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A Seminar for Public Officials and Community Partners

Community Resource Guide

This guide provides a list of statewide and federal organizations and grant opportunities to aid in the development of your community.

Organizations

Active Living by Design

<http://mdah.state.ms.us/>

Active Living by Design creates community-led change by working with local, state and national partners to build a culture of active living and healthy eating.

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004
202.786.0503
www.achp.gov

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation advises federal agencies, the President and Congress on reservation policy and reviews proposed projects which federal funds are involved in order to evaluate and mitigate potential effects on historic properties.

Alliance for Historic Landscape Preservation

82 Wall Street, Suite 1105
New York, NY 10005
617.491.3727
www.ahlp.org

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American Farmland Trust

<http://www.farmland.org>

The American Farmland Trust (AFT), informs Americans about the issues posed by rapid depletion of the nation's farmland, the harmful effects of soil erosion, and other threats to the agricultural viability of the land. AFT undertakes projects directly through cooperating organizations and individual landowners, which demonstrate farmland protection techniques, and assists farmland protection policy efforts and land use initiatives by local, state, and federal government.

American Forestry Association

<http://www.americanforests.org/>

The American Forestry Association (AFA), advocates the protection, wise management, and enjoyment of both rural and urban forest resources in America. Its objective is to maintain and improve the health and value of trees and forests throughout America and to attract and cultivate the interests of citizens, industry and government.

American Historical Association

400 A Street, SE
Washington, DC 20003
202.544.2422
www.historians.org

The American Historical Association (AHA), a professional association for historians, has as its mission the advancement of historical scholarship. The AHA brings together nearly 5,000 institutions and 14,000 individuals, including university faculty, public historians, independent scholars, archivists, librarians, and secondary school teachers. AHA members receive The American Historical Review, Perspectives and the AHA Annual Meeting Program.

American Rivers

<http://www.amrivers.org>

American Rivers works to preserve the nation's outstanding rivers and riverscapes. It works to enlarge the national Wild and Scenic Rivers system; advocates for state river protection laws, hydroelectric power policy reform and public lands planning; and provides technical assistance to state and local river organizations.

Association of Fundraising Professionals

1101 King Street, Suite 700
Alexandria, VA 22314
703.684.0410
www.afpnet.org

Association of Fundraising Professional has been the standard-bearer for professionalism in fundraising for more than 40 years. The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) represents 26,000 members in 174 chapters throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, and China working to advance philanthropy through advocacy, research, education, and certification programs.

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

140 East 62nd Street, New York, NY
10021
212-838-8400
<http://www.mellon.org>

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation currently makes grants in five core program areas: higher education, museums and art conservation, performing arts, conservation and the environment, and public affairs. The Foundation works with grantee institutions prior to and as an integral part of all grant-making. Unsolicited proposals are rarely funded.

Center for Community Change

<http://www.communitychange.org>

The Center for Community Change helps low-income groups develop strong community organizations. A broad range of assistance is offered, including organizational development, coalition assistance, help to groups in raising money, and working with them to rehabilitate housing and revitalize neighborhoods.

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Center for Neighborhood Technology

<http://www.cnt.org>

The Center for Neighborhood Technology, a non-profit research, public policy, and technical assistance organization, seeks affordable, locally controlled ways for city residents to meet needs for housing, energy, jobs, and a healthy environment. Six program divisions make up the Center: energy services, housing services, neighborhood investment, industrial development, public issues, and The Neighborhood Works newsletter.

Center for Rural Affairs

<http://www.cfra.org>

The Center for Rural Affairs works to help low-income people, is concerned about the well-being of small, moderate-sized, and beginning farmers, and particularly focuses on Nebraska and neighboring states.

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<http://www.cfra.org>

The Heartland Center for Leadership Development is an independent, nonprofit organization developing local leadership that responds to the challenges of the future. A major focus of the Center's activities is practical resources and policies for rural community survival. Programs and publications stress the critical role played by local leadership in facing challenges. The Center's practical programs include training communities, businesses, and organizations in developing the capacity for locally directed strategic planning, helping policy-makers clarify key questions in the future of communities and states, and conducting field-based research related to leadership and its potential impact.

Coastal States Organization

<http://www.coastalstates.org/>

The Coastal States Organization is a non-profit representative association for the governors of the 35 coastal states, commonwealths, and territories that border an ocean, the Gulf of Mexico, or a Great Lake. The purpose of the association is to provide a voice for the coastal states in the formulation, development, and implementation of national marine and coastal resource programs and policies. It serves as the national coordinator of Coast weeks, a national three week observance of the coast.

The Conservation Fund

<http://www.coastalstates.org/>

The Conservation Fund is a national nonprofit organization, is dedicated to advancing land and water conservation with creative ideas and new resources. They provide specialized services ranging from land planning and acquisition to ecological assessment and communications support, and they analyze regulations, policies, and bills relating to natural resources and land use.

Council on Environmental Quality

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/CEQ>

The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), advises the President on environmental matters, oversees the implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act, and prepares an annual report on the state of the environment.

