



## Best Practices Report | implementation funding

### Southern Bancorp Capital Partners

Helena-West Helena, AR

2010 Regional Planning

<http://deltabridgeproject.com/>

### School systems in South Carolina, Mississippi, Texas, Kentucky and Arkansas win \$120 million in federal Race to the Top grants; Southern Bancorp receives \$9.8M

12/17/2013

On December 9, 2013, the Department of Education announced that five school districts won grants ranging from \$10 million to \$30 million as part of Race to the Top, the Obama administration's signature competition for K-12 education. The winners of this round of grants were largely rural and Southern. They were chosen by federal officials from among more than 200 applications and were selected because they had created the best plans to personalize learning, department officials said.

Since 2009, the Obama administration has awarded more than \$4 billion in competitive grants as part of Race to the Top competitions. The grants are given to states and local school districts that embrace education policy changes favored by the administration, such as the expansion of charter schools, using student test scores to measure the performance of teachers and administrators, and building complex student data systems.

Funding for the program came from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and, as the grants have been awarded, the amount available for each subsequent round has decreased. Last year, the department held its first competition for school districts, choosing 16

winners to share \$400 million. The total funds available Tuesday dropped to \$120 million to be split among the five winners. In a call with reporters Tuesday, Education Secretary Arne Duncan said there were more quality applications for the grants than his agency

could fund.

The administration says that Race to the Top has spurred bold innovations in education. Critics maintain that while Race to the Top means additional resources for winners, it hurts students in the states and school districts that lost their bids. The district-level Race to the Top is one of several iterations of the grant program. Other versions include a competition among states and a contest among early learning programs.

#### Tags

education/schools, implementation funding

### Capitol Region Council of Governments

Hartford, CT

2010 Regional Planning

<http://www.sustainableknowledgecorridor.org/site/>

### EPA Awards \$1,350,000 in June 2014 to Clean Up Brownfields in Capitol Region -- Funds Help Protect Health and the Environment, and Revitalize Communities

6/3/2014

The U.S. EPA awarded \$1,350,000 in Brownfield grants to the Capitol Region Council of Governments to help protect people's health by assessing and cleaning up contaminated properties in the metro Hartford region. This money funded the Metro Hartford Brownfields Program, which will make available to member communities \$400,000 for environmental site assessments, and \$950,000 for loans and grants to assist in site remediation efforts. The application was supported by several community partners: the Metro Hartford Alliance, Hartford 2000, the Enfield Community Development Corporation, Goodwin College, and the North Star Center for Human Development.

Funds awarded to the Capitol Region Council of Governments will provide communities with funding necessary to assess, clean up and redevelop contaminated properties, boost local economies and leverage jobs while protecting public health and the environment. A focus of program activity will be station area sites in the CTfastrak and NHHS Rail corridors, and other smart growth locations such as town and village centers. "These funds will support transit oriented development in the region's major transit and rail corridors, and also support revitalization of our town and village centers. It's a win-win for the region—through preparing blighted properties for redevelopment, thus paving the way for new economic growth in already developed areas, we are able to relieve some of the development pressure on greenfields that the region and towns wish to preserve," said Lyle Wray, Executive Director, Capitol Region Council of Governments.

This funding builds on the \$1.2 million in brownfields assistance previously invested in the region through the Metro Hartford Brownfields Program. The EPA grants will supplement a \$200,000 award made to CRCOG in April 2014 under State Department of Economic and Community Development Municipal Brownfield Assessment and Inventory Program.

#### Tags

brownfields/land recycling, implementation funding

**Putnam Street Revitalization Project (New Haven, CT) Completes New Construction Phase****9/11/2014**

The City of New Haven's Livable City Initiative kicked off the new construction phase of the Putnam Street Revitalization Project at a groundbreaking on April 30, 2014. On September 11, 2014, the City celebrated the completion of the project, a combination of historic rehabilitation and new construction on Putnam Street in the Hill neighborhood. The project includes the historical rehabilitation of three blighted structures—that had been vacant for years—and the new construction of four two-family homes, all of which will be available for sale to homeowners. Additionally, the project includes rehabilitation of eight rental units (owned by Hill Housing Partnership) also located on Putnam Street. In all, this project will create a total of 22 new and rehabilitated housing units over a two-block area.

