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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! CMAP is requesting Information from local bodies of government about their intent to apply for the Sustainable Communities Initiative Community Challenge Grants & TIGER II Planning Grants. CMAP and our private, philanthropic and civic regional partners would like hear about your intent to apply so that we can potentially assist in the application process by lining up additional technical assistance, facilitating partnerships, and identifying additional leverage opportunities, if and where appropriate.

On June 24, a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) was jointly published for the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Challenge Planning Grants and the Department of Transportation's TIGER II Planning Grants. Eligible applicants include: State and local governments, including U.S. territories, tribal governments, transit agencies, port authorities, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), other political subdivisions of State or local governments, and multi-State or multijurisdictional groupings (CMAP does not intend on applying for these funds). Up to $75 million funds are available ($40 Challenge & $35 TIGER II) with a maximum award amount $3 million per grantee so this will be a highly competitive process. Pre-applications must be submitted by July 26, 2010, at 5p.m. EDT and final applications due August, 23rd 2010.

Please note: The Community Challenge Planning Grant Program differs from HUD's Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program, a $100 million program also created in the FY 2010 Appropriations Act. While the latter program is designed to support regional planning efforts, the Community Challenge Planning Grant Program focuses on individual jurisdictions and more localized planning. On Thursday, June 24 HUD published a separate NOFA for the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program and CMAP is currently reviewing.

If your community intends to apply for these funds, please take a moment to fill out the following summary form and submit it electronically by selecting the "Submit by Email" button at the top of this page, or fax it to 312-386-8624, Attn: Lee Deuben. Please submit completed forms no later than July 7th, 2010.

CMAP Request for Information
Community Challenge Planning Grants and TIGER II Planning Grants
Summary of Intent to Apply

Applicant:
Contact Name: Number: Email:
Location of Application:
Please provide a brief description of the planned proposal:
What are your technical assistance needs, if any?
Are you also applying for the TIGER II discretionary grants? Y/N If yes, please provide a brief explanation:
Can we share this information with our regional partners as means to identify potential technical assistance, letters of or in-kind support, or additional leverage, where appropriate? Yes ☐ No ☐ *Note: this is not a guarantee of assistance; it is intended as means to share information with potential partners, TA providers, etc. Assistance with the grant is up to the discretion of our partner organizations*

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