Council on Foundations

<http://www.cof.org>

The Council on Foundations, a nonprofit membership organization for grant makers, promotes and strengthens organized philanthropy. The Council represents grant makers, their concerns, and their interests to public policymakers, the media, and the general public. Council programs help members achieve their charitable goals. The Council publishes Foundation News and Council Columns, bi-monthly and bi-weekly publications respectively.

Council for Rural Housing and Development

<http://www.carh.org/>

The Council for Rural Housing and Development (CRHD), as the only national nonprofit corporation whose sole focus is the Farmers Home Administration (FMHA) Section 515 program, advocates an effective and adequately funded rural rental housing program in a fair tax environment for private sector participants.

Council of State Community Development Agencies

<http://www.coscda.org>

The Council of State Community Development Agencies is a membership association consisting primarily of state agencies which addresses the common interests and goals of states with respect to community and economic development, housing, public works assistance, and state/local relations.

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CSREES U.S. Department of Agriculture

<http://www.reeusda.gov>

The Cooperative State Research, Education, & Extension Service (CSREES), of the U.S. Department of Agriculture coordinates and provides administrative, technical, and other services to a nationwide Cooperative Extension System, in partnership with state and local governments and the private sector. The primary function of this system is to take the research findings of the Department of Agriculture, the state land-grant colleges and programs administered by the Department of Agriculture, and to develop and deliver informal, out-of-school educational programs. These programs communicate and demonstrate to people how they can apply research findings to identify and solve farm, home, and community problems. The goal of the Extension Service Revitalizing Rural America program is to expand rural jobs and incomes.

CSTC (Carl Small Town Center)

<http://carlsmalltowncenter.org/>

Carl Small Town Center (CSTC) Promotes good design and planning for small towns, promotes regional planning and cooperation between communities, encourages the development of public space and life within towns and communities, promotes sustainable development, influences public policy on the built environment, provides towns and communities with an active resource center for contemporary small town design issues, and promotes collaboration between communities, students and faculty.

Economic Development Administration U.S. Department of Commerce

<http://www.doc.gov/eda/>

The Economic Development Administration (EDA), part of the Department of Commerce, aids the long-range economic development of areas with severe unemployment and low family income problems. EDA assists in the development of public facilities and private enterprise to help create new, permanent jobs.

Environmental Defense Fund, Inc.

<http://www.edf.org>

The Environmental Defense Fund, Inc. (EDF), pursues responsible reform of public policy in the fields of energy and resource conservation, toxic chemicals, water resources, air quality, land use, and wildlife, working through research and public education, and judicial, administrative, and legislative action.

The Foundation Center

NYC Office, 79 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10003
212.620.4230
www.fdncenter.org

The Foundation Center is the nation's leading authority on institutional philanthropy. It maintains a reference collection on foundations and grants, sponsors seminars, conducts research and maintains online library services, including a "virtual classroom" where you can read several books from online text.

The Grantsmanship Center

1125 West Sixth Street, Fifth Floor
PO Box 17220
Los Angeles, CA 90017
213.482.9860
www.tgci.com

The Grantsmanship Center (TGC), offer low-cost grantsmanship training and publications to non-profit organizations. Paid members may register for grantsmanship workshops and training. The Grantsmanship Center Magazine is packed with information on how to plan, manage, staff and fund programs of nonprofit organizations and government agencies.

Housing Assistance Council

<http://www.ruralhome.org/>

The Housing Assistance Council (HAC), is a service organization that works to increase the availability of housing for low-income people in rural areas. It administers a revolving loan fund, provides technical assistance, undertakes research and training programs, and publishes booklets on housing issues and programs.

Independent Sector

<http://www.indepsec.org>

Independent Sector (IS), is a nonprofit coalition of over 650 corporate, foundation, and voluntary organization members. The mission of IS is to create a national forum capable of encouraging giving, volunteering, and nonprofit initiative.

Institute for Community Economics

<http://www.iceclt.org>

The Institute for Community Economics (ICE), has a range of programs, which assist the efforts of community residents to gain control over and benefit from local economic development. ICE also provides community organizational and development assistance to community groups and public agencies around the country.

Institute for Environmental Negotiation

<http://www.edf.org>

The Institute for Environmental Negotiation provides neutral third-party mediation assistance to governments, businesses, and citizen groups in the settlement of land use, historic preservation, and environmental policy disputes.

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International Council on Monuments and Sites

<http://www.icomos.org>

The International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), is an international, non-governmental professional organization composed of 60 national committees that form a worldwide alliance for the study and conservation of historic buildings, districts, and sites.

International Conference of Building Officials

<http://www.icbo.org>

The International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO), is a nonprofit service organization owned and controlled by its member cities, counties, and states. The ICBO's aims are to publicize, maintain and promote the Uniform Building Code and its related documents, develop uniformity in regulations pertaining to building construction, educate the building official, and formulate guidelines for the administration of building inspection departments.

