

Overview

As a recipient of HUD's Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant, our region qualifies for Preferred Sustainability Status (PSS). This means that, for certain HUD grant programs, applicants located within the regional geography of the WNC Livable Communities Initiative project qualify for Preferred Sustainability Status bonus points when their applications are evaluated.

A few points to note about PSS:

- PSS applies to a specific set of HUD discretionary programs (see below for a complete list)
- At this point, only selected HUD grant programs recognize Preferred Sustainability Status. Based upon information from HUD, we anticipate that other federal agencies may provide Preferred Sustainability Status bonus points in the future.
- Preferred Sustainability Status is for FY 2012 grant programs (ending September 30, 2012), but HUD anticipates that grantees will have their status renewed in FY 2013 (meaning that our region would qualify for these bonus points in FY 2013 also).

If your jurisdiction is interested applying for an eligible HUD grant program and wants to pursue the Preferred Sustainability Status bonus points, please contact Carrie at carrie@landofsky.org or 828-251-6622. There is a form that must be completed and submitted with your grant application and a process to follow in order to ensure you receive the bonus points.

Eligible HUD grant programs

- Asthma Interventions in Public and Assisted Multifamily Housing Grant Program
- Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI)
- Capital Fund Education and Training Community Facilities Program
- Choice Neighborhoods
- Continuum of Care
- Fair Housing Initiatives Program
- Healthy Homes Production
- Healthy Homes Technical Studies
- Hispanic Institutions Assisting Communities (HSIAC)
- Historically Black Colleges and Universities Program (HBCU)
- HOPE VI Main Street
- HOPE VI Revitalization



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- Housing Counseling Program
- Housing for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)
- Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program
- Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration
- Multifamily Energy Innovation NOFA
- Rural Innovation Fund
- Section 4 Capacity Building for Community Development and Affordable Housing (Limited Competition)
- Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly
- Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities Program
- Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program (SHOP)