

13-County Texas Gulf Coast Planning Region Request for Certification of Consistency with Sustainable Communities Planning and Implementation

Applicant Information

Date Certification is Needed:

Forms and other submittal materials (see submittal instructions) will be processed in the order they are received. Please allow a minimum of seven (7) business days for Certification. No rush requests will be processed.

Name:

Name of Federal Program for which you are applying:

Total Funding Request:

Project Service Area:

Communities Served (may check more than one) Urban Suburban Coastal Rural

Population and Number to be Served:

Proposal Must Further the Purposes of the Regional Planning Grant Program

The purpose of the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program is to improve livability by supporting metropolitan and multi-jurisdictional planning efforts that integrate housing, land use, economic and workforce development, transportation, and infrastructure investments while furthering social equity. Please provide a brief scope of your proposal and a short description of how it will further the purposes of the Regional Planning Grant Program.

Proposal Must Address Sustainable Communities Livability Principles

The Federal Partnership for Sustainable Communities has established Livability Principles to be incorporated into proposed activities of grant programs. Please check each of the Livability Principles that your application supports and provide a short narrative describing how the proposed activities within your application reflect the principle or will result in the delivery of services consistent with the goals of the principle.

*Please note that while an application need not address each of the Livability Principles, an application that is found to be in conflict with a Livability Principle will not receive a certification of consistency.

Provide More Transportation Choices. Develop safe, reliable, and economical transportation choices to decrease household transportation costs, reduce our Nation's dependence on foreign oil, improve air quality, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and promote public health.

Promote Equitable, Affordable Housing. Expand location - and energy-efficient housing choices for people of all ages, incomes, races, and ethnicities to increase mobility, improve access to jobs, expand educational opportunities, and lower the combined cost of housing and transportation.

Enhance Economic Competitiveness. Improve economic competitiveness through reliable and timely access to employment centers, educational opportunities, services, and other basic needs of workers, as well as expanded business access to markets.

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Support Existing Communities. Target federal funding toward existing communities—through strategies like transit-oriented, mixed-use development, and land recycling—to increase community revitalization and the efficiency of public works investments and to safeguard rural landscapes.

Coordinate Policies and Leverage Investment. Align federal policies and funding to remove barriers to collaboration, leverage funding, and increase the accountability and effectiveness of all levels of government to plan for future growth, including making smart energy choices, such as locally generated renewable energy.

Value Communities and Neighborhoods. Enhance the unique characteristics of all communities by investing in healthy, safe, and walkable neighborhoods—rural, urban, or suburban.

Proposal Must Exhibit an Ongoing Commitment

To receive the Certification of Consistency, the applicant must commit to an on-going involvement with the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning process for the 13-county region.

Please check how you will maintain involvement (check at least one of the following):

Participate as a stakeholder in public or workgroup meetings

Sign up for newsletter and email updates regarding the planning process

Provide applicable data or study information that may support the planning process

Inform appropriate contacts within department/agency/etc. about the planning process

Coordinate applicable elements of project, such as public outreach, with the planning process

Other:

Name of Authorized Agent:

Phone Number:

Submission Instructions

Please submit this completed form and the materials listed below to Cheryl Mergo, Designated Preferred Sustainability Status Point of Contact, at Cheryl.mergo@h-gac.com

1. A complete copy of the grant application, or a summary or draft copy if the complete copy is not available
2. SF424 form (indicates the applicant, funding program, budget and narrative of the project)
3. Local letters of support (optional)