Mississippi Center for Nonprofits

612 North State Street, Suite B
Jackson, MS 39202
601.968.0061
www.msnonprofits.org

Mississippi Center for Nonprofits specialize in nonprofit management training, information and technical assistance. MCN hosts an exceptional statewide conference every June.

Mississippi Department of Archives and History

PO Box 571
Jackson, MS 39205-0571
601.576.6940
www.mdah.state.ms.us

Mississippi Department of Archives and History is housed in the former Gulf, Mobile and Ohio Railroad Depot in Jackson. The MDAH Historic Preservation Division identifies and documents archaeological sites and historic places, nominates eligible properties to the National Register of Historic Places, reviews rehabilitation work on income-producing National Register properties for federal investment tax credit projects, monitors the impact of federally assisted projects on historically significant resources, administers the Mississippi Antiquities Law, works with local governments toward the preservation of properties significant to community heritage, consults with agencies, organizations, and individuals toward the preservation of buildings and sites, and offers educational programs and publications.

Mississippi Department of Archives and History

<http://mdah.state.ms.us/>

The Mississippi Department of Archives and History is a comprehensive historical agency. The department collects, preserves, and provides access to the archival resources of the state, administers museums and historic sites, and oversees statewide programs for historic preservation, government records management, and publications.

Mississippi Heritage Trust

PO Box 577
Jackson, MS 39205-0577
601.354.0200
www.mississippiheritage.com

Mississippi Heritage Trust (MHT), is a statewide organization dedicated to the preservation of the prehistoric and historic cultural resources of Mississippi. MHT fulfills its mission through education, advocacy, and active preservation using a range of programs and activities that reach communities throughout the state. The Lamar House is listed on MHT's listing of Mississippi's 10 Most Endangered Historic Places.

Mississippi Main Street Association

<http://www.msmainstreet.com/>

Mississippi Main Street Association is an economic development program based in historic preservation. Their mission is to provide visionary leadership, guidance and counsel to Mississippi Main Street communities through organization, promotion, design and economic development to make their cities and towns better places to work, live and play.

National Alliance of Preservation Commissions c/o School of Environmental Design

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Founders Garden House
Athens, GA 30602
706.542.4731
www.sed.uga.edu/pso/programs/napc/napc.htm

The National Alliance of Preservation Commissions serves as an alliance of local preservation commissions that provides information regarding historic preservation law, local ordinances, design review, and local reservation planning. The Alliance maintains a speaker's bureau and publishes the periodic Alliance Review.

National Association of Conservation Districts

<http://www.nacnet.org>

The National Association of Conservation Districts (NACO) is the national grassroots organization that serves as the spokesman for the nation's nearly 3,000 soil and water conservation districts. Its activities are aimed at advancing the resource conservation cause of the local districts and the millions of cooperating landowners and land managers whom they serve.

National Association of Counties

<http://www.naco.org>

The National Association of Counties (NACO), represents the more than 3,000 county governments in the United States. Its goals are to improve county government, act as a liaison with other levels of government, serve as a national spokesperson for counties, and advance public understanding of the role of counties.

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National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials

<http://www.nahro.org>

The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO), is a professional association for housing and community development professionals.

National Association of Home Builders

<http://www.nahb.org/>

The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), a federation of more than 800 state and local builder associations, monitors state and local legislation, offers technical and legal assistance, and sponsors educational seminars and conferences.

National Association of Regional Councils

<http://www.narc.org>

The National Association of Regional Councils (NARC), is a membership organization for regional councils across the country, with affiliate membership for other public and private organizations with an interest in planning, development, and governance at the regional level. Representing the nation's more than 500 regional councils, NARC serves as the national source of information for and about regional councils.

National Association of State Departments of Agriculture

<http://www.nasda.org>

The National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA), is a nonprofit organization composed of commissioners, secretaries and directors of the Departments of Agriculture in the fifty states and four trust territories. NASDA's purpose is to provide a voluntary, non-political organization to promote unity and efficiency in administration of agricultural statutes and regulations, to develop cooperation between departments of comparable agencies with the United States Department of Agriculture and with persons interested in agriculture, and to establish federal-state cooperative programs to promote agricultural interests.

National Association of Service and Conservation Corps

<http://www.nascc.org>

The National Association of Service and Conservation Corps (NASCC), is a nonprofit education association made up of conservation and service corps operating in states and cities. It serves as an information exchange network for members concerning conservation corps administration and management, promotes conservation and service values among staff and corps members, offers technical assistance to those interested in launching new corps, and promotes establishment of federal, state, and local programs.

National Association of Towns and Townships

<http://www.natat.org>

The National Association of Towns and Townships (NATAT), a membership organization, offers technical assistance, educational assistance, and public policy support to local government officials. The association publishes ten issues per year of NATAT's Reporter.

National Council of State Housing Agencies

<http://www.ncsha.org>

The National Council of State Housing Agencies (NCSHA), a national, nonprofit organization, assists its members in advancing the interests of low- and moderate- income persons through the financing, development, and preservation of affordable housing.

