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Partnership for Sustainable Communities Awards Grants to Build Infrastructure Nationwide

Hi, this is Letha Strothers and welcome to HUD News Round-up. Today we're talking about grants released under a partnership between HUD, The Department of Transportation, and the Environmental Protection Agency to support more livable and sustainable communities across the country.

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Administration officials at HUD, the Department of Transportation, and the Environmental Protection Agency recently released grants totaling \$409.5 million under the [Partnership for Sustainable Communities](#) to support more livable and sustainable communities across the country. The Partnership between HUD, DOT, and EPA builds economic competitiveness by connecting housing with good jobs, transportation, and more.

Over the past year, HUD, DOT, and EPA have worked together to promote better outcomes for communities and more effective federal investments by better targeting federal resources, removing regulatory and policy barriers to smart and sustainable development, and by aligning agency priorities to ensure lasting collaboration.

HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan said that the grants will help boost economic development so that all Americans can afford to live in communities with access to employment, schools and transportation options. Communities across the country offered bold, unique proposals to plan and build sustainably based on their own local resources, landscape, culture and ingenuity.

At a time when every dollar the federal government invests in jumpstarting the economy is critical, the President's plan ensures that all these agencies are coordinating efforts and targeting resources with precision. This collaboration gets better results for communities and uses taxpayer money more efficiently. Reflecting this new collaboration, these grants were judged by a multidisciplinary review team, drawn from eight federal agencies and from partners in philanthropy.

This is Letha Strothers. To find out more about the Partnership for Sustainable Communities, visit www.whitehouse.gov to read fact sheet. The HUD News Round-up podcast is produced by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. To find out more about topics that effect your home and community visit www.hud.gov. You can also follow us on Twitter and Facebook and check out our videos on YouTube.