#### **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANTS**

# ROUND 2 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS CORRECTED 5/7/12\*

BACKGROUND The Budget Act of 2010/11 authorized the Department of Conservation (Department) to implement and administer \$63.15M in project funds (Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006) to provide Planning Grants and Incentives awarded by the Strategic Growth Council (Council). The primary goal of this grant program is to develop and implement plans consistent with Chapter 13, Division 43, Public Resources Code, Sections 75127 and 75128. The funding plan was authorized for up to six years with a target of three separate funding rounds. In December of 2010, the Council awarded \$26.066 million of planning grants to local/regional agencies within three separate focus areas: Local Sustainable Planning, Regional SB375 (MPOs) and Regional Planning Activities with Multiple Partners. This resulted in 50 grant awards currently in contract with projects underway.

<u>ROUND 2 FUNDING</u> In November of 2011, the Council authorized issuance of the solicitation for Round Two. Similar to Round One, the solicitation had a goal to focus funds:

- Focus Area #1: Local Sustainable Planning
- Focus Area #2: Regional SB 375 Plus
- Focus Area #3: Regional Planning Activities with Multiple Partners

The guidelines for the Round 2 solicitation include these funding goals: "a minimum of 25% of funds in Focus Area #1, a minimum of 25% in Focus Area #2, and a minimum of 10% in Focus Area #3. No less than 20% of all Round 2 program funds will be dedicated to targeted planning efforts which address direct challenges of economically disadvantaged communities."

\$37 million unallocated project funds remain for Rounds 2 and 3. Proposals were due February 15, 2012. The Department conducted several technical assistance workshops in various locations in the state, while also fielding a large number of individual requests for technical assistance. There were 137 eligible applications submitted, requesting over \$73 million. The Department convened a review panel consisting of 41 staff persons from agencies representing the Council. Compared to Round 1, the response showed increased competitiveness and quality of the applications: the median score for Round 2 is 83.67 out of 100.

RECOMMENDATION Fund 43 awards for \$24,606,918, leaving approximately \$13 million available for Round 3.

#### **Arguments Pro**

The recommendation: awards many high-quality, high scoring applications; represents a broad geographic, demographic and topical distribution of grant funds; is consistent with guidelines; and maintains funding ratios.

#### Arguments Con

Funding available for Round 3 will be less than originally anticipated due to awarding more dollars in this current round (Round 2).

<sup>\*</sup> A prior version of this document incorrectly omitted the EDC label from one EDC proposal. EDC subtotals on pages 2 and 12 were updated 5/7/12 to reflect this change.

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#### **Available for Awards**

Of the \$63,150,000 appropriated for these grants, \$26,065,985 was awarded in Round 1, leaving \$37,084,015 to be awarded by the Council

#### **Grant Categorization** (as established by previously-approved guidelines)

#### Focus Area 1: Local Sustainable Planning

**Applicants**: Cities and Counties

**Target**: At least 25% of total funds to this Focus Area

**EDC**: Within this focus area, applicants may submit proposals that "primarily or substantially"

target economically disadvantaged communities (EDCs). At least 20% of the round's total

funding shall fund qualified EDC applications.

#### Focus Area 2: Regional SB 375+

**Applicants**: Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)

**Target**: At least 25% of total funds to this Focus Area

#### Focus Area 3: Regional Planning Activities With Multiple Partners

Applicants: Cities, Counties, Regional transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs), Joint Powers

Authorities (JPAs), and Councils of Governments (COGs)

**Target**: At least 10% of total funds to this Focus Area

(A PRIOR VERSION OF THIS DOCUMENT INCORRECTLY LISTED A 20% TARGET)

#### **Summary of Requested and Recommended Funding**

		Requested		Recommended
Focus Area	#	\$	#	\$
1 (all)	114	56,783,413	27	12,289,269
EDC subset	58	28,955,524	16	7,919,857
2	10	7,050,593	10	7,050,593
3	13	9,498,756	6	5,267,056
Total	137	73,332,762	43	24,606,918

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### Round 2 Funding Recommendation - Focus Area 1 (Cities and Counties)

