

## Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program 2013 Request for Proposals

### INTRODUCTION

On behalf of the Strategic Growth Council (SGC), the Department of Conservation manages competitive grants to cities, counties, and designated regional agencies to develop and implement plans that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and achieve other sustainability objectives. The Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program provides a unique opportunity to improve and support infill development and equity through improvement of existing infrastructure; protect and conserve natural resources and the state's working lands; and encouraging efficient development partners in areas for growth is projected through a collaborative and coordinated approach.

### 2013 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Department of Conservation (DOC), Division of Land Resource Protection (DLRP), Planning Grant and Incentives Program staff has released the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Round 3 of the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentive Program. This Program is funded through the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Act of 2006 (Proposition 84). DOC has allocated approximately \$16 million of Proposition 84 funds for Round 3. The funds awarded will support development, adoption, and implementation of sustainable community planning elements throughout the State. The grants awarded from this solicitation will cover up to a three-year project period. Grant requests for amounts from \$50,000 to \$1,000,000 will be considered, as described in the RFP.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

DOC is utilizing the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST) system to facilitate the application and review process, and to conserve paper.

**All applicants submitting proposals for funding through this grant must submit a complete electronic application using the FAAST system, by 5:00 p.m. (PST) on Friday, February 28, 2014. Late applications will not be accepted.**

The application process through the FAAST system can be accessed through the link: <https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov>. The 2013 RFP, which describes eligibility, requirements, the application process, and the scoring criteria, is posted on the SGC website at: [http://sgc.ca.gov/planning\\_grants.html](http://sgc.ca.gov/planning_grants.html).

For technical questions about the State Water Board's FAAST application, please contact FAAST staff by phone at 1-866-434-1083 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or by email at

[FAAST\\_ADMIN@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:FAAST_ADMIN@waterboards.ca.gov). For questions regarding this grant solicitation, please contact the DOC Planning Grant and Incentives Program staff by phone at (916) 322-3439, Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or by email: [SGCSustainableCommunities@conservation.ca.gov](mailto:SGCSustainableCommunities@conservation.ca.gov).

#### **RFP WORKSHOPS**

DOC Planning Grant and Incentives Program and SGC staff will hold four workshops throughout the state in early 2014. Dates, times and locations will be announced by the end of December 2013.