National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers

<http://www.sso.org/nchpo>

National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers administer state and/or local federal grant programs, provide technical assistance on rehabilitation and the National Register, and participate in the federal rehabilitation tax incentives certification program.

National Endowment for the Arts

<http://arts.endow.gov/>

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), an independent agency of the federal government, was created to encourage and assist the nation's cultural resources. It provides information about the arts, their artistic and financial health, and the state of their audiences. NEA awards grants through its Design Arts Program to individuals, nonprofit organizations, and local governments for projects that promote excellence in architecture, landscape architecture, and community design. Through its Folk Arts Program, NEA awards grants for documenting folk-life traditions. The objective of the Expansion Arts Program of the Rural Arts Initiative is to strengthen rural arts organizations.

NESC (National Environmental Services Center)

http://www.nesc.wvu.edu/links/sc_assi.cfm

National Environmental Services Center (NESC), helps small and rural communities with their drinking water, wastewater, environmental training, infrastructure resilience, and utility management needs--leading them to solutions to the problems they face.

National Parks and Conservation Association

<http://www.npca.org>

The National Parks and Conservation Association (NPCA), is a private, citizen-funded organization devoted solely to defending, expanding, and conserving the National Parks. NPCA works as an ally and constructive critic of the National Park Service.

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National Park Service

<http://www.nps.gov>

The National Park Service (NPS), of the U.S. Department of the Interior, is the principal federal agency responsible for preservation law and activities that create the basic framework for community preservation planning and provides the legal structure for the retention of historic properties. The Act established the National Register of Historic Places to recognize, identify, and evaluate significant historical properties. The federal government provides funding for the National Register listing and for the federal review process and provides incentives to encourage reuse of income-producing historic properties.

National Park Service

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Washington, DC 20013-7121
202.343.9500
www.nps.gov
Cultural Resource Management:
www.cr.nps.gov
National Register of Historic Places:
202.354.2213 www.cr.nps.gov/nr

The National Park Service (NPS), of the United States Department of the Interior is the principal federal agency responsible for preservation law and activities. The federal government provides funding for the listing and federal review process and provides incentives to encourage reuse of income-producing historic properties. The NPS also administers other designation programs like the National Historic Landmark program as well as other federally designated grant and assistance programs like the Save America's Treasures and Certified Local Governments.

Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development

<http://www.cas.psu.edu/docs/casconf/nercrd/nercrd>

The Regional Centers for Rural Development coordinate rural development throughout the United States by assisting the process of public and private decision making by encouraging and conducting multi-disciplinary research, extension, and educational programs. These activities are designed to improve the social and economic well-being of non-metropolitan communities in the regions.

National Rural Electric Cooperative Association

<http://www.nreca.org>

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), represents the national interests of rural electric systems. NRECA provides legislative services and programs in management training, insurance, public relations, and advertising.

National Wildlife Federation

<http://www.nwf.org>

The National Wildlife Federation (NWF), functions as a nonprofit conservation education organization dedicated to creating and encouraging an awareness of the need for wise use and management of those resources upon which lives and welfare depend: soil, air, water, forests, minerals, plant and wildlife.

Preservation Action

<http://www.preservationaction.org>

Preservation Action (PA), is a national grassroots citizen lobby with lobbying coordinators in each state. PA assists in drafting legislation, monitors proposed legislation, provides expert testimony, and works with federal agencies that administer preservation programs.

Project for Public Spaces, Inc.

<http://www.pps.org>

Project for Public Spaces (PPS), a nonprofit organization, specializes in the planning, design, and management of public spaces. PPS's objective is to improve public spaces so they are more usable, lively, safe, and enjoyable. PPS considers public spaces to include all of the areas, interior or exterior, publicly or privately owned, to which the public has access and which form the common life of a community.

Rural Utilities Service USDA Rural Development

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rus>

The Rural Utilities Service (RUS), part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, administers programs that are intended to ensure that rural America has reliable and affordable electrical, telecommunications, and water utility service. The Electric Program of the RUS makes insured loans and guarantees of loans to nonprofit and cooperative associations, public bodies, and other utilities. Insured loans primarily finance the construction of facilities for the distribution of electric power in rural areas. RUS telecommunications lending creates public - private partnerships to finance the construction of the Telecommunications infrastructure in rural America. RUS also helps develop water and waste disposal (including solid waste disposal and storm drainage) systems in rural areas and towns with a population not in excess of 10,000.

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy

<http://www.railtrails.org>

The Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC), a nonprofit organization, is devoted to converting abandoned railroad rights-of-way into trails for public use. In partnership with citizen groups, public agencies, railroads, and others, the Conservancy is working to build a transcontinental trail way network. RTC's program includes technical assistance, public education, advocacy, negotiation, legislation, and regulatory action. Publications such as the Citizen's Manual, Legal Manual, and the newsletter Trailblazer, in addition to conferences and statewide meetings, keep advocates up to date on rail-trail regulations and procedures.

