

Sustainable Communities Planning

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## Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant

### MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

THIS \_\_\_\_ MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is entered into as of \_\_\_\_, 2011, by and between the Houston-Galveston Area Council (“H-GAC”) and \_\_\_\_ (“Member”). The entities listed are individually referred to herein as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties.”

#### RECITALS

A. The Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program will support metropolitan and multijurisdictional planning efforts that integrate housing, land use, economic and workforce development, transportation, and infrastructure investments in a manner that empowers jurisdictions to consider the interdependent challenges of: (1) economic competitiveness and revitalization; (2) social equity, inclusion, and access to opportunity; (3) energy use and climate change; and (4) public health and environmental impact.

B. The purpose of this Agreement is to form a Coordinating Committee that will carry out the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program.

C. Together, the Coordinating Committee has the capacity and experience to develop a Regional Plan for Sustainable Development for the Gulf Coast Planning Region of Texas.

*The Parties therefore agree as follows:*

#### AGREEMENT

1. **Formation of the Coordinating Committee.** The Parties hereby form the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program Coordinating Committee (the “Coordinating Committee”). The Purpose of the Coordinating Committee is to create a regionally-adopted, consensus-based sustainability plan for the Gulf Coast Planning Region of Texas.

2. **Lead Member.** H-GAC shall be designated as the Lead Member and shall execute the cooperative agreement with HUD and will assume fiscal responsibility for the grant on behalf of the Coordinating Committee in compliance with all HUD and program requirements.

3. **Obligations of Parties; Funding Agreements.** The Parties shall cooperatively carry out the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program described in the Regional Plan for Sustainable Development Grant Application. Each member agrees to execute this Agreement no later than 120 days after the effective start date of the grant agreement.

a. Member’s specific activity under the Program:

1. The member’s Chief Elected Official or Chief Executive Officer shall designate a voting representative and an alternate representative, both of whom shall be authorized to vote on behalf of the member.

2. The member agrees to provide \$ \_\_\_\_ as a (cash match/in-kind match), specifically through (salary time/meeting space/other) in support of the program.

We are seeking to define the mix of knowledge desired on the Technical Advisory Groups in order to create a process for populating the committees. As a discussion point, we may want to solicit experts that have knowledge in the following topic areas that may be addressed by the Technical Advisory Groups. This list is meant to be for discussion purposes and is not intended to be a comprehensive list.

**Housing:**

- Public Housing, Housing Authorities
- Builder/developer, multi-family/single-family
- Resilient/green housing/disaster recovery housing
- Rural housing
- Affordable housing
- Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing
- Elderly/Senior/Assisted housing
- Homeless
- Temporary Housing, Housing Rehab., Manufactured Housing
- Rental/Home Ownership
- Housing Finance
- Institutional/Group Quarters
- Historic Preservation

**Healthy Communities:**

- Access to health care, pharmacy, insurance
- Food security/hunger, healthy food, nutrition, food deserts, local food
- Clinic/hospital advocates
- Healthy aging
- Healthy neighborhoods/walkable/parks/safety/crime
- Healthy environment/lead based paint

4. **Term of Agreement.** This Agreement is in effect until 36 months after the date of the grant execution with HUD.

5. **Amendments.** No amendment or modification to this Agreement is valid unless approved by the Committee and executed by the Member and H-GAC on behalf of the committee. This Agreement supersedes any oral promises, representations, or other agreements with respect to the subject matter of this agreement.

6. **Approval of Agreement.** By execution of this Agreement, the signatories of each Member certify and represent that this Agreement has been authorized by its governing body or authorized officer, as applicable.

7. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together shall be considered one and the same agreement.

*The parties have executed this Agreement as of \_\_\_th day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.*

**COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEMBER**

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Signature

**HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL,  
a political subdivision of the State of Texas**

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Jack Steele  
Executive Director

- Public health, obesity
- Mental health

**Social Equity:**

- Access to information, art and cultural amenities, libraries, schools
- Access to quality transportation, jobs, services, opportunity
- Workforce/skills training
- Childcare access
- Language barriers, social capital, isolation
- Family disintegration
- Gentrification
- Environmental justice
- Community leaders, social scientists/sociologists
- Perspectives of people with disabilities
- Perspectives of specific racial/ethnic groups (such as Hispanic, African American, etc.)

**Economic Development:**

- Workforce, Labor Demand, Brain Drain
- Entrepreneurship, Small Businesses
- Community Development Financing
- Recruitment, Regional Economic Competitiveness
- Education and Training Opportunities
- Adequate and Reliable Infrastructure
- Local food, agribusiness, aquaculture, and farming
- Tourism (emphasis on heritage and outdoor recreation)
- Tax rates, incentives, labor relations

- Diversification of economy
- Trade, international, imports/exports
- Quality of Life Amenities
- Revitalization/redevelopment, brownfields
- Oil and gas exploration and production/power generation and transmission (electricity)

**Environment:**

- Water, Wastewater, Stormwater, Flooding, Drainage
- Air quality, Climate Change, Energy and Alternative Energy
- Solid Waste/Land Recycling
- Resource Conservation, Farmland Conservation, Habitat Preservation
- Natural Disasters and Resiliency Planning
- Parks and Open Space
- Green infrastructure
- Low Impact Development, Green Building, Heat Island Impact
- Erosion/Subsidence
- Sustainable Farming, Ranching, and Fishing

**Transportation:**

- Transit (rural/urban/different modes)
- Pedestrian/Bicycle
- Freight (maritime shipping, road, rail, air)
- Transportation Safety, Security, and Evacuation
- Travel Demand Mechanisms (Carpooling, etc).
- Transportation Financing
- Ports/Airports/Waterborne Transportation

- Operations, ITS, Congestion Management
- Transit Oriented Development/Transportation-Land Use

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