

1. Category 1: Regional Plans for Sustainable Development.

Funds in this category will support the preparation of Regional Plans for Sustainable Development (RPSD) that address housing, economic development, transportation, education, workforce development, energy, water, and environmental quality in an integrated fashion where 16 such plans do not currently exist or where they exist but need to be significantly revised or enhanced.

Funds will: support stakeholder-driven visioning and scenario planning exercises that are intended to address and harmonize critical land use and investment decisions, such as those for the location and the distribution of affordable housing, schools, and employment centers throughout the region; support cost-effective and sustainable transportation and water infrastructure investments; designate lands for conservation and ongoing agricultural use; proactively consider risks from disasters and climate change; and develop sophisticated mapping resources which communities can access to address these and other regional planning issues.

Grantees will be expected to work with HUD to identify a set of locally appropriate performance metrics that are consistent with the performance measures developed by the Sustainability Partnership and the Livability Principles that are listed in this NOFA.