APPLICANT	COUNTY	PROPOSAL TITLE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	SCORE
Ventura County	Ventura	Saticoy Area Plan Update: Creating a Sustainable and Vital Community	Comprehensive update to the Saticoy Area Plan that includes Zoning Ordinance amendments and Design Guidelines. Will introduce a variety of innovative circulation and land use policies that meet the goals of AB32, SB375, and the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant program. (EDC)		96.33
Gridley, City of	Butte	City of Gridley Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan, Development Code Update, and Infill Design Guidelines	Four components: (1) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan; (2) Updates to the Development Code and Improvement Standards; (3) Infill Design Guidelines; and (4) Custom tool to estimate VMT reductions associated with land use mix, density, design, and transit access. These components are necessary to implement the vision of the forward-thinking 2030 General Plan. (EDC)		96.33
Oakland, City of	Alameda	The Oakland Sustainable Neighborhoods Initiative	Integrates different affordable housing, public transit, and neighborhood revitalization efforts in the International Boulevard Corridor. Will result in the identification of priority projects, plans, and proposed policies, as well as collaborative investments. Includes collaboration with many other organizations. <b>(EDC)</b>		96.00
Merced, City of	Merced	City of Merced Programmatic Climate Action Plan and Implementing Codes	The project streamlines the City's development review process and includes the adoption of three interrelated components: a Programmatic Climate Action Plan; amended code and standards; and a Unified Design Manual. (EDC)		94.33
Tulare, City of	Tulare	Tulare Improvement Standards (TIS) Update Project	Includes the following components: (1) Update both the Subdivision Ordinance (SO) and Engineering Improvement Standards (EI Standards); (2) Incorporate transit-oriented design criteria in the SO and EI Standards; (3) Integrate the goals and action steps of the Climate Action Plan with the SO and EI Standards; (4) Incorporate complete streets concepts into both the SO and EI Standards.		94.33
Vallejo, City of	Solano	Integrated Revitalization Program for Sustainable Progress	The Program consists of preparing a Sonoma Boulevard corridor specific plan and integrating this plan with the existing Downtown, Waterfront and Mare Island plans. To implement these planning efforts, the Program updates targeted elements of the Vallejo General Plan and zoning regulations to support GHG reductions and improve the linkage between land use and transportation. (EDC)		94.00

APPLICANT	COUNTY	PROPOSAL TITLE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	SCORE
Chico, City of	Butte	Chico Infill Development and Sustainable Design Project	Results in: (1) Comprehensive update of Chico's Municipal Code development standards promoting infill and mixed use development; (2) An amended Design Guidelines Manual that addresses residential infill, complete streets, passive solar design, ag land protection, and foothill viewsheds; (3) An updated Bike Master Plan; (4) An inclusionary housing program; and (5) Focused distribution of the above deliverables to smaller communities.	\$185,483	93.67
Watsonville, City of	Santa Cruz	City of Watsonville Cilmate Action Plan	Comprehensive Climate Action Plan to assess GHG impacts in government and local industry, integrated with the 2030 VISTA General Plan. Includes development of a voluntary Local Carbon Offset Program and an inventory of projects that might be suitable for the AB32 Community Benefit Fund. Includes extensive resident outreach program and will be fully coordinated with others in the region. (EDC)		93.33
San Jose, City of	Santa Clara	Urban Village Master Plan and Zoning Revisions for East Santa Clara Street and Alum Rock Avenue	Develops an Urban Village Master Plan, and a zoning framework to implement this Plan, for the East Santa Clara Street Corridor between Downtown San Jose and Coyote Creek. Then develops a zoning code framework for East Santa Clara Street and Alum Rock Avenue between Coyote Creek and King Road. This will further implement 2040 General Plan's Urban Village Growth Strategy.	\$635,594	93.00
Coalinga, City of	Fresno	Coalinga Zoning Ordinance Update	This Zoning Ordinance Update will implement the sustainability-focused goals, policies and actions of the City's recently adopted 2025 General Plan. It will also serve as a model ordinance for other rural and small communities. Design guidelines will provide assistance to applicants and decisionmakers in considering simple options for how new projects can reinforce the character of the community. (EDC)		92.67
Live Oak, City of	The Downtown Reinvestment Plan will provide a vibrant, pedestrian-friendly, mixed- Downtown with recommendations for streetscape, transportation, and other infrastructure investments and revisions to Codes/Standards needed to induce infill development. Includes specific design guidance and pre-approved site plans to incre certainty for interested developers. (EDC)		\$203,549	92.00	

