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What is the Section 6025 Strategic Economic & Community Development (SECD)?

- New requirement under 2014 Farm Bill
- Sets aside up to 10% of USDA program funds under:
 - Community Facilities
 - Water and Environmental Programs
 - Rural Business Development Grants
 - Business & Industry Guaranteed Loans for...

**...prioritizing projects that support the
implementation of a multi-jurisdictional plan.**



FY16 SECD Set-Aside Funds

- For FY16, SECD funds total over \$300 million.
- Unobligated funds will go back to applicable program after **June 30th** of Fiscal Year.

Program	Program Level (PL)	Competition		Set Aside Percentage	6025 Set-Aside	Remaining PL
		National	State Allocation			
WEP Guaranteed Loan	\$50,000,000	x		10%	\$5,000,000	\$45,000,000
WEP Direct Loan	\$1,200,000,000	x		10%	\$120,000,000	\$1,080,000,000
WEP Grant	\$344,943,000	x		5%	\$17,248,000	\$327,695,000
B&I	\$919,765,166	x		5%	\$45,988,258	\$873,776,908
CF Guaranteed Loan	\$148,305,084	x		10%	\$14,830,508	\$133,474,576
CF Direct Loan	\$2,200,000,000		x	5%	\$110,000,000	\$2,090,000,000
CF Grant	\$25,000,000		x	10%	\$2,500,000	\$22,500,000
RBDG	\$16,508,429		x	5%	\$868,863	\$15,639,566
Total					\$316,435,629	

SECD Projects Funded in FY15

- Royalton, VT – (CEDs plan) Community Facility Grant for Emergency Equipment and System Upgrades to complement remodel and consolidation of Town Hall offices.
- West Stewartstown, NH – (CEDs plan) Water System Improvement Grant to address public health & safety concerns from contamination in failing supply lines.
- Springerville, AZ- (Multi-Community Plan) – RBDG-White Mountain Regional Medical Center- Feasibility study to expand internal daycare services to surrounding communities to support working families.

Eligible Multi-Jurisdictional Plans



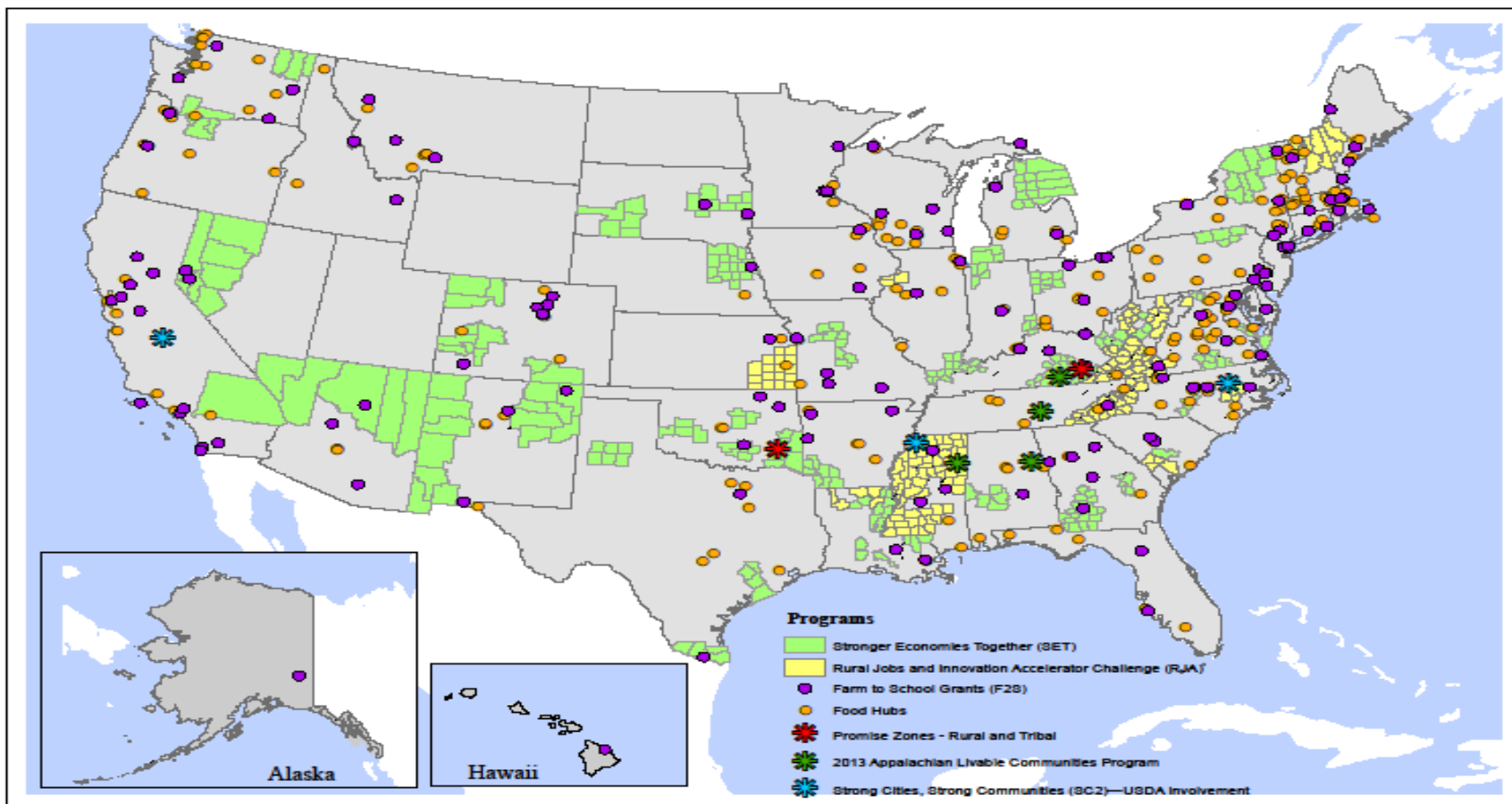
Who Has Regional Plans?

