

**Immediate Action Required.** Announced on June 21, 2010, up to \$40 million in Community Challenge Planning Grants and up to \$35 million in TIGER II Planning Grants are available through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in partnership with the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). **Pre-applications are due July 26, 2010 at 5:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time.**

### What is each program's purpose?

The **Community Challenge Planning Grants** promote the development of affordable, economically vital and sustainable communities. Efforts may include amending or replacing local master plans and zoning and building codes on a jurisdiction-wide or a specific neighborhood, district, corridor or sector basis. Grants will support mixed-use development, affordable housing, and the reuse of buildings and will promote sustainability at the local level. The Community Challenge Planning Grant focuses on individual jurisdictions and localized planning.

The **TIGER II Planning Grants** will fund the planning, preparation, or design of surface transportation projects, including highway or bridge projects, public transportation projects, passenger and freight rail transportation projects, and port infrastructure investments.

### What is the process to apply for a grant?

**1. Download the grant application package** at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) by clicking on 'Grant Search' located in the blue column. Enter the Opportunity Number: FR-5415-N-12 and hit search. Click on 'Community Challenge Planning Grant & DOT TIGER II FY2010 Pre-Notice' and click on 'Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Challenge Planning Grants and the Department of Transportation's TIGER II Planning Grants' under the heading 'Link to Full Announcement.' From this page you can download and read the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and the General Section thoroughly for detailed information on the submittal process, rating factors, policy priorities and livability principles.

**2. Submit pre-application and application** in accordance with the procedures specified in the TIGER II Discretionary Grant NOFA. Project sponsors interested in submitting pre-applications for Community Challenge Planning Grants and TIGER II Planning Grants are required to submit a pre-application using the TIGER II pre-application instructions located at [www.dot.gov/recovery/ost/tigerii/index.html](http://www.dot.gov/recovery/ost/tigerii/index.html). You can also go to [www.hud.gov/sustainability](http://www.hud.gov/sustainability) to watch a webcast on the grant program.

**3. Submit final grant application**—Access to apply for a Community Challenge Planning Grant or TIGER II Planning Grant will be made available on July 30, 2010 on [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). Final applications must be submitted no later than August 23, 2010. Final applications will only be accepted from those project sponsors that submit a pre-application.

### What if I have questions?

Call or email Debra Ames at Crandall Arambula and she will walk you through the application process and assist you with any planning and urban design questions you may have when completing your application. In addition, federal grant application customer support is available 24 hours a day seven days per week by calling 800.518.GRANTS or sending an email to [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov).

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