

HUD Preferred Sustainability Status

The Southeast Florida Regional Partnership's (Partnership) successful application for a HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant has also given our seven-county region "Preferred Sustainability Status."

What does the Preferred Sustainability Status (PSS) allow the Partnership to do?

It lets the **South Florida Regional Planning Council** certify applications that are for specific HUD competitive programs. These applications must be consistent with federal livability principles and the Partnership's Regional Vision and Blueprint for Economic Prosperity objectives articulated in the work plan.

Which programs are eligible to receive bonus points?

HUD eligible programs can be found on page 64 at:

<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=gensec.pdf>

Additional federal programs, particularly those related to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), U.S. HUD's interagency partners, may be eligible for PSS points depending on the program.

[Click here for HUD Frequently Asked Questions – Preferred Sustainability Status](#)

What does Preferred Sustainability Status mean for the region's seven counties?

Preferred Sustainability Status is significant for our region. It clearly indicates that HUD is supportive of the work that is being undertaken in Southeast Florida. Additionally, communities from our region will be given bonus points when submitting competitive applications, which will likely increase chances for funding and ultimately contribute to a more livable region.

How does my application get certified for consistency?

Send the following to Isabel Cosio Carballo, the designated Point of Contact of the HUD Preferred Sustainability Status Communities, at isabelc@sfrpc.com

1. A short description of your project. If you have an executive summary of the proposal, that would be helpful. Please be sure to include a statement explaining how the project relates to the livability principles and furthers the goals

articulated in the Regional Vision and Blueprint for Economic Prosperity Workplan.

Upon review, Isabel will need to be able to certify the following:

- (1) The applicant is engaged in activities, that in consultation with the designated Point of Contact of the HUD designated Preferred Sustainability Status Communities, further the purposes of the regional planning grant program;
- (2) The applicant's proposed activities either directly reflect the Livability Principles cited and contained in HUD's General Section to the FY2011 NOFAs or will result in the delivery of services that are consistent with the goals of the Livability Principles;
- (3) The applicant has committed to maintain an on-going relationship with the HUD Preferred Sustainability Status Communities for the purposes of being part of the planning and implementation processes in the designated area.

2. Completed HUD form 2995 (Certification Form)

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/hudclips/forms/files/2995.pdf>

If necessary, Isabel will follow up with you about any questions. Otherwise, she will return a signed form 2995 to certify your application. **PLEASE MAKE SURE TO INDICATE THE DATE BY WHICH YOU NEED THE CERTIFICATION FORM TO ENSURE TIMELY SUBMITTAL OF YOUR GRANT PROPOSAL.**

Please note that it is our expectation that most applications will be consistent with the livability principles and certified. However, this expectation is not a guarantee. We will not certify applications that conflict with the goals and objectives of the Partnership or the livability principles. For additional information about the Partnership, including access to additional information about the Partnership and its activities, please go to:

<http://www.sfrpc.com/Regional%20Partnership.htm>