- Councils of Governments-Public and Non-Profit
- Regional Authorities
- State Agencies
- Coalitions of Counties, Towns, etc.
- Special Initiative Coalitions like **Stronger Economies Together (SET)**, Promise Zones, Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP), Sustainable Communities and Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

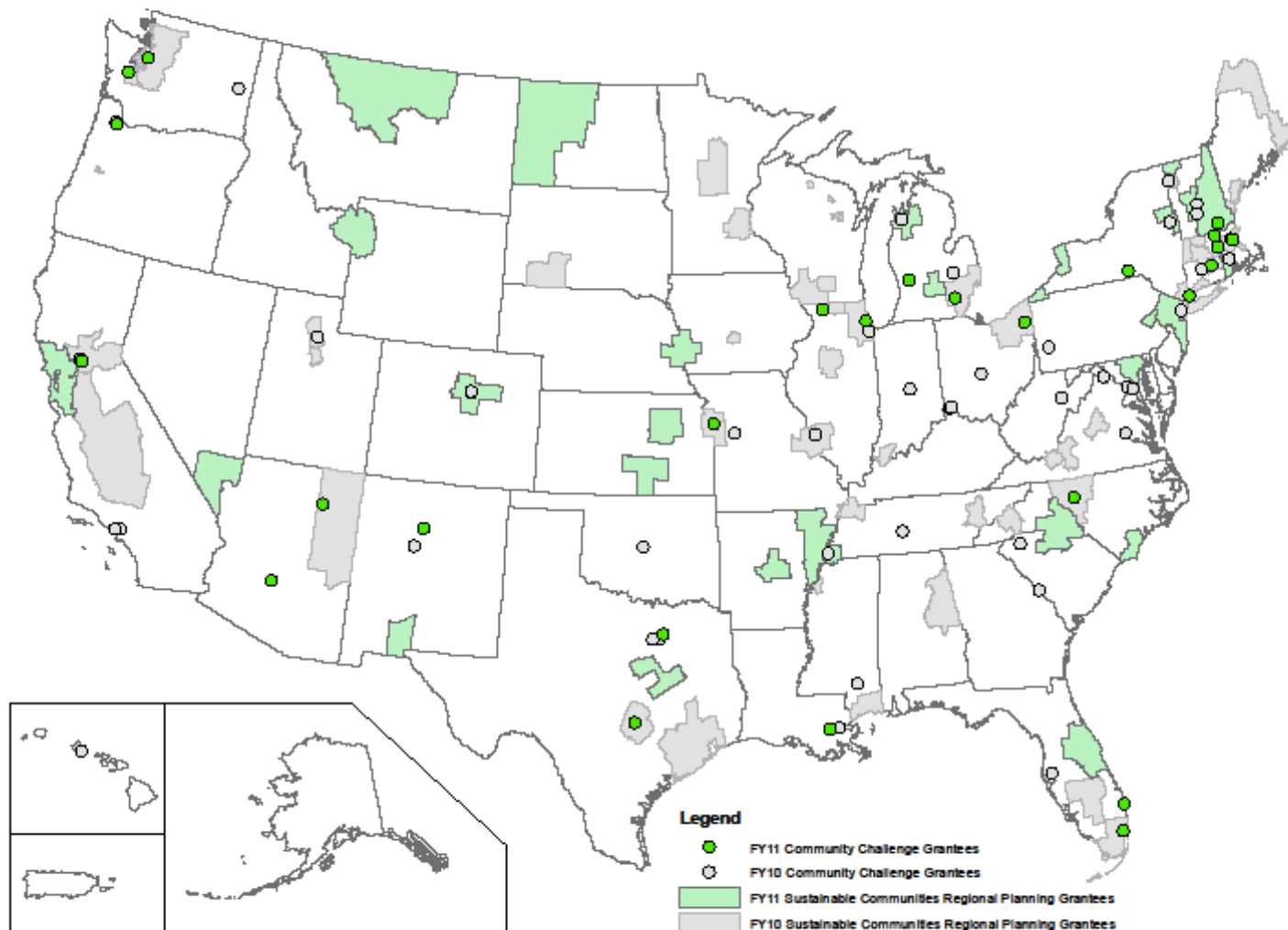
A plan can also be a product of a non-profit organization serving multiple jurisdictions.

USDA Placed Based Initiatives utilizing strategic planning

Select USDA Place-Based Initiatives and Programs



HUD Sustainable Communities Grantees, FY2010 - FY2011





SECD Applicant Checklist

Farm Bill Section 6025

Strategic Economic and Community Development Applicant Checklist

☐ **Project Name:**

☐ **Project Application for One of the Following Programs:**

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Facility Loans | <input type="checkbox"/> Water and Waste Disposal Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Facilities Grant Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Guaranteed Loans |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Programs Guaranteed Loans | <input type="checkbox"/> Water and Waste Loans and Grants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire and Rescue and Other Small Community Facilities Projects | <input type="checkbox"/> Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Business Development Grants |

Note: The project must comply with all of the eligibility requirements of the underlying program to be considered for Section 6025 SECD.

☐ The project is carried out **solely in a rural area.**

☐ **Farm Bill Section 6025 SECD Form 1980-88** with the following details:

- ☐ Table of contents with page numbers for supporting documentation
- ☐ Attachment A(s) – Plan objectives**
(Note: a separate Attachment A is required for **each** objective)
- ☐ (If applicable) Attachment B – Previous applications

☐ **Key Elements of the Multi-Jurisdictional Plan**

- ☐ Plan service area covers more than jurisdiction. *Jurisdiction means a unit of government or other entity with similar powers. Examples include, but are not limited to: city, county, district, special purpose district, township, town, borough, parish, village, State, and Indian tribe.*
- ☐ A summary of the economic conditions of the region;
- ☐ An in-depth analysis of the economic and community strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats for the region, to include consideration of such aspects as the environmental and social conditions;
- ☐ Strategies and implementation Plan to build upon the region's strengths and opportunities and to resolve the weaknesses and threats facing the region;
- ☐ Performance measures that evaluate the successful implementation of the Plan's objectives; and
- ☐ Support of key community stakeholders.

