-oriented development, affordable housing, infill development, corridor planning, green building, and climate change. Applicants can submit proposals under 4 categories: community resilience to disasters, job creation, the role of manufactured homes in sustainable neighborhood design or medical and social service facilities siting.	Technical Assistance	http://epa.gov/smartgrowth/sgia.htm	March 1, 2013	Discretionary
Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities	EPA	\$2.5 million	Eligible applicants are states, territories, Indian Tribes, interstate organizations, intrastate organizations, and possessions of the U.S., including the District of Columbia; public and private universities and colleges, hospitals, laboratories, and other public or private	EPA will provide technical assistance to selected communities to implement development approaches that protect the environment, improve public health, create jobs, expand economic opportunity, and improve overall quality of life.	Technical Assistance	http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=70533 or http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/buildingblocks.htm	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary
Water Quality Management Planning Grants (EPA)	EPA	Apportioned to States by a formula	States	Funding for financing high priority infrastructure projects needed to ensure clean water and safe drinking water.	Capital infrastructure investments	http://www.epa.gov/region4/water/grantprograms.html#management	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Formula

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US DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)								
Community Transformation Grants (CTG) - Small Communities Program	HHS/Center for Disease Control (CDC)	\$70 million	Governmental agencies and non-governmental organizations across a variety of sectors, including transportation, housing, education, and public health	The purpose of the grant is to reduce the rate of chronic diseases and to make improvements to the built environment in order to promote healthier lifestyles.	Planning/capital infrastructure investments	http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?sessionId=RgW1PFPFQshPqDGLW5sBW8ZQTmTpXQwjMLlqTy7zJdwfc1QLpXP!-1021879135?oppld=173114&mode=VIEW	The letter of intent deadline is June 18, 2012 and the application deadline is July 31, 2012	Discretionary
Healthy Food Financing Initiative	HHS, Treasury and USDA	\$10 million	Community development corporations (CDCs) whose principal purpose is planning, developing, or managing low-income housing or community development activities.	Provides funding to increase access to healthy food in communities, particularly lower-income neighborhoods without grocery stores or other sources of fresh produce and nutritious food. Funds can be used to finance the opening of new grocery stores or renovate existing stores to expand supply of healthy food. Funds can also be used to improve distribution systems and do outreach and education to consumers about healthy food choices.	Development Financing	http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2011-ACF-OCS-EE-0178/html	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary
Health Impact Assessment to Foster Healthy Community Design	HHS/Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)	\$2.8 million, max grant \$180,000	Nonprofit, For-profit organizations (other than small business), Small, minority, and women-owned businesses, Universities, Colleges, Research institutions, Hospitals, Community-based organizations, Faith-based organizations, Federally recognized or state-recognized American Indian/Alaska Native tribal governments, American Indian/Alaska native tribally designated organizations, Alaska Native health corporations, Urban Indian health organizations, Tribal epidemiology centers, State and local governments or their Bona Fide Agents	Seeks to promote an evidence-based approach toward community design decision-making through three major activities: first, improving surveillance related to community design so communities have reliable local data they can use; second, encouraging Health Impact Assessments (HIAs) of policies, programs, and projects that will affect community design; and finally, supporting evaluation within the field.	Planning	http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=66533	August 1, 2012	Discretionary

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US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)								
Building Neighborhood Capacity Program Training and Technical Assistance (BCNP)	HUD	Up to \$2 million	Nonprofit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, institutions of higher learning, and for-profit organizations (commercial) with significant experience in supporting neighborhood and community development through training and technical assistance. For-profit organizations must agree to forgo any profit or management fee.	Through the BNCP, five neighborhoods will be competitively selected by the TTA Coordinator, in consultation with the federal partners, and offered a range of training and technical assistance (TTA) to help them begin or sustain the process of revitalization, guided by comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plans, in concert with relevant local and state plans and planning processes.	Planning/ Technical Assistance	http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/11BNCTTAsol.pdf	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary
Capacity Building for Community Development and Affordable Housing Grants	HUD	\$49.4 million	Community development financing institutions (CDFIs)	Funding for intermediary organizations to assist HUD in providing technical assistance to community development corporations and community housing development organizations to carry out community development and affordable housing activities that benefit low-income	Technical Assistance	http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/nofa11/grpcapbldg	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary
Capital Fund Education and Training Community Facility Grant	HUD	\$15 million; max grant \$5 million	Public housing authorities	Capital funding for public housing authorities to construct, rehabilitate, or purchase facilities for early childhood education, adult education, and/or job training programs for public housing residents based on an identified need.	Development Financing	http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/nofa11/grpcf	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary
Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Program	HUD	\$110 million	Public housing authorities (PHAs), local governments, nonprofits, tribal entities and for-profit developers that apply jointly with a public entity.	Funding is available to revitalize severely distressed public and/or HUD-assisted multifamily housing in distressed neighborhoods into viable, mixed-income communities with access to well-functioning services, high quality educational programs, public transportation, and jobs. Preferred Sustainability Applicants receive an additional two bonus points.	Development Financing	http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=2012cninofa.pdf	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary
Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Planning Grant	HUD	\$ 5 million	Public housing authorities, local governments, nonprofits, and for-profit developers that apply jointly with a public entity.	Funding to help communities develop comprehensive grassroots plans (Transformation Plans) that link affordable housing with quality education, public transportation, good jobs and safe streets. Neighborhood revitalization plans should achieve three core goals: transform distressed public and assisted housing into energy efficient and mixed-income housing, support positive outcomes for families who live in the target development (s), and transform high-poverty neighborhoods into viable mixed-income communities. Applicants with Preferred Sustainability Status receive an additional two bonus points.	Planning	http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail/nofa12/cnipp	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary

