

HUD SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES REGIONAL PLANNING GRANT

A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AMONG PARTNERS IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS TO ENVISION, PLAN, AND CULTIVATE A SUSTAINABLE MIDDLE TENNESSEE

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing (HUD), acting on behalf of a partnership with the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Department of Transportation, with the authorization of the United States Congress, has made available to regions across America an opportunity to share in federal grant funding to assist in promoting the development of sustainable communities; and

WHEREAS, in response, the 10-county Middle Tennessee region has worked collectively to draft a proposal to develop a shared vision for future growth and to adopt a regional plan for sustainable development to be carried out by state agencies, regional planning organizations, local communities, non profit organizations, resource management agencies, private-sector stakeholders, and responsible citizens; and

WHEREAS, the proposal has been developed under the leadership of existing partnerships in the 10-county area including the Middle Tennessee Mayors Caucus, Cumberland Region Tomorrow, and Partnership 2020, representing the public sector, non-profit quality growth advocacy, and the economic development initiatives of the region's business community, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the application for funds was molded through a consortium of organizations from across the region with the capacity to shape plans, policies, programs, or projects related to housing, transportation, economic development, health, education, equity issues, water and other utility infrastructure, the environment, historic preservation, urban design, and rural preservation; and

WHEREAS, the consortium of stakeholders will be formally bonded through a memorandum of agreement, which will further define each member's role, responsibility, and contribution to the regional effort, to be executed within 120 days following the effective start of a grant agreement with HUD;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the individuals and organizations named below, acting in the spirit of regional cooperation and for mutual benefit, do hereby designate the Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization to serve as the primary applicant for funding, to assume the fiscal and administrative responsibility of the grant award, and to represent the collective capacity of the consortium to carry out the proposed program of work.