

# Partnership in Action

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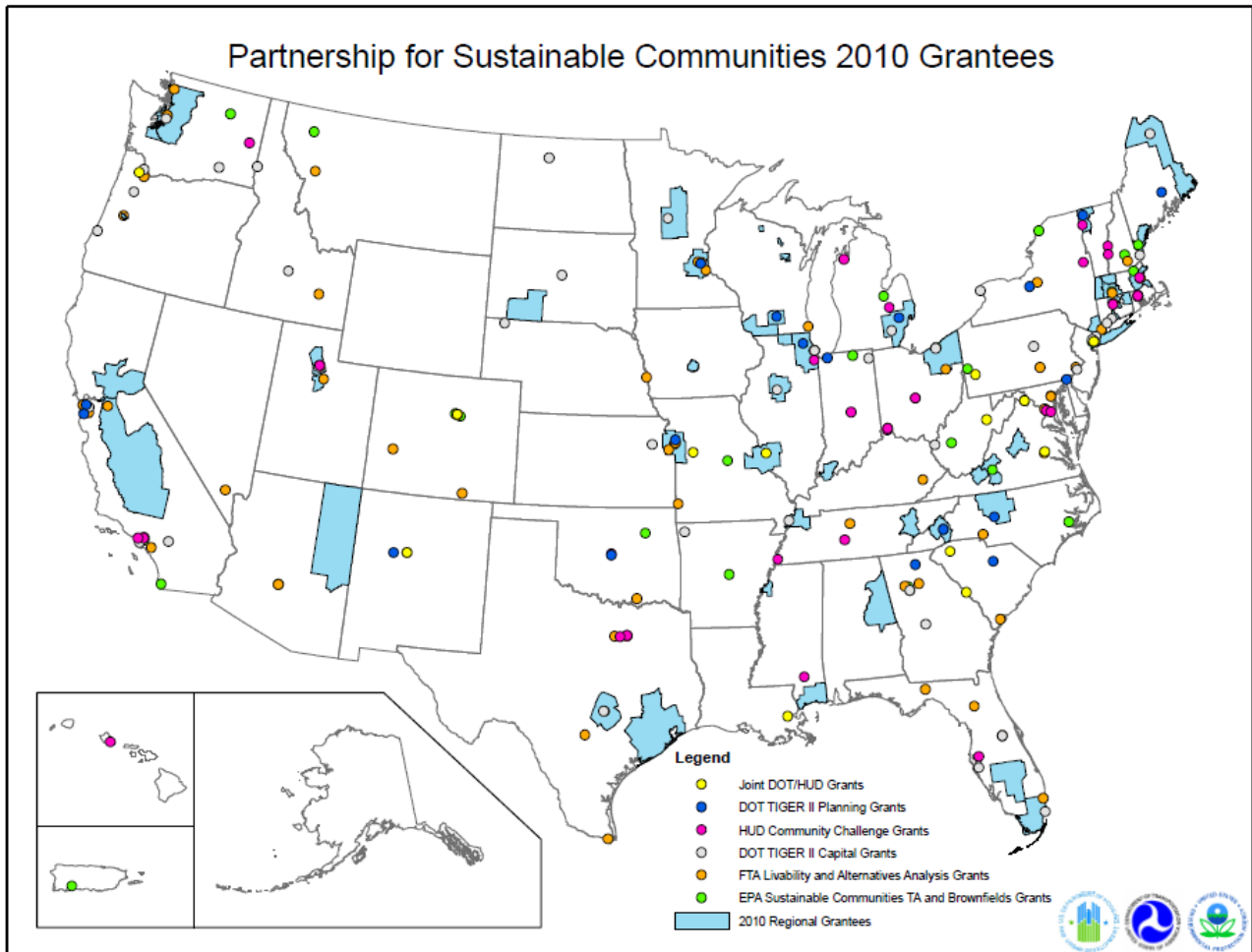
In October of 2010, the Partnership for Sustainable Communities announced a series of grants and other assistance totaling \$409.5 million in funding to support more livable and sustainable communities. Together, these federal investments reach over 200 communities across the country. The grants were highlighted in a joint press conference with White House Director of Domestic Policy Council Melody Barnes, EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson, DOT Secretary Ray LaHood, and HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan at the National Press Club on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Coordinating federal investments allows for multiple objectives to be met per dollar spent. Through this spending, the Partnership is helping communities create vibrant, healthy neighborhoods that provide more housing options, economic opportunities, and more efficient transportation while reinforcing existing investments.