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Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)	HUD	Apportioned to States by a formula	State allocated	Formula grants for local governments to carry out community and economic development activities.	Planning/ Development Financing/ Affordable Housing	http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Formula
Economic Development Initiative Grant	HUD		Only the entities named by Congress in the Committee Print of the Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives, March 2009 are eligible to apply for Economic Development Initiative-Special Project (EDI-SP) grant funds.	Provide local governments with additional security for the Section 108 loan, thereby reducing the exposure of its CDBG funds in the event of a default in loans made locally with the 108 funds. Or, make the project more feasible by paying some of the project costs with grant funds or by reducing the interest rate to be paid from a revolving loan fund.	Development Financing/ Affordable Housing	http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=h0pGTTJCkRB3Lwz5hvjkrmJ752YhP2pnYKb2RL1yZ3vBX6VPz2g2!2057934305?oppld=47214&mode=VIEW	August 1, 2012	Discretionary
HOME Program	HUD	Up to \$2 billion, max state grant \$3 million or formula allocation; local jurisdictions eligible for at least \$500,000 under the	Local & State governments	Formula funding to create affordable housing for low-income households, in the form of direct assistance or loan guarantees. Funds can be used for most kinds of housing development, including acquisition and rehabilitation in the creation of low-income housing.	Development Financing/ Affordable Housing	http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/affordablehousing/programs/home/	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Formula
HOPE VI Main Street Program	HUD	\$500,000, max grant \$500,000 (only one awardee)	Local governments with populations of 50,000 or less that currently have less than 100 public housing units	Small community grants to assist with downtown revitalization of a historic or traditional central business district by replacing unused commercial space with affordable housing units.	Planning/Development Financing/ Affordable Housing	http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/nofa11/HOPE%20VI%20Main%20Street	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary
Neighborhood Initiative Grants	HUD		Only the entity named by Congress in the Conference Report on the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010 (H.R. 111-366), is eligible to apply for Neighborhood Initiative (NI) grant funds.	Intended to stimulate investment in distressed areas and may be used for the construction and rehabilitation of affordable housing and community education programs.	Development Financing/ Affordable Housing	http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=52032	August 1, 2012	Earmark
Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)	HUD	Varies	States, territories and local governments	NSP is intended to stabilize communities that have suffered from foreclosures and abandonment by providing funds to purchase and redevelop distressed residential properties. NSP1 provides grants to all states and selected local governments on a formula basis. NSP2 provides grants to states, local governments, nonprofits and a consortium of nonprofit entities on a competitive basis. NSP3 provides a third round of neighborhood stabilization grants to all	Planning/ Development Financing/ Affordable Housing	http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/neighborhoodspg/	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary