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Safe Routes to School

<http://saferoutespartnership.org/>

The Safe Routes to Schools mission is to advance safe walking and bicycling to and from schools, and in daily life, to improve the health and well-being of America's children and to foster the creation of livable, sustainable communities.

Scenic America

<http://www.scenic.org>

Scenic America, a nonprofit membership organization, is devoted to protecting America's scenic resources and community character. Scenic America conducts workshops and provides information and technical assistance on sign control, tree ordinances, scenic highways, growth management, and all forms of aesthetic regulation.

Small Towns Institute

<http://www.ists.org/>

The Small Towns Institute is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to collecting and disseminating information on new and innovative ideas concerning the issues and problems facing small towns and non-urban areas.

Small Business Administration

<http://www.sba.gov>

The Small Business Administration (SBA), protects the interests of small business by ensuring that small business concerns receive a fair proportion of government purchases, contracts, and the sale of government property. The SBA provides funds to small business investment companies that make equity and venture capital investments and supply advisory services and counseling to small businesses.

The Society for American Archaeology

<http://www.saa.org>

The Society for American Archaeology (SAA), is a nonprofit, international scholarly and professional association comprised of avocational archaeologists concerned about the discovery, interpretation, and protection of the archaeological heritage of America.

The Townscape Institute, Inc.

<http://www.townscape-nst.com/index.html>

The Townscape Institute, Inc. is a nonprofit public interest organization concerned with increasing the livability of cities, towns, and neighborhoods through the conservation, interpretation, and enhancement of the man-made environment. Program areas include townscape WWW planning and interpretation, urban design and public art, preservation education, and environmental advocacy through lectures, publications, films and exhibits.

The Trust for Public Land

<http://www.tpl.org>

The Trust for Public Land (TPL), assists public agencies, landowners, and citizens' groups to protect land of recreational, historic, and scenic value. Its projects range from lot-sized neighborhood gardens, to vast additions, to forests, parks, and national recreation areas.

USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service Community Assistance and Rural Development Division

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov>

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly the Soil Conservation Service or SCS), within the U.S. Department of Agriculture, develops and carries out a national soil and water conservation program in cooperation with landowners, operators, other land users and developers, community planning agencies and regional resource groups, and federal, state, and local government agencies. NRCS assists in agricultural pollution control, environmental improvement, and rural community development. It is also responsible for the Resource Conservation and Development Program (RC&D), which develops local capability to operate and maintain a planning and implementation process for local projects.

USDA Rural Development

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rdlaboutrd.html>

The Rural Development Program, within the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), operates several federal programs designed to strengthen family farms, finance new and improved rural housing, develop community facilities and infrastructure, and create and maintain rural employment. USDA Rural Development provides financial assistance to rural people and communities who cannot obtain commercial credit at affordable terms. FMHA administers several programs that assist farmers or rural communities in general.

United States Forest Service

<http://www.fs.fed.us>

The United States Forest Service, within the U.S. Department of Agriculture, promotes and achieves a pattern of natural resource use that will best meet the needs of people now and in the future. Among the Service's tasks are the generation of forest opportunities to accelerate rural community growth, the protection and improvement of the quality of air, water, natural beauty, and open space environment in urban and community areas, the encouragement of growth and development of forestry-based enterprises, and optimum forest land ownership patterns, the expansion of environmental conservation, and the involvement of the public in forestry policy and program formulation.

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**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Smart Growth in Small Towns and Rural
Communities**

<http://www.epa.gov/dced/topics/rural.htm>

Smart Growth Strategies can help rural communities achieve their goals for growth and development while maintaining their distinctive rural character. Planning where development should or should not go can help a rural community encourage growth in town, where businesses can thrive on a walkable main street and families can live close to their daily destinations. Policies that protect the rural landscape help preserve open space, protect air and water quality, provide places for recreation, and create tourist attractions that bring investments into the local economy. Policies that support walking, biking, and public transit help reduce air pollution from vehicles while saving people money.

Waterfront Center

<http://www.waterfrontcenter.org>

The Waterfront Center, a nonprofit corporation, promotes urban waterfront enhancement through consulting and publications services. The Center publishes Waterfront World Spotlight Quarterly, as well as various books and reports.

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Grants

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

<http://www.mellon.org>

CDBG (Community Development Block Grants)

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Entitlement Communities

The CDBG entitlement program allocates annual grants to larger cities and urban counties to develop viable communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and opportunities to expand economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.

State Administered CDBG

The CDBG program awards grants to smaller units of general local government that carry out community development activities.

Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program

Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program provides a loan guarantee directly or designated to another public entity, such as an industrial development authority, to carry out their Section 108 assisted projects.

Disaster Recovery Assistance

HUD provides flexible grants to help cities, counties, and States recover from presidentially declared disasters, especially in low-income areas, subject to availability of supplemental appropriations.

CDBG (Community Development Block Grants) Continued

Neighborhood Stabilization Program

HUD provides grants to communities hardest hit by foreclosures and delinquencies to purchase, rehabilitate or redevelop homes and stabilize neighborhoods.