The Putnam Street Revitalization is the culmination of a tremendous effort to bring the street back to its original housing stock for working families. The historic rehabilitation units completed in September 2013 were sold to homeowner occupants on or before March 2014. All structures—both the historic rehabs and the new construction—are two-family and are restricted to homeowner occupancy and sold to individuals with an income of 120 percent of area median income, which for a household of four is \$99,350.

The new construction homes are all under purchase and sale contracts pending closing. The sale prices range from \$205,000 to \$215,000 with the ability for the end buyer to access down-payment and closing cost assistance through the RE: NEW HAVEN program.

The revitalization project is being funded through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program III (NSP III) provided by the United States Housing and Urban Development through the HUD Dodd-Frank Financial Reform Act (DFFRA) administered by the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development. The State of Connecticut allocated \$2.5M to the City of New Haven for the purposes of acquisition, redevelopment, rehabilitation and demolition of foreclosed and/or blighted structures. The City of New Haven leveraged the \$2.5M NSPIII funding and added an additional \$700,000.00 of its own funding.

"We are proud of the city's investment in neighborhoods," said Mayor Toni N. Harp. "We remain committed to creating working family homeownership opportunities." "This is an example of how the City working with residents and other state and federal agencies can make a positive impact" said LCI Executive Director, Erik Johnson.

"The Putnam Street Revitalization Project is a great example of the collaborative work being done by local, state, and federal agencies to bring new life to neighborhoods most in need," said Suzanne Piacentini, HUD Connecticut Field Office Director. "HUD is proud to be a partner in this project; we congratulate everyone for their efforts to improve the lives of New Haven residents."

<http://www.cityofnewhaven.com/LCI/>

<http://www.cityofnewhaven.com/LCI/Homebuyers/>

**Tags**

affordable housing creation, corridor plan, federal and state alignment, implementation funding, new housing units

**Montachusett Regional Planning Commission**

Fitchburg, MA

<http://www.mrpc.org/>

2011 Community Challenge

**EPA awards \$400K for Wachusett Corridor work thanks to SCI grant foundation****9/18/2015**

In September 2015, the Environmental Protection Agency announced that the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission has been recommended for a \$400,000 award under the EPA's Brownfields grant competition. The grant will help Montachusett Regional Planning Commission with a community-wide assessment grant that will assist efforts in the Wachusett Corridor area to assess, clean up and redevelop abandoned or contaminated properties.

"EPA is proud to further assist the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission and the citizens it serves with this Brownfield funding," said Curt Spalding, regional administrator of EPA New England's office. "Cleaning and revitalizing contaminated sites helps create jobs, and can be the catalyst to create new businesses or neighborhood centers, all while making our environment cleaner and the community healthier. This is just one way EPA works to make a difference in communities all across Massachusetts and New England."

"This \$400,000 award from the EPA is a major step forward for our families and communities in the Wachusett Corridor," said Congressman Jim McGovern (D-Worcester). "The cleanup and redevelopment of these sites in Fitchburg, Leominster and other areas will help to create jobs, revitalize the region's economy, and protect the health and environment of these communities."

MRPC Executive Director Glenn Eaton indicated that prioritization of the Wachusett Corridor was a recommendation of the Wachusett Smart Growth Corridor Plan, funded by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (Community Challenge Planning Grant) that was completed by MRPC in October 2014. MRPC Planning and Development Director John Hume stated that the Wachusett Corridor Smart Growth Plan was developed to identify opportunities strategies to benefit from the Wachusett Commuter Rail Extension Project (Wachusett Station) utilizing Smart Growth principles and to enhance the quality of life for residents of the corridor and the Montachusett region as a whole.