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Section 8 (Project Based)	HUD	(Direct Payments for Specified Use) FY 10 \$9,574,433,640; FY 11 est. \$9,967,000,000; and FY 12 est. \$10,328,000,000	No funding is available to new applicants. Funding is currently available only for the owners of record of projects with an existing expiring project-based Section 8 contract. The project must meet minimum decent, safe, and sanitary	Provide capital advances to finance the construction, rehabilitation or acquisition of properties that will serve as supportive housing for very low-income persons.	Development Financing/ Affordable Housing	https://www.cfda.gov/?s=program&mode=form&tab=step1&id=928484a484e124be594b1e63fc6a27e3	Not Applicable. Assistance is available on a renewable basis.	Direct Payment for a Specified Use
Section 108 Loan Guarantees	HUD		Eligible applicants include the following public entities: metropolitan cities and urban counties (i.e. CDBG entitlement recipients); nonentitlement communities that are assisted in the submission of applications by States that administer the CDBG program; and nonentitlement communities eligible to receive CDBG funds under the HUD-Administered Small Cities CDBG program (Hawaii). The public entity may be the borrower or it may designate a public agency as the borrower.	Provides CDBG-eligible communities with a source of financing for economic development, public facilities, and other eligible large-scale physical development projects.	Development Financing	http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/108/	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary
Section 202-Supportive Housing for the Elderly	HUD	\$371 million	Private nonprofit organizations and nonprofit consumer cooperatives	Provide capital advances to finance the construction, rehabilitation or acquisition of properties that will serve as supportive housing for very low-income elderly persons.	Development Financing	http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/mfh/pr ogdesc/eld202	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary
Section 221-Mortgage Insurance for Moderate Income	HUD	(Guaranteed/Insured Loans) FY 10 \$2,899,429,000; FY 11 est. \$4,035,000,000; and FY 12 est. \$4,406,137,561	Public, profit-motivated sponsors, limited distribution, nonprofit cooperative, builder-seller, investor-sponsor, and general mortgagors.	Insures mortgage loans to facilitate the new construction or substantial rehabilitation of multifamily rental or cooperative housing for moderate-income families, elderly, and the handicapped.	Mortgage financing	https://www.cfda.gov/?s=program&mode=form&tab=step1&id=ed7562d7186c5d6fde9341a12cf884c7	N/A	Guaranteed/Insured Loans

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Section 542- Risk-Sharing	HUD	(Guaranteed/Insured Loans) FY 10 \$139,007,526; FY 11 est. \$200,000,000; and FY 12 est. \$233,277,778	Eligible mortgagors, who include investors, builders, developers, public entities, and private nonprofit corporations or associations, may apply to a qualified HFA. To be eligible for HUD's approval, the HFA must: (1) carry the designation of "top tier" or its equivalent as evaluated by Standard and Poor's or another nationally recognized rating agency; (2) receive an overall rating of "A" for the HFA for its general obligation bonds from a nationally recognized rating agency; and (3) otherwise demonstrate its capacity as a sound, well-managed agency that is experienced in financing	Provides credit enhancement for mortgages of multifamily housing projects whose loans are underwritten, processed, serviced, and disposed of by housing finance authorities.	Mortgage financing	https://www.cfda.gov/?s=program&mode=form&tab=step1&id=2f06646d4420559ef606a30f82bbee24	N/A	Guaranteed/Insured Loans
Section 811 – Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities	HUD	\$141 million	Nonprofit organizations	Funds to increase the supply of rental housing for persons with disabilities and provide project rental assistance.	Development Financing	http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/mfh/progdesc/disab811	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary
Sustainable Communities Community Challenge Grants	HUD	Subject to appropriations; FY10 \$68 million (\$40 million for Challenge, \$28 million for TIGER II); FY11 \$95 million	Local governments, transit agencies, port authorities, MPOs, state governmental agencies	Support plans, codes and ordinances that incentivize mixed-use development, affordable housing, re-use of existing buildings and other sustainability goals.	Planning and Implementation	http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/sustainable_housing_communities/HUD-DOT_Community_Challenge_Grants	Deadline for applications has passed. No appropriated funds for FY12.	Discretionary
Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grants	HUD	Subject to appropriations; FY10 \$100 million; FY11 \$95 million	A consortium of regional partners including the metropolitan planning organization (MPO), principal city of the metropolitan statistical area (MSA), municipalities representing over 50% of the MSA, and any other organizations that represent a diverse group of stakeholders in the region.	Supports metropolitan and multijurisdictional planning efforts that integrate housing, land use, economic and workforce development, transportation, and infrastructure investments in a manner that empowers jurisdictions to consider the interdependent challenges of: (1) economic competitiveness and revitalization; (2) social equity, inclusion, and access to opportunity; (3) energy use and climate change; and (4) public health and	Planning	http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/sustainable_housing_communities_regional_planning_grants	Deadline for applications has passed. No appropriated funds for FY12.	Discretionary