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Economic Development Program

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Economic Development Program is a grant program that is available to fund publicly owned infrastructure. Funding from this program can be used by municipalities and counties to assist with the location, expansion, or retention of businesses. Usage of the economic development grant funds must be directly related to the construction, renovation, or expansion of industry.

Municipalities and counties

Municipalities and counties must apply on behalf of industry based on the public infrastructure needs of the project. The Community Development Block Grant Program (Economic Development) provides for a maximum grant amount per project of **\$20,000** per job or up to **\$2,500,000**.

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CDBG (Community Development Block Grants) Continued

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Special Initiatives

In addition to its standard grants programs, the Commission offers special initiatives that focus on meeting specific needs within Mississippi communities. These programs are focused on helping to develop significant partnerships that will advance the arts. Current initiatives offering grant support to organizations include:

Building Fund for the Arts | (BFA) is a special, state bond financed program that supports repair, renovation or expansion of arts facilities in communities throughout the state.

Arts in the Classroom | Arts in the Classroom (AIC) is a program designed to primarily provide professional development for teachers and administrators of preK-12 schools in the foundations of arts integration as a teaching tool to enhance teaching skills and improve student achievement through the infusion of the arts into the basic curriculum.

The Whole Schools Initiative | The Whole Schools Initiative is a program open to K-12 schools that uses the arts as a vehicle for promoting high-quality instruction and learning for students.

Model Whole Schools | Schools that have committed to arts integration and changed their school's culture through the arts are invited to apply as a Model Whole School.

The Chisholm Foundation

<http://chisholmfoundation.org>

The mission of The Chisholm Foundation since inception has been to nurture and support meaningful endeavors in education, the arts, and religion. Guidance of the Foundation's activities has remained within the founder's family for three generations, and continues to serve the original vision.

CREATE Foundation

www.createfoundation.com

Northeast Mississippi's Community Foundation, CREATE Foundation is committed to improving the quality of life for the people of Northeast Mississippi (Alcorn, Benton, Calhoun, Chickasaw, Clay, Itawamba, Lafayette, Lee, Lowndes, Marshall, Monroe, Oktibbeha, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Tippah, Tishomingo and Union) through building permanent community endowment assets encouraging philanthropy and managing charitable funds contributed by individuals, families, organizations, and corporations, strengthening regional community development capacity, providing leadership on key community issues, and impacting the region through gifts and targeted grant-making.

Ford Foundation

www.fordfound.org

Ford Foundation is an international grant making entity, and funding is provided in the following program areas: asset building and community development, education, knowledge, creativity and freedom, and peace and social justice. Letters of inquiry are encouraged before applying.

Gertrude C. Ford Foundation

<http://www.fordcenter.org/about/>

Gertrude C. Ford Foundation has a track record for supporting the arts and culture as well as in the University of Mississippi community.

The Getty Grants Program

www.getty.edu/grants

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The Grantsmanship Center

www.tgci.com

The Grantsmanship Center was founded in 1972 to offer low-cost grantsmanship training and publications to non-profit organizations.

Hardin County Community Foundation

<http://www.hardinfoundation.org/Default.htm>

The Hardin County Community Foundation was established to be the vehicle for those interested in fostering the present and future needs of the people of all ages in Hardin County in the fields of arts, health, education, recreation and beautification.

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Kresge Foundation

www.kresge.org.

The Knight Foundation

<http://www.knightfoundation.org>

The Mississippi Arts Commission

Mississippi Arts Commission
501 North West Street, Suite 1101A Woolfolk
Building, Jackson, Mississippi 39201
Office phone: (601) 359-6030
<http://www.arts.ms.gov/grants/for-organizations.php>

Kresge Foundation offers Bricks and Mortar grants to build, renovate, purchase major equipment, real estate and facilities, and to challenge private giving. Additional support is available for building endowments.

We help our communities to succeed through our Community and National Initiatives program. We invest in civic innovations that attract, retain and harness talent; that expand opportunity by increasing entrepreneurship and economic mobility; and that build places that accelerate the growth of ideas and bring people from diverse social and economic backgrounds together. Promoting civic innovation and robust engagement will enable our communities to succeed in a rapidly changing world.

The Mississippi Arts Commission

The Mississippi Arts Commission serves as a catalyst for the arts in Mississippi. One way that the agency accomplishes this work is through grants to organizations. Following are the grant programs available to Mississippi-based nonprofits or units of government (organizations may apply to MAC for two grants per fiscal year: an Operating OR Project Grant and a Minigrant)

Minigrants

Minigrants are designed to meet a wide variety of needs in Mississippi communities. The program may be used to present an artist from MAC's Artist Roster (or another adjudicated artist listing), support a consultancy with an arts organization, or assist with staff travel to an arts conference. Minigrant awards range from \$50 to \$1,000 and require a dollar-for-dollar cash match.

Project Grants

Project Grants are utilized in funding a broad range of arts projects (and arts components of larger projects) in Mississippi communities. The awards range from \$250 to \$5,000 and require a dollar-for-dollar cash match.