[http://www.leominsterchamp.com/news/2015-09-18/Neighborhoods/EPA\\_recommends\\_400K\\_for\\_Wachusett\\_Corridor\\_work.html](http://www.leominsterchamp.com/news/2015-09-18/Neighborhoods/EPA_recommends_400K_for_Wachusett_Corridor_work.html)

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brownfields/land recycling, implementation funding

## Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (MI)

Lansing, MI

2011 Regional Planning

<http://www.tri-co.org/MMPGS.htm>

### **Tri-County RPC, MI earned 4 more grants for housing, environment, food, and health because of the groundwork laid by the planning in the SCI grant.**

Advancing sustainability through leverage: Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (MI) and its partners succeeded in securing grant funding for programs that leverage its activities for the long-term benefit of the community. These include:

A successful grant for housing planning and charrette planning from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority;

A regional brownfields grant application to US EPA;

Food hub and rural water systems grant applications to USDA;

A 4-by-4 Healthy Achieve grant from Michigan Community Health; and

Robert Wood Johnson Pew Trust grant applications for health impact assessment tools.

A 4x4 grant award was awarded to the Tri County Regional Capital Area Health Alliance for activities that educate and promote the program concepts of improving health.

## Tags

brownfields/land recycling, capacity building, finance mechanisms, health, implementation funding, water and wastewater

## Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

New Brunswick, NJ

2011 Regional Planning

<http://togethernorthjersey.com/>

### **4 Together North Jersey demonstration projects awarded nearly \$3 million from NJ Transportation Alternatives Program for full implementation**

**2/20/2015**

In February 2015, the New Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) board approved a slate of projects for funding under the NJDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). TAP provides federal funding for construction of community based "non-traditional" projects designed to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of the nation's intermodal system.

Among the projects funded in the NJTPA region, four projects grew out of the Together North Jersey Local Demonstration Project (LDP) subgrant program (see featured projects below). The TAP grants awarded for these projects total nearly \$3 million that will go directly toward implementing the recommendations of LDP program. According to TNJ director Jon Carnegie, this is "further evidence of the value of HUD's investment in improving conditions in our region."

The four LDP projects funded on a larger scale by federal TAP funding are:

- >Orange City Township, Highland Avenue Station Rehabilitation Project, \$614,000
- >Essex County (Maplewood, Newark, South Orange Village), Irvington Avenue Streetscape Improvements, \$850,000
- >Woodbridge Township, Woodbridge Bicycle Connect Compatible Roadways, \$688,000
- >Passaic City, Market Streetscape Enhancement Project, \$750,000

About TNJ Local Demonstration Projects:

[http://togethernorthjersey.com/?page\\_id=648](http://togethernorthjersey.com/?page_id=648)

About the NJ Transportation Alternatives Program: <http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/business/localaid/alternatives.shtm>

## Tags

implementation funding, implementation strategies, subgrants, transportation choice

## Bernalillo County

Albuquerque, NM

2010 Community Challenge

<http://www.bridgeboulevard.com/>

## **Bernalillo County Begins Implementation of its Vision for the Busy Bridge Boulevard Corridor**

**3/10/2015**

After unanimous approval of the Bridge Boulevard Corridor Redevelopment Plan in August 2014, funded by a joint HUD Challenge and DOT TIGER II grant, Bernalillo County is well on its way to implementing its vision for the corridor. The project received a New Mexico Main Street designation, helping to bring in additional funding, marketing and technical assistance opportunities to the corridor. The middle Rio Grande received an Urban Water designation, further raising the profile of this redevelopment project, and a State of New Mexico American Planning Association Innovation in Planning Award in Transportation was awarded to the County for the corridor redevelopment project. The County has projected with full implementation of the redevelopment plan it will attract nearly 100 new businesses along the corridor and 700 new jobs! The County is also pursuing a new TIF district for façade improvements along the corridor, new public/private partnerships, and has secured \$24 million in federal funding/local match programmed for FY16 and FY19 transportation improvement plan funds (TIP) to reconstruct the roadway with multi-modal facilities and streetscaping.