*“We’re working to change the way government works, and that means investing tax dollars wisely and well. We want to make sure that when we’re building infrastructure, we’re considering how housing, transportation, and the environment all impact each other. These grants are designed to get our biggest bang for our tax dollar buck.”*

*-President Barack Obama, October 21, 2010*

The map below shows the location of all 2010 grant recipients and more information about each type of assistance awarded is detailed on the second page.



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All grants noted below were awarded in 2010. Please follow the links provided below for additional information.

## HUD and DOT Announce Joint Funding

Totalling nearly \$69 million, grants to 61 local and regional partnerships will be awarded by HUD and DOT to help stimulate a new generation of sustainable and livable communities. The two agencies created a joint application to create one point of entry to federal resources. HUD is awarding \$40 million in Sustainable Community Challenge Grants to help support local planning and DOT is awarding nearly \$28 million in TIGER II Planning grants to implement plans that lead to projects that integrate transportation, housing and economic development. More information: [HUD and DOT Award \\$68 Million to Create Sustainable Livable Communities](#)

## DOT Announces TIGER II Grants

Through the TIGER II program, seventy five projects in 40 states will receive grants from DOT. About \$550 million will be spent on 42 capital construction projects and 33 planning projects. Applications were received from all 50 states, U.S. territories and the District of Columbia with requests totally more than \$19 billion. More information: [Secretary LaHood Announces More Than 70 Innovative Transportation Projects Competitively Funded Under TIGER II](#)

## EPA's Smart Growth Implementation Assistance Program

In collaboration with HUD and DOT, EPA will provide technical assistance to eight communities through the Smart Growth Implementation Assistance program. The projects will focus on several key topics: cross-departmental coordination of policies, cities undergoing economic transition, infrastructure financing, historic preservation and downtown revitalization, and climate change adaptation as part of long-term planning. More information: [EPA to Provide Technical Assistance on Sustainable Growth and Development](#); [SGIA Communities Selected in 2010](#)

## Brownfield Area-Wide Planning in 23 Communities

EPA will provide \$4 million in assistance to 23 communities in 18 communities and one territory, many in underserved and economically disadvantaged areas, to develop area-wide plans for the reuse of brownfields properties. HUD and DOT will collaborate with EPA to help these communities create a shared vision for brownfields redevelopment. More information: [EPA Awards \\$4 Million For Brownfields](#)

## FTA Alternative Analysis Grants

FTA announced \$25.7 million in competitively awarded grants will be awarded to 23 communities through the Alternative Analysis grant program to help community officials in 16 states and the District of Columbia evaluate and select the best options to help place new or expanded transit systems in their communities. The Alternatives Analysis grant program is the first key milestone in the FTA New Starts process – the primary source for federally funded transit projects. More information: [FTA Alternative Analysis Grants](#)

## FTA Bus Livability and Urban Circulator Grants

U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood announced a \$293 million investment that will help residents in dozens of communities nationwide to soon enjoy major transit improvements, including new streetcars, buses, and transit facilities. Six new streetcar and bus rapid transit projects will be funded with \$130 million from the Federal Transit Administration's Urban Circulator Program, and 47 additional projects aimed at upgrading bus services and facilities are slated to receive more than \$163 million from the FTA's Bus and Bus Livability Program. More information: [FTA Bus Livability and Urban Circulator Grants](#).

## HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grants

HUD announced that it is awarding close to \$100 million in Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grants to 45 regional areas across the country. The new initiative will assist State, local, and tribal governments to create and implement regional plans that integrate affordable housing, economic development, land use and transportation to build livable, sustainable communities. Both EPA and DOT helped develop this program and reviewed applications. More information: [HUD Awards Nearly \\$100 Million in New Grants to Promote Smarter and Sustainable Planning for Jobs and Economic Growth](#)

More information and updates on each agency's efforts:

<http://www.hud.gov/sustainability>

<http://www.dot.gov/livability>

<http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth>