APPLICANT	COUNTY	PROPOSAL TITLE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	SCORE
Hermosa Beach, City of	Los Angeles	Comprehensive Blueprint for Sustainability and a Low Carbon Future	ainability and a Low  reinvented General Plan will advance sustainability and build resiliency into a tourism-		92.00
Tulare County	Tulare	AAA Water and MT Sewer Project (Allensworth, Alpaugh, Angiola, and Matheny Tract)	Consists of two pilots that will demonstrate sustainable models to improve living conditions in disadvantaged rural communities: (1) A plan to address arsenic contamination in drinking water by combining resources from Allensworth, Alpaugh, and the Angiola Water District; (2) A plan to eliminate polluting onsite septic systems in Matheny Tract by connecting existing homes to City of Tulare's wastewater system.  (EDC)		91.67
Mono County	Mono	Mono County Sustainable Communities Policy Project	Includes targeted General Plan Update (GPU), Climate Action Plan (CAP) and sage grouse conservation policy development. The GPU will target policy issues addressing sustainable communities, and the CAP and sage grouse conservation work provide the necessary information for effective GHG emission reduction, climate change adaptation, and targeted candidate species protection policies, as well as future CEQA tiering.	\$326,154	91.67
Brawley, City of	Imperial	Climate Action Plan and General Plan Amendments	Will develop (1) A Climate Action Plan (CAP) to serve as a comprehensive implementation strategy to reduce community-wide and municipal GHG emissions; and (2) Amendments to General Plan elements that will support and reinforce the goals of the CAP. The CAP will follow the ICLEI 5-step climate action planning process. (EDC)		90.67
Clovis, City of	Fresno Central Clovis Specific Plan Update		Comprehensive update of the Central Clovis Specific Plan, a focused land use planning, regulatory, and financing effort to supplement the City's General Plan update process. This effort will continue the city's success in revitalizing its central business district, and will provide a replicable model for other Central Valley cities.	\$149,211	90.67

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Baldwin Park, City of	Los Angeles	Development of a Sustainable Community Element	Creates a Sustainability Element to incorporate the City's many sustainable community goals and policies into a single authoritative resource and guide for City planning. The proposed project will also afford incorporation of the Sustainability Element into the General Plan to help ensure that sustainability goals and principles are incorporated in all City planning and operations.	\$376,292	90.67
Mountain View, City of	Santa Clara	Mountain View Zoning Updates	Targeted zoning updates will implement key General Plan strategies that support sustainable communities. This project will focus on addressing community values articulated in the General Plan for Quality of Life, Sustainability, Diversity, Health and Wellness, and Economics. The project also includes analysis of how to incorporate "Eco-Districts" into the planning process.		90.67
South Gate, City of	Los Angeles	South Gate Specific Plan For Tweedy Mile And Hollydale Areas	Will complete a Specific Plan for two commercial districts: Tweedy Boulevard and Hollydale Village. The Specific Plan will be based on sustainability and GHG emission reduction strategies, advocating a new and compact urban form of higher density, mixeduse, transit-oriented developments. Will include key indicators that will be regularly monitored to measure its rate of implementation resulting in GHG emission reduction. (EDC)		90.33
Oroville, City of	Butte	City of Oroville's Sustainable Code Update and Climate Action Plan	The Sustainable Code Update and a Climate Action Plan (Targeted Updates) will promote sustainable land use decisions and will allow the City to revise the Zoning Code and amend the General Plan making them consistent. The CAP will meet the City's General Plan and the States climate change policies and provide a model for other rural communities. (EDC)		89.67
Los Angeles County	Los Angeles	County of Los Angeles Master Plan for Sustainable Parks and Recreation - Phase One	Phase One of a Master Plan for Sustainable Parks and Recreation will be comprised of individual parks and recreation plans for unincorporated areas, focusing on six of the most underserved communities in the County: East Los Angeles, East Rancho Dominguez, Lennox, Walnut Park, West Athens, and Willowbrook. (EDC - corrected 5/7/12)	\$1,000,000	89.67
Hawthorne, City of	Los Angeles	Downtown Hawthorne Specific Plan	Completion of a Revitalization Plan for the City's historic downtown, which will lead to the creation of new urban forms and development patterns that are sustainable and energy efficient. The built environment will be more compact and built at greater densities. The implementation of the Revitalization Plan and GHG emission reductions will be monitored by key indicators.		89.33