<http://www.bridgeboulevard.com/resources.html>

### **Tags**

corridor plan, economic development, equitable development, implementation funding, implementation strategies, job creation, mixed-use development

## **City of Glens Falls, NY/Community & Economic Development**

*Glens Falls, NY*

*2010 Community Challenge*

<http://www.agcny.org/>

## **Glens Falls, NY receives Smart Growth and Sustainable Planning Award**

**7/3/2013**

The City of Glens Falls approved its Downtown Vision and Development Strategy in late June developed with support from HUD's Community Challenge Grant program. The plan identified arts and entertainment as a strong niche for Glens Falls to attract residents and tourists downtown. Well on its way to implementation, the City also approved bicycle and pedestrian recommendations, and is working on inclusionary zoning for workforce housing. Earlier this year, the City received \$500,000 in state economic development funds, which will be used for a mixed-use building with market rate apartments, office space, and parking in an infill location that's currently a parking lot.

<http://www.glensfallsldc.com/>

<http://www.pjscompany.com/projects/view/?project=glens-falls-downtown-vision-development-strategy>

### **Tags**

arts and culture, award, economic development, finance mechanisms, implementation funding, neighborhood/downtown plan, plan adoption, policy change, transportation choice, zoning

## **City of Glens Falls, NY/Community & Economic Development**

*Glens Falls, NY*

*2010 Community Challenge*

<http://www.agcny.org/>

## **Glens Falls, NY, secures funds to implement its vision for downtown**

**5/1/2014**

The repurposing of a large portion of its hospital's surface parking lot with a new multi-use parking structure has already attracted a new mixed-use development adjoining the structure worth \$24 million. In addition to this grant outcome, Glens Falls has leveraged more than \$4 million in public funds to implement its other HUD Challenge grant recommendations, including: \$112,000 (two grants) to support Pruyn's Island multi-use trail development; \$150,000 to support Warren Street and South Street's Brownfield's redevelopment; \$3 million to support the Downtown multi-purpose parking structure; and \$675,000 to support a key downtown anchor- Glens Falls Civic Center.

### **Tags**

brownfields/land recycling, implementation funding, mixed-use development, transportation choice

## **City of Glens Falls, NY/Community & Economic Development**

*Glens Falls, NY*

*2010 Community Challenge*

<http://www.agcny.org/>

## **NY Governor Cuomo Announces \$70 Million in Funding for 68 Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects; \$480,000 to Glens Falls School Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements**

**10/27/2014**

The City of Glens Falls has been allocated \$480,000 for the Fire Road, Crandall Park and Kensington Road Elementary School Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements.

Ed Bartholomew stated that today's announcement represents an important collaboration by the City of Glens Falls with Glens Falls School District, YMCA and the Adirondack Glens Falls Transportation Council which has resulted in a substantial and important safety project going forward..

This project recommended by the recently concluded "City's Community Challenge HUD Grant" will greatly enhance safety for bicyclists, pedestrians who walk, and ride in the Kensington School, Crandall Park YMCA / Fire Road area.

The improvements include new sidewalks, multi-use path and raised crosswalk along Kensington Road, Jerome Avenue and Fire Road in the City of Glens Falls, thus formally connecting several major and important pedestrian generators including an elementary school (K-4), YMCA and significant public park facilities with separate accommodations for pedestrians and bicyclist of all ages;

The estimated Project cost is \$575,000 to \$600,000 with 80% going from state funding and 20% from local matching funds.

