



## **URGE CONGRESS TO SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE**

**ACTION NEEDED:** Urge your members of Congress, especially those serving on the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies, to fund HUD's Sustainable Communities Initiative at the President's proposed level of \$75 million as part of the final FY2014 Transportation-HUD Appropriations bill.

**BACKGROUND AND FUNDING HISTORY:** The Sustainable Communities Initiative (SCI) was established in 2009 by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), to encourage stronger interagency coordination around the issues of economic and community development, housing, and transportation.

For FY2010, Congress appropriated \$150 million for HUD's Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities to support regional planning grants, community challenge awards, and national capacity building and research assistance. These resources supported locally driven strategies to integrate housing, local land use, infrastructure, economic development and transportation plans and projects. Of the \$100 million reserved for regional planning grants, Congress set aside \$17.5 million for small metropolitan and rural regions. Regional development organizations were a major recipient of the regional planning grants in the inaugural competition, with at least 31 of the 45 projects being administered by regional development organizations. For FY2011, the program was funded at \$100 million for the overall program, including \$70 million for regional planning grants with \$17.5 million carved out for small metropolitan and rural regions. For FY2012, Congress did not fund the program.

Last year, the Senate Appropriations Committee cleared its Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill (THUD). Under the bill, HUD's Sustainable Communities Initiative would have received \$50 million. 25% of the funding would have gone to communities with populations of less than 500,000. Additional funding would have been reserved for communities with populations of less than 200,000. The FY2013 House THUD bill proposed \$2.3 million in funding for HUD's SCI program. Meanwhile, the Administration requested \$100 million for FY2013.

The President's budget requests \$75 million for Planning and Investment Strategy Grants in FY2014. These grants would fund an additional 30 regional and neighborhood planning and implementation grants to communities.

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