

SWFRPC Resolution #2011-04

A Resolution in Support of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's FY 2011 Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Application

WHEREAS, in accordance to the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's (COUNCIL) Interlocal Agreement the continuing "Comprehensive State Planning" process of the Florida Statutes includes, but is not limited to the following areas of Regional and Local Development and concern: Economic Development, Natural Resources Development, Social Development, Transportation Development and Public and Industrial Safety;

WHEREAS, the Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP) of the COUNCIL provides a long range guide for the physical, economic, and social development of the region. The overall purpose of the SRPP is to steer the region toward a more healthy and sustainable future. The SRPP is not merely a plan for the COUNCIL; it is a plan for the region and all those who are active participants in shaping its future;

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) of the COUNCIL brings together the public and private sectors for the creation of an economic roadmap to diversify and strengthen regional economies. The COUNCIL supports the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee, which includes representatives from the Region and was established to address the area's economic problems and challenges from a regional perspective;

WHEREAS, The Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program 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 environmental impact;

WHEREAS, the Regional Plan for Sustainable Development (RPSD) will address affordable housing, economic development, transportation, education, workforce development, energy systems, water infrastructure, and environmental quality and visioning;

WHEREAS, COUNCIL has formed a consortium comprised of local, regional, non-profits, foundations, educational institutions, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and supporting partners; and

WHEREAS, this grant, upon award, will require the Consortium members to cooperatively carry out the program in the approved grant application, and must authorize one member (lead applicant – the COUNCIL) to act in the representative capacity with HUD on behalf of all members of the Consortium and assume administrative responsibility for ensuring that the Consortium’s program is carried out in compliance with all HUD requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL:

The COUNCIL supports applying for the 2011 HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant, encourages all of its members to support and participate in the grant and upon award will perform all duties and responsibilities required as the lead applicant.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council this 15th day of September, 2011.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL



Karson Turner, Chair

ATTEST:



Liz Donley, Interim Executive Director