#### Tags

implementation funding, implementation strategies, performance metrics, transportation choice

### Regional Plan Association, Inc.

New York, NY

2010 Regional Planning

<http://www.sustainablenyct.org/>

### NY-CT Sustainable Communities Consortium Climate Resilience Deliverables Lay the foundation for Hurricane Sandy Recovery

6/6/2014

A key partner in the NY-CT SCC, New York City executed a series of climate resiliency studies for the region, which were finalized and presented on at a Principal's meeting on September 30, 2012, just 28 days before Superstorm Sandy made landfall. These studies strongly shaped the SIRR report and informed the work of the Sandy Recovery Task Force, resulting directly in ground-breaking zoning changes to promote flood-resistant construction and retrofitting. These reports then provided information and guidance on achieving resiliency to other communities beyond NYC. The full Regional Plan for Sustainable Development for the region, including these reports, was adopted in June 2014.

#### Tags

climate, federal and state alignment, implementation funding, ongoing partnerships, plan adoption, resilience

### Thunder Valley Community Development Corporation

Porcupine, SD

2010 Regional Planning

<http://www.oglalalakotaplan.org/>

### Thunder Valley Community Development Corporation held a groundbreaking celebration for their Regenerative Community project on Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, South Dakota

6/22/2015

The 34-acre, sustainable and multigenerational Regenerative Community is the first implementation project of the Model Development Initiative that emerged from the Oglala Lakota Plan supported by a HUD Regional Planning grant. At the event, USDA announced \$1.97 million in funding to Thunder Valley to support a new community center.

<http://www.thundervalley.org/projects/regenerative-planned-community-development-project/>

<http://www.kotatv.com/news/south-dakota-news/pine-ridge-reservation-gets-197-grant-for-regenerative-community/33730894>

#### Tags

implementation funding, tribal experience

### City of Richmond, VA

Richmond, VA

2010 Community Challenge

<http://hullstreet360.com/>

### Richmond begins implementation of SCI grant by pursuing \$36 million Hull Street Road plan; includes bike path, sidewalks and landscaping

11/4/2015

Richmond officials are advancing a \$36 million plan to add sidewalks, a bike path and landscaping along a 2.3-mile stretch of Hull Street Road. The plan, still in its early stages, came before the city's Urban Design Committee for a first review in November 2015.

In planning documents, officials write that the plan will make the road look more pleasing through landscaping and other enhancements, and also safer for cyclists, pedestrians and motorists by including new turn lanes, medians and crosswalks. Currently, sidewalks along Hull Street Road end just west of Southside Plaza.

The city said it plans to seek final approval for the project in October and construction could begin in the fall of 2018.

Broadly, the plan follows recommendations made in the Hull Street Corridor Revitalization Plan, an SCI-funded planning document which the city developed cooperatively with Chesterfield County through a series of public meetings in 2013.

[http://www.richmond.com/news/local/city-of-richmond/article\\_a6432ad1-fcd7-55b8-accf-f4aad8997b4c.html?](http://www.richmond.com/news/local/city-of-richmond/article_a6432ad1-fcd7-55b8-accf-f4aad8997b4c.html?)

## Tags

corridor plan, implementation funding, implementation strategies, transportation choice

### New River Valley Planning District Commission

Radford, VA

2010 Regional Planning

<http://nrvivability.org/>

#### The Community Foundation of New River Valley allows community members to contribute to specific NRV Livability initiatives

4/23/2014

After the New River Valley grant (NRV Livability) finished its Sustainable Communities grant, the Community Foundation picked up the mantle. This includes organizing their first big giving campaign around the 4 themes from the NRV Livability report. Their online giving campaign featured four themes. Clicking on a theme brings up donation opportunities and data from the report.

As of 4/28/2014, the total raised by GiveBigNRV is \$61,537, and the total raised on the GiveBigNRV Giving Day was \$39,863.

<https://cfnriv.givebig.org/c/NRV>

## Tags

implementation funding, implementation strategies, philanthropy, public engagement strategies

### New River Valley Planning District Commission

Radford, VA

2010 Regional Planning

<http://nrvivability.org/>

#### NRV raised \$1 m in private investment (equal to the value of the grant) within 4 months of the grant.

8/6/2014

Within four months of closing their grant, New River Valley was able to document \$1.0 million in private investment, matching the original total of the SCI grant.