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Sustainable Communities Research Grant Program	HUD	\$2.5 million, max grant \$500,000	Academic researchers	Research grants to support cutting-edge research on issues related to sustainability, including affordable housing development and preservation, transportation-related issues, economic development and job creation, land use planning and urban design, etc.	Research	http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/nofa10/grpnopi-scrp24a.cfm	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary
Transformation Initiative: Sustainable Construction in Indian Country	HUD	\$400,000, (max award \$100,000, min award \$50,000)	Tribes and tribal organizations, nonprofit organizations, foundations, think tanks, consortia, institutions of higher education accredited by a national or regional accrediting agency and recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, and other entities that will sponsor a researcher, expert(s) or analyst(s). HUD will not directly fund individual researchers.	Funding for projects that encourages the use of sustainable construction practices in Native American housing. Proposals should take into account the multiple geographic, economic and cultural aspects of Native American residential design and construction. HUD seeks applications in four broad areas: demonstration, technical assistance, curriculum development/training, and information dissemination related to sustainable construction in the Native Community.	Develop, deploy or disseminate innovative approaches of sustainable construction methods	http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=219116	March 25, 2013	Discretionary

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US SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION								
Small Business Innovation Research Program	US Small Business Administration	Funding awarded in three phases, up to \$750,000.	Small businesses that are American owned and independently operated, for-profit, principle researcher employed by business and company size limited to 500 employees	SBIR funds the critical startup and development stages of Small Business. It targets the entrepreneurial sector where most innovation and innovators thrive. It also encourages the commercialization of the technology, product, or service, which, in turn, stimulates the U.S. economy.	Start-up grants	http://www.sba.gov/content/small-business-innovation-research-program-sbir-0	Check website	Discretionary

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US DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY								
Build America Bonds	Treasury/ Internal Revenue Service (IRS)		States and localities	Build America Bonds (BABs) provides state and local governments with a direct federal payment subsidy for a portion of their borrowing costs on taxable bonds. Finance tool for lowering borrowing costs on capital projects.	Development Financing	http://www.treasury.gov/initiatives/recovery/Pages/babs.aspx	N/A	Discretionary
Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Programs	Treasury	Financial Assistance Awards: \$2 million; Technical Assistance Awards: \$100,000	Both certified and non-certified CDFIs are eligible to apply for TA awards. However, non-certified organizations must be able to become certified within two years after receiving a TA award.	The purpose of the CDFI Program is to use federal resources to invest in CDFIs and to build their capacity to serve low-income people and communities that lack access to affordable financial products and services. CDFIs may use the funds to pursue a variety of goals, including: To promote economic development, to develop businesses, to create jobs, and to develop commercial real estate; To develop affordable housing and to promote homeownership; and to provide community development financial services, such as basic banking services, financial literacy	Development Financing	http://www.cdfifund.gov/what_we_do/programs_id.asp?programID=7#2	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary
Healthy Food Financing Initiative	Treasury	\$25 million	Businesses, local and tribal governments, non-profit organizations, cooperatives and universities, State Dept. of Agriculture, Colleges and Universities, Treasury-certified Community Development Financial Institutions and Community Development Entities, Community Development	Provides funding to increase access to healthy food in communities, particularly lower-income neighborhoods without grocery stores or other sources of fresh produce and nutritious food. Funds can be used to finance the opening of new grocery stores or renovate existing stores to expand supply of healthy food. Funds can also be used to improve distribution systems and do outreach and education to consumers about healthy food choices.	Financing	http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/ocs_food.html	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary
Low Income Housing Tax Credit	Treasury	State allocated	Determined by state housing finance agency	Generate equity capital for the construction and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing.	Development Financing	http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opportunity/lihtcmou	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary
New Market Tax Credit Program	Treasury/ Qualified CDEs (CDFIs)	\$3.5 billion, max grant \$125 million	Community Development Entities (CDEs)	Issuance of tax credits to investors in exchange for stock or capital interest in designated Community Development Entities. The federal subsidy goes to qualifying projects in the form of below-market interest rates and more flexible loan terms like longer amortizations and higher	Development Financing	http://www.cdfifund.gov/what_we_do/programs_id.asp?programid=5	Check website for next Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Announcement.	Discretionary

GRANT LINKS:

Reconnecting America Federal Grants: <http://www.reconnectingamerica.org/resource-center/federal-grant-opportunities/>
 HUD Grants Homepage: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail
 DOT Grants Homepage: <http://www.dot.gov/governmentservices.html>
 DOT Livability Grants: <http://www.dot.gov/livability/grants-programs.html>
 FTA Grants Homepage: http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants_263.html

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EPA Grants Homepage: <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/grants.htm>
EPA Smart Growth Grants Homepage: <http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/grants/>
US Small Business Administration Grants Homepage: <http://www.sba.gov/category/navigation-structure/loans-grants>
USDA Grants Homepage: http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=GRANTS_LOANS
Partnership for Sustainable Communities Grants: <http://www.sustainablecommunities.gov/grants.html>
Smart Growth Grants (mutiple agencies): http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/national_funding.htm

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