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Long Beach, City of	Los Angeles	Southeast Area Specific Plan	The Southeast Area Specific Plan is an amendment to the City's Local Coastal Program and the Southeast Area Development and Improvement Plan area. The Specific Plan will refine and implement the community's vision, define community benefits, identify locations for infill development, formulate strategies to preserve thriving wetlands resources, and reduce vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions.		89.00
Blue Lake, City of	Humboldt	City of Blue Lake Climate Action Plan and targeted General Plan/Zoning Ordinance Update	The City will perform a citywide GHG inventory, develop a Climate Action Plan, and make targeted General Plan and Zoning Ordinance. This will include developing local action strategies that reduce GHG emissions, updating targeted elements of the General Plan to incorporate sustainable community strategies, and adding an Energy element to the General Plan. (EDC)		88.67
Calexico, City of	Imperial	Climate Action Plan, Agricultural Element and Targeted General Plan Update	Consists of a Climate Action Plan, an Agricultural Element, and a General Plan Update. The CAP will follow the ICLEI 5-Step Process. The General Plan Update and Agricultural Element will incorporate goals, policies and programs that will reinforce the actions included in the CAP. The Circulation Element Update will include a "complete streets" component. (EDC)	\$259,700	88.67
East Palo Alto, City of	San Mateo	East Palo Alto General Plan and Zoning Code Update	Revised General Plan policies and implementation measures, accompanied by zoning code revisions consistent with the SGC's objectives, will establish a safe compact community serving not only local residents but also regional needs. (EDC)		88.33
Tulare County	Tulare	Sustainable Highway Corridor Plan	The Sustainable Highway Corridor Plan will serve as a foundation planning document to guide the preparation of future community plans for unincorporated and economically disadvantaged communities along the Highway 99 corridor, and provide sustainable planning practices, standards and strategies for the abundant agricultural and natural lands in between the communities.	\$383,853	88.33

Subtotal recommendation for Focus Area 1: \$12,289,269

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### Round 2 Funding Recommendation - Focus Area 2 (Metropolitan Planning Organizations)

APPLICANT	COUNTY	PROPOSAL TITLE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	SCORE
Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization	multiple	Enhancing the Tahoe Basin Sustainable Communities Program	This project proposes to fund a way for the TMPO to collaborate with local governments to implement SB 375 and AB 32 at the local, state, and regional level and further the Tahoe Sustainable Communities efforts already underway. Enhancing the Tahoe Basin Sustainable Communities Program is the bridge between planning and implementation for regional and local stakeholders.	\$875,000	91.75
Sacramento Area Council of Governments	multiple	Implementing the MTP/SCS: A Rural and Urban Approach	This project will help implement SACOG's MTP/SCS. Provides tools for other regions through new work to: promote rural economic development and address food deserts; provide regional guidance on health risks from residential infill near high-volume roadways; create a regional Climate Action Plan; provide local governments with enhanced SCS information, tools and performance measures for better decision-making; expand analytical tools and best practices for parking and complete streets.		88.50
Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency	Shasta	Shasta County Regional SCS Collaborative	Proposal builds on collaborative regional effort toward a comprehensive growth and development plan. This effort will: result in a jointly developed SCS; provide missing links bring SCS into reality; provide the ability to measure, track, and report progress toward program objectives and refine implementation strategies over time. The proposal has been crafted in consultation with local agencies and community stakeholders.		87.75
San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)	San Diego	Implementing the SANDAG Sustainable Communities Strategy	This proposal seeks to expand ability to collaborate with other California MPOs and to carry out activities necessary to implement SB 375. Additional funding is requested to implement strategic initiatives to: develop a regional transit oriented development strategy; prepare an active transportation early action program; prepare a 'safe routes to transit' program; and develop alternative land use/transportation scenarios.		86.75
Santa Barbara County Association of Governments	Santa Barbara	Sustainable Strategy for Jobs, Housing, and Commuting	Proposals develops in collaboration with local member jurisdictions an intensive Transit-Oriented Development plan, including enhanced regional transit options and commuter rail, as part of the SCS. Addresses central issues the region faces: a significant jobs/housing imbalance and a geographically constrained transportation network and development pattern, which together have resulted in steadily increasingly long-distance commuting patterns and regional economic disparities.		84.75