Case example is through the Solarize Blacksburg project that evolved from our regional energy working group. The Solarize program procured contractors who could install residential solar as well as solar panels made in the USA and worked with the utility provider to pre-negotiate metering rates for solar units. The Solarize program offered free solar assessments to anyone located in the Town of Blacksburg. Approximately 500 households signed up for the assessment and 50 households are currently under contract. Those 50 contracts represent the private investment through labor and materials. About 1/3 of the \$1.0 million in solar installations is direct to the New River Valley region with the balance being in the US since all panels and materials were restricted to Made in USA. At last count 11 other localities in Virginia are working to start a Solarize program ranging from the state capital in Richmond to Abingdon in southwest, Virginia.

## Tags

energy, green building codes/standards, implementation funding, quantitative results

### City of Burlington, Vermont

Burlington, VT

2010 Community Challenge

<http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/PlanBTV/>

#### Burlington City Arts Foundation Receives 2014 NEA Our Town Grant for \$100,000 to create 'Cultural Master Plan'

7/23/2014

The NEA grant will support an artist-led engagement and visioning process to develop a comprehensive cultural master plan for Burlington's South End. Artists will lead community workshops to facilitate temporary public art projects and exhibitions that are inspired by the history of South End and that will articulate hopes for the future. Lead partners, Burlington City Arts Foundation and City of Burlington Planning and Zoning Department, will engage a master planning team to outline opportunities for new cultural spaces, permanent public art, and artist live/work space. The neighborhood of South End, a U.S. Housing and Urban Development Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area, is home to 12,160 residents, 71% of the whom have a low to moderate income. - See more at: <http://arts.gov/national/our-town/grantee/2014/burlington-city-arts-foundation#sthash.wnZeh31U.dpuf>

## Tags

arts and culture, implementation funding, neighborhood/downtown plan

### City of Seattle

Seattle, WA

2011 Community Challenge

<http://www.seattle.gov/housing/Cornerstones/default.htm>

#### City of Seattle Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs Receives 2014 NEA Our Town Grant for \$50,000

7/23/2014

The NEA grant will support the development of cultural placemaking toolkits for activating urban spaces with the arts. The toolkits will provide visioning and implementation strategies to guide neighborhood wayfinding, pop-up space activations, neighborhood cultural plans, park and public space

design, and the establishment of tax tools to benefit artists and arts organizations. City of Seattle Office of Arts & Culture will partner with other city agencies, Capitol Hill Housing Foundation, Seattle Housing Authority, and Walk Score to pilot the implementation of the toolkits in four diverse Seattle neighborhoods. The pilot neighborhoods will include Georgetown, Yesler Terrace, Capitol Hill, and Waterfront. The City of Seattle has a population of 635,000. - See more at: <http://arts.gov/national/our-town/grantee/2014/city-seattle-washington-aka-city-seattle-office-arts-cultural-affairs#sthash.iiATEC4z.dpuf>

## Tags

arts and culture, implementation funding

## Puget Sound Regional Council

Seattle, WA

2010 Regional Planning

<http://www.psrc.org/growth/growing-transit-communities/>

### PSRC developed a Regional Equity Development Initiative (REDI) Fund to assist with equity implementation funding

3/31/2014

Work with Enterprise Community Partners to develop a business plan and recommended structure for a Regional Equitable Development Initiative (REDI) Fund (final draft expected March 2013).

Work continues with Enterprise Community Partners to develop a business plan and recommended structure for a Regional Equitable Development Initiative fund to support affordable housing and community development in TOD areas (expected March 2014). Consensus recommendations and draft legislation have been developed for a Value Capture Finance tool. While the 2013 WA State Legislature did not take action on the proposal, it is expected to be reintroduced in Washington State's 2014 legislative session. Publicly owned lands have been mapped in transit station areas, and consensus principles for surplus land disposal policies have been developed.