The Mississippi Arts Commission

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Mississippi Department of Archives and History

Office Phone : 601-576-6850
E-Mail : info@mdah.state.ms.us
<http://mdah.state.ms.us>

Operating Grants

Operating Grants aim to help nonprofit arts organizations maintain financial stability, build organizational capacity, improve artist programs, and distribute their programs throughout the community. Applicants must have the arts as a primary component of their organizational mission and have been operating as a 501c3 nonprofit for at least two years. Organizations may apply for a percentage of the actual cash revenue of their last year's income. The grant awards typically average between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

Community Heritage Preservation Grant Program

The Community Heritage Preservation Grant program provides funds to help preserve, restore, rehabilitate, and interpret historic courthouses and schools.

Certified Local Government Grant Program

The Certified Local Government Program is a federal-state-local partnership that promotes historic preservation at the grassroots level and helps communities deal with preservation needs.

Mississippi Archaeological Research Grant Program

Grants may be used for any public collections from Mississippi or sites located in the state. Research involving private collections is eligible if it involves a comparative analysis with a public collection.

Hurricane Relief for Historic Preservation Program

The Hurricane Relief Grant Program for Historic Preservation distributes funds for properties along the Gulf Coast affected by Hurricane Katrina. The grants are available for publicly or privately owned structures listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

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Mississippi Landmark Grant Program Preservation Program

Mississippi Landmark Grant funds buildings designated as Mississippi Landmark under the provisions of the Antiquities Law. The grant funds may be used to pay the cost of acquisition, preservation, restoration, operation, administration and support of Mississippi Landmark properties.

Historic Preservation Tax Incentives

Substantial federal and state tax credits are available for the rehabilitation of qualifying buildings in Mississippi. Some projects are eligible for both state and federal tax credits, and the combined credits can reduce the cost of those projects substantially.

10% credit for the rehabilitation of non-historic buildings constructed before 1936 and used for income-producing purposes other than residential rental.

20% credit for the rehabilitation of historic structures used for income-producing purposes.

25% credit for the rehabilitation of historic structures used for residential or business purposes. Properties qualifying for the 20% federal preservation tax credit automatically qualify for the state tax credit.

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National Center for Preservation www.ncptt.nps.gov

National Center for Preservation (NCPTT) promotes and enhances the preservation and conservation of prehistoric and historic resources in the United States for present and future generations through the advancement and dissemination of preservation technology and training. NCPTT serves public and private practitioners through research, education and information management.

Southern Regional Office National Trust for Historic Preservation www.nthp.org/sro

The Southern Regional Office National Trust for Historic Preservation operates six regional offices and one field office that should be contacted first about the following three programs.

Mississippi Center for Nonprofits www.msnonprofits.org

Mississippi Center For Nonprofits are specialists in nonprofit management training, information and technical assistance. MCN hosts an exceptional statewide conference every June.

W. K. Kellogg Foundation http://www.wkkf.org/what-we-do/mississippi

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation supports children, families and communities as they strengthen and create conditions that propel vulnerable children to achieve success as individuals and as contributors to the larger community and society.

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AARP Public Policy Institute: What Is Livable? Community Preferences of Older Adults

http://www.aarp.org/content/dam/aarp/research/public_policy_institute/liv_com/2014/what-is-livable-report-AARP-ppi-liv-com.pdf

AARP's Public Policy Institute informs and stimulates public debate on the issues we face as we age. Through research, analysis, and dialogue with the nation's leading ex-perts, PPI promotes development of sound, creative policies to address our common need for economic security, health care, and quality of life. The views expressed are for information, debate, and discussion and do not necessarily represent official policies of AARP.

Asset Mapping A Handbook

http://www.planningtoolexchange.org/sites/default/files/sources/asset_mapping_handbook.pdf

The theme of the National Rural Conference 2002 is Community Capacity Building, which is about helping communities to help themselves. Community Capacity Building supports a way of thinking that will add value to the social, economic, and human resources that exist in the community. Key objectives of this conference include providing participants with tools and skills needed to stimulate development in their communities. This handbook is one of those tools.

Center for Problem-Oriented Policing

<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Publications/e0807391.pdf>

Crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) is an approach to problem-solving that asks, what is it about this location that places people at risk, or that results in opportunities for crime?

Community Matters: Newport, Vermont Connecting Community, Activating Change

http://www.communitymatters.org/sites/default/files/image_uploads/CommunityMatters%20Newport%20Vermont%20Report%20Feb2013.pdf

A Case Study report that consists of highlights from workshop discussions to assist the local community in taking action together to steward change in Newport. The report begins with Matt Leighninger's Introductory Remarks to the workshop, which speak to the challenge of building a "civic infrastructure" that can support democratic decision-making, broad citizen involvement, and strong local control of Newport's future.

Community Economic Development Assistance Corporation

<http://www.cedac.org/index.html>

Community Economic Development Assistance Corporations (CEDAC) is a public / private, community development finance institution, that provides technical assistance, pre-development lending, and consulting services to non-profit organizations involved in housing development, workforce development, neighborhood economic development, and capital improvements to child care facilities.

