

## NCTCOG's Preferred Sustainability Status Information and Submittal Requirements

### **Background:**

In 2010, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) was awarded a Community Challenge Grant by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for their Planning for Livable Military Communities (PLMC) grant application. As a HUD Community Challenge grantee, NCTCOG has been designated as a Preferred Sustainability Status (PSS) community through FY2012. This means that NCTCOG can award two bonus points to HUD grant applications from eligible entities that NCTCOG feels are consistent with the Livability Principles established by the Partnership for Sustainable Communities, NCTCOG's Planning for Livable Military Communities project goals, and the Center of Development Excellence Principles. The bonus points signify that the PSS community believes the applicant is dedicated to advancing sustainability in their region or community. NCTCOG represents 16 counties in the North Central Texas area and is now accepting applications from local and regional partners to be considered for the two PSS bonus points. Please review the following instructions for submitting your agency's application to NCTCOG.

### **General Requirements:**

- 1) The following HUD grants are currently eligible for PSS bonus points as of FY2011 (please visit HUD's [Funds Available](#) site for updates):
  - Asthma Interventions in Public and Assisted Multifamily Housing Grant Program
  - Capital Fund Education and Training
  - Choice Neighborhoods
  - Continuum of Care
  - Fair Housing Initiatives Program
  - Healthy Homes Production
  - Healthy Homes Technical Studies
  - HOPE VI Main Street
  - HOPE VI Revitalization
  - Housing for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)
  - Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program
  - Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration
  - McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Programs Technical Assistance
  - Section 4 Capacity Building for Community Development and Affordable Housing
  - Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program (SHOP)
  
- 2) The applicant entity and project service area must be within the NCTCOG 16-county region including Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Erath, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Navarro, Palo Pinto, Parker, Rockwall, Somervell, Tarrant, and Wise counties.
  
- 3) The project must either directly reflect or result in the delivery of services that are consistent with at least one of the Partnership for Sustainable Communities [Livability Principles](#):
  - Provide more transportation choices
  - Promote equitable, affordable housing
  - Enhance economic competitiveness
  - Support existing communities
  - Coordinate and leverage federal policies and investments
  - Value communities and neighborhoods

- 4) The project must support the purposes of NCTCOG's [Planning for Livable Military Communities](#) HUD Community Challenge Grant, which is to integrate affordable housing, jobs, land use, and transportation to support the long-term economic vitality of communities.
  
- 5) The project must support as least one of the [Principles of Development Excellence](#) established by the Center of Development Excellence:
  - Development Diversity
  - Efficient Growth
  - Pedestrian Design
  - Housing Choice
  - Activity Centers
  - Environmental Stewardship
  - Quality Places
  - Efficient Mobility Options
  - Resource Efficiency
  - Educational Opportunities
  - Healthy Communities
  - Implementation
  
- 6) The applicant must be committed to maintaining an ongoing relationship with NCTCOG for the purposes of being part of the regional planning and implementation processes, which could include subscribing to various newsletters, receiving periodic invitations for NCTCOG events, or attending meetings.

**Required Forms:**

NCTCOG is requiring the following two forms from agencies requesting PSS Certification:

- [HUD Form 2995](#)
- [NCTCOG's Certification of Consistency for Preferred Sustainability Status Bonus Points Form](#)

**Submittal Process:**

Please submit by scanning and emailing the two required forms to Kendall Wendling at [kwendling@nctcog.org](mailto:kwendling@nctcog.org) (817-704-2544) at least two weeks (10 business days) before the application is due to HUD for review by NCTCOG. Applications will not be reviewed without the required documentation.

**Review Process:**

NCTCOG will utilize staff with experience specific to the applicant's project area or goals, to the extent possible, when reviewing applications to ensure consistency with the Livability Principles, NCTCOG's Planning for Livable Military Communities project goals, and the Center of Development Excellence Principles. The project applications do not have to match every principle or goal exactly, but no project application can conflict with the Livability Principles, NCTCOG's Planning for Livable Military Communities project goals, or the Center of Development Excellence Principles.

**Other Resources:**

HUD/DOT/EPA [Partnership for Sustainable Communities](#)

HUD [Community Challenge Grants](#)

HUD [Preferred Sustainability Status](#)