APPLICANT	COUNTY	PROPOSAL TITLE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	SCORE
Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)	multiple	Building Sustainable Communities in Southern California	Proposal includes three initiatives to help implement the 2012 RTP/SCS: 1. Providing General Plan Update assistance to local jurisdictions to support SCS implementation (technical and financial assistance); 2. Performance monitoring tools and report for local jurisdictions to assess progress in SCS implementation; 3. An SCS Implementation Guidebook and best practices resources through a regional learning network to assist local jurisdictions.		84.50
San Luis Obispo Council of Governments	San Luis Obispo	SLOCOG Prop 84 - 2012 Grant Application	Proposal supports development of SCS in next RTP update. Funding allows for: outreach to the public; federal, state and member agencies and communities of interest; development and integration of the RHNA; GIS mapping for modeling of land use patterns and development of alternative scenarios; measurement of traffic impacts; a comprehensive planning effort for analysis of GHG generation.		84.00
Fresno Council of Governments	multiple	San Joaquin Valley Greenprint, Modeling and SCS Completion Project	Proposal will allow for implementation of strategies within the Blueprint Roadmap aimed at protecting, preserving and enhancing environmental, agricultural, natural and recreational lands and resources; encouraging location and resource efficient development and promoting in-fill development within existing communities. Tasks presented to accomplish these strategies are: 1. Greenprint Integration; 2. Valley-wide Model Refinement; 3. Sustainable Communities Strategies implementation.	\$1,000,000	83.00
Association of Bay Area Governments	multiple	Plan Bay Area Implementation	ABAG and MTC propose to support the implementation of "Plan Bay Area", the first SCS in the San Francisco Bay Area region, as part of RTP. Plan will be adopted in April 2013.  ABAG/MTC will monitor performance of programs in support of the SCS; provide assistance to local governments in implementation of the SCS; incorporate lessons learned into future SCS development.		82.00
Butte County Association of Governments	Butte	BCAG MTP/SCS Transit and Non-Motorized Transportation Plan	Proposal is to prepare a long range non-motorized transportation plan for integration into the region's 2016-2040 MTP/SCS. The project will: coordinate local plans into one regional bike, transit and pedestrian plan; identify improvements to the bike, pedestrian and transit networks; identify goals, policies, and objectives for alternative transportation modes; include a thorough public involvement process; and, quantify project objectives.	\$300,000	76.50

Subtotal recommendation for Focus Area 2: \$7,050,593

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### Round 2 Funding Recommendation - Focus Area 3 (Regional Collaboration with Multiple Partners)