☐ **Demonstration of support to a qualified multi-jurisdictional plan:**

- ☐ Official letter from the appropriate entity/entities who approved the Plan
(Note: This is only mandatory if applicant is a government entity.)
- ☐ Documentation showing that the Plan was developed through the collaboration of multiple stakeholders in the service area of the plan**
- ☐ Documentation showing that the Plan demonstrates an understanding of the applicable region's assets that could support the Plan**
- ☐ (If applicable) Documentation showing that the Plan includes practical monetary or non-monetary contributions from Federal agencies other than the U.S. Department of Agriculture
(Note: Applicant should demonstrate the connection between the Project and the Plan)
- ☐ (If applicable) Documentation showing that the Plan includes practical monetary or non-monetary contributions from one or more philanthropic organizations
(Note: Applicant should demonstrate the connection between the Project and the Plan)
- ☐ Documentation showing clear objectives, the ability to establish measurable performance measures and to track progress towards meeting the Plan's objectives**

Note: URLs alone do NOT suffice as supporting documentation, but should be included if available. Supporting documentation must be attached to the Section 6025 SECD package.

****Documentation must include page numbers or pages containing plan excerpts as exhibits referring to a section in the Plan that addresses the five items above.**

SECD Score Sheet



Score Sheet - Strategic Economic and Community Development (Section 6025)				
Project Name:		State:		
Applicant(s):		Type of Applicant:		
Underlying Program:				
Underlying Program Score:				
Does the plan meet the definition of multi-jurisdictional?		<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES		
Is project carried out solely in a rural area?		<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES		
		Points Awarded		Points Awarded
Objectives Supported by Project	If the Project directly supports implementation of 3 of the Plan's objectives, 10 points will be awarded. (i) If the Project directly supports implementation of 2 of the Plan's objectives, 5 points will be awarded. (ii) If the Project directly supports implementation of less than 2 of the Plan's objectives, no points will be awarded.	<input type="checkbox"/> (0 points) Zero-One Objective	<input type="checkbox"/> (5 points) Two Objectives	<input type="checkbox"/> (10 points) Three Objectives
Collaboration	If the Plan was developed through the collaboration of multiple stakeholders in the service area of the Plan, including the participation of combinations of stakeholders, such as State, local, and tribal governments, nonprofit institutions, institutions of higher education, and private entities, two points will be awarded.	<input type="checkbox"/> No (0 points)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (2 points)	
Resources	If the Plan demonstrates an understanding of the applicable regional assets that could support the Plan, including natural resources, human resources, infrastructure, and financial resources, two points will be awarded.	<input type="checkbox"/> No (0 points)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (2 points)	
Other Federal Agencies Investment	If the Plan includes Investments from Federal agencies other than the U.S. Department of Agriculture, two points will be awarded.	<input type="checkbox"/> No (0 points)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (2 points)	
Philanthropic Organizations Investments	If the Plan includes Investments from Philanthropic organizations, two points will be awarded.	<input type="checkbox"/> No (0 points)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (2 points)	
Objectives and Performance Measures	If the Plan contains clear objectives and the ability to establish measurable performance measures and to track progress toward meeting the objectives, two points will be awarded.	<input type="checkbox"/> No (0 points)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (2 points)	
(Name and Date)		Total Points		
		Underlying Program Score		
		Total Score (Total Points+Underlying Program Score)		

CED Staff Reviewer

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Program Office

Concurrence

Additional Reviewer
Comments (Optional):

Scoring of Regional Plans

- Supported Objectives – 10 pts
- Collaboration – 2 pts
- Resources – 2 pts
- Other Federal Agencies Investment – 2 pts
- Philanthropic Investment - 2 pts
- Performance Measures – 2 pts



NEXT STEPS

Feel free to contact the Regional or State CED lead or your existing program contact to discuss accessing the SECD set-aside for your pending project.

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Changing the Approach: USDA's Community Economic Development Team



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Thank you!

Any Questions?