[http://www.psrc.org/assets/11578/REDI\\_fund\\_reframework\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.psrc.org/assets/11578/REDI_fund_reframework_FINAL.pdf)

## Tags

finance mechanisms, implementation funding, philanthropy

## Puget Sound Regional Council

Seattle, WA

2010 Regional Planning

<http://www.psrc.org/growth/growing-transit-communities/>

### City Commits \$1 Million to Regional Affordable Housing Fund, Explores Backyard Cottage Expansion

9/30/2014

In September 2014, the Seattle City Council unanimously approved a resolution committing to allocate \$1 million toward a regional fund to expand affordable housing near light rail and transit stations, and also requested the Department of Planning & Development (DPD) to explore the expansion of backyard cottages and mother-in-law units. These efforts are part of the Council's and Mayor's ongoing work to expand the availability of affordable housing at all income levels.

The regional fund will be used to purchase properties near light rail and high capacity transit stations while the land is still reasonably affordable. The land will be preserved for future higher-density, mixed-use affordable housing development. Money from the fund can also be used to preserve and rehabilitate selected existing affordable housing buildings that are near transit stops and at high risk of being converted to market rate housing. This fund—referred to as the Regional Equitable Development Initiative (REDI) Fund—is a regional collaboration of public, private and non-profit stakeholders being led by Puget Sound Regional Council as a part of its Growing Transit Communities initiative.

"By buying properties near light rail now, we can ensure greater affordability near transit in the future and help prevent displacement when those land values eventually increase when light rail comes online. Transit-oriented development also means easier commutes and less congestion as well as more vibrant, walkable neighborhoods," said Councilmember Mike O'Brien. "By exploring how to create more backyard cottages and mother-in-laws, we are looking for market-oriented solutions to provide more housing at all levels of affordability."

City Council also requested that DPD develop a report on regulations regarding accessory dwelling units (ADUs or "mother-in-law" units) and detached accessory dwelling units (DADUs or "backyard cottages"). The report would provide analysis of possible new policies or programs that could be implemented to make accessory dwelling units easier to build, including pre-approved, pre-fabricated designs to streamline permitting, incentives like waiving of permit fees for affordable units, reviewing parking and owner-occupancy requirements and more.

The report will inform the work of the Seattle Housing Affordability and Livability Advisory Committee and is due to the group by March 15, 2015.

article: <http://council.seattle.gov/2014/09/30/city-commits-1-million-to-regional-affordable-housing-fund-explores-backyard-cottage-expansion-2/>

Resolution: <http://clerk.seattle.gov/~scripts/nph-brs.exe?s1=&s3=31547&s2=&s4=&Sect4=AND&l=20&Sect5=RESNY&Sect6=HITOFF&d=RESF&p=1&u=%2F~public%2Fresny.htm&r=1&f=G>

## Tags

affordable housing preservation, equitable development, implementation funding, policy change, TOD

**Challenge grant in Randolph County, WV paved the way for their project partner to get a grant to work on senior housing in the area.**

**5/1/2012**

Woodlands Development Group is a close non-profit partner of the Randolph County Housing Authority (RCHA). Woodlands develops affordable housing and manages projects for RCHA. In turn, RCHA provides administrative services, office space, and property management to Woodlands.

The Housing Assistance Council (HAC), a national intermediary providing assistance to rural non-profits, recently awarded Woodlands a \$36,000 two-year grant to help provide service-enriched senior housing in the region. In its application, Woodlands cited its participation in the Community Challenge initiative spearheaded by RCHA. The housing, transportation and economic development plan developing from this effort clearly points to growing need for senior housing, as well as for improved transportation and related services. Woodlands committed to building on the work and partnerships initiated through the Community Challenge award, and begin implementation of the countywide plan.

<http://www.wdgwv.org/>

<http://wdgwv.org/woodlands-community-lenders.html>

**Tags**

implementation funding