APPLICANT	COUNTY	PROPOSAL TITLE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	SCORE
Humboldt County	multiple	North Coast Integrated Regional Planning - Healthy Communities, Functional Watersheds and Viable Economies	Proposal builds on a collaborative planning framework led by locally elected officials and Tribal leaders, helping to ensure sustainable communities in this economically disadvantaged region. Application seeks funding for development of regional plans for energy independence, climate change mitigation and adaptation; development of a regional greenprint; model policies and planning modules; and an innovative financing plan for energy conservation, renewable energy, natural & built infrastructure.		92.75
Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Dept.	Sonoma	Sonoma County Greenhouse Gas Reduction and Implementation Program	In partnership cities and non-profits, a county wide Climate Action Plan is proposed to locally implement the region's SB 375 SCS. Effort includes: 1) policies and programs that institutionalize a collaborative vision for quantifiable GHG reduction; 2) model implementation code and best practices for update of general plans, zoning and building codes, and municipal operations; 3) A local adoption process and mechanism to track progress toward achievement of desired outcomes.	\$1,000,000	90.75
Santa Clara County	Santa Clara	Silicon Valley 2.0: A Climate Action and Adaptation Plan for Strategic Growth, Reliable Infrastructure, Working Ecosystems, and a Healthy and Prosperous Region	strategies and measures. It maps the values of intersecting objectives to inform rowth, Reliable Working development; infrastructure risk mitigation; diversified mobility; economic growth and resilience; energy efficiency; ecosystem services from open space, habitat, agricultural		90.25
olano County  Solano Solano Regional Climate Action Planning Program Fairfield, The Program position complete implement		_	Proposal will create a Regional Climate Action Planning Program with the cities of Fairfield, Suisun City, Dixon, Rio Vista, Vacaville, Benicia, and Vallejo and Solano County. The Program will capitalize on existing efforts to reduce GHG emissions and to better position the region to adapt to long term risks of climate change. Two main tasks: (1) complete Climate Action Plans for Fairfield, Suisun City, Dixon, and Rio Vista; and (2) implement GHG-reduction programs identified in CAPs for Benicia, Vallejo, and Vacaville, and Solano County.	\$275,555	87.75

APPLICANT	COUNTY	PROPOSAL TITLE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	SCORE
Coachella Valley Association of Governments	Riverside	Coachella Valley Parkway 1e11	Proposal will conduct necessary planning for Parkway 1e11: a proposed 54-mile long Neighborhood Electric Vehicle, Bicycle, and Pedestrian route. The Parkway mostly follows the Whitewater River flood control channel. It traverses through the highest intensity land use corridor with the most potential for revitalization and mixed use development in the desert, a corridor with the highest traffic volumes and bus ridership.	\$999,982	87.75
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority	Los Angeles	A Greater L.A: The Framework for Regional Climate Action and Sustainability (Requested \$1,377,133)	Proposal supports county-wide "A Greater L.A.: the Framework for Regional Climate Action and Sustainability." This will include integrating research; convening stakeholders and experts; drafting a suite of model ordinances, best practices, and technical guidance; and providing technical assistance to communities in LA County. This proposal is a partnership between L.A. County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the Los Angeles Regional Collaborative for Climate Action and Sustainability.	\$1,000,000	87.00

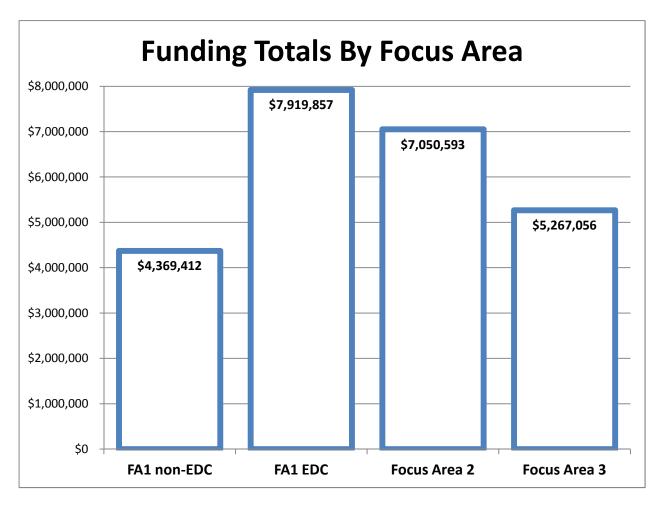
Subtotal recommendation for Focus Area 3:

\$5,267,056

### **Sustainable Communities Planning Grant – Round 2**

### **Graph of Recommended Funding Distribution**

	Number of
	Awards
\$ 4,369,412	11
\$ 7,919,857	16
\$ 7,050,593	10
\$ 5,267,056	6
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### **Map of Recommended Funding Geographic Distribution**