Earth Craft

<http://earthcraft.org/program-guidelines-a-worksheets#communities>

Earth Craft is the Southeast's standard for green building, pairing building science with regional know how. The result is exquisitely designed and renovated homes, buildings and communities.

Environmental Protection Agency | Resource Reports

http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/economic_success.htm

EPA has developed a series of reports exploring the economic advantages of smart growth for businesses, real estate developers, investors, and local governments. Smart growth development is compact and walkable and provides a diverse range of choices in land uses, building types, transportation, homes, workplace locations, and stores. Businesses, real estate developers, investors, and local governments that understand how smart growth can affect them financially will be better prepared to make development decisions? Decisions that are likely to benefit the environment as well.

Essential Smart Growth Fixes for Rural Planning, Zoning, and Development Codes

http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/pdf/rural_essential_fixes_508_030612.pdf

Communities should thoughtfully consider how and where to grow. For example, communities that want to maintain their rural character and economic vitality could decide to adopt mixed-use zoning for their Main Street buildings and commercial areas, policies to better manage stormwater runoff, and design requirements for complete, connected streets. Strategies like these are used in communities of all sizes around the country.

Federal Policies to Build Climate-Resilient Coastal Regions

https://www.lincolnst.edu/pubs/di/2381_1721_Lessons_from_Sandy_web.pdf

This report identifies a set of policies, regulations, and administrative practices that federal agencies can adopt to help coastal regions become more resilient - able to recover quickly natural disasters while at the same time reducing future risk in the face of climate change.

Federal Resources for Sustainable Rural Communities

http://www.sustainablecommunities.gov/pdf/federal_resources_rural.pdf

Rural communities across America are working to strengthen their economies, provide better quality of life for residents, and build on assets such as traditional main streets, agricultural and working lands, and natural resources. The partnership for sustainable Communities is coordinating with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to ensure that the four agencies' spending, policies, and programs support rural communities efforts to be vibrant, thriving places for current and future generations.

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H+T Affordability Index

<http://htaindex.cnt.org/>

The Housing + Transportation Affordability Index is an innovative tool that measures the true affordability of housing based on its location.

Lessons from the Green Lanes

<http://www.smartgrowth.org/engine/index.php/resources/>

The Smart Growth Network conducts research and publishes studies to be used in design and development of towns and cities. This bike lane study found that protected bike lanes encouraged substantial numbers of new bikers to take to the road, largely because they feel safer about doing so.

New Urbanism: Best Practices Guide, 4th Ed.

<http://www.bettercities.net/tools/books/new-urbanism-best-practices-guide-4th-ed>

The Fourth edition of New Urbanism: Best Practices Guide is the most comprehensive sourcebook on the ideas and techniques of New Urbanism ever published. Packed with more than 800 informative photos, plans, tables, and other illustrations, this book covers the full spectrum of community-building.

Overview of the Partnership for Sustainable Communities

<http://www.sustainablecommunities.gov/pdf/FactSheet.pdf>

The partnership for Sustainable Communities works to coordinate federal housing, transportation, water, and other infrastructure investments to make neighborhoods more prosperous, allow people to live closer to jobs, save households time and money, and reduce pollution.

Partners for Livable Communities

<http://livable.org/>

Partners for Livable Communities is a national, nonprofit leadership organization working to improve the livability of communities by promoting quality of life, healthy communities, economic development, and social equity.

Partnerships for Sustainable Communities

<http://www.sustainablecommunities.gov/toolsKeyResources.html>

Sustainable communities are places that provide homes working families can afford; safe, reliable, and economical transportation options and access to jobs, schools, parks, shopping, and cultural destinations. Not only do all of their residents enjoy the same protection from environmental and health hazards, but they also share in the economic and social benefits that can come from development.

Sustainable Design and Green Building Toolkit

<http://www.epa.gov/region4/recycle/green-building-toolkit.pdf>

This toolkit can help communities evaluate their existing codes/ordinances and apply the information to create more environmentally, economically, and socially sustainable communities.

Subscriptions to Digital Issues of "Planning" Magazine

<http://www.planning.org/store/search/results/?tagids+%2C2739%2C&rows+20&sortfield+&Keyword+digital+planning>

Digital Planning is an online publication identical to the APA's printed magazine. You can read the on-screen "flip" magazine on a computer, tablet, smart phone - any device that has access to the internet.

Sustainable Connections

<http://sustainableconnections.org/>

Sustainable Connections is supporting a community of innovators in green building, sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, supporting independent businesses in town centers, and mentoring a new breed of entrepreneurs that have designed their business with a sustainable vision.

Small Towns Big Ideas: Case Studies in Small Town Community Economic Development

http://www.iog.unc.edu/programs/cednc/stbi/pdfs/stbi_final.pdf?q=programs/cednc/stbi/pdfs/stbi_final.pdf

This report is the result of a collaboration between the center and the School government of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. It is the latest product of the center's Small Towns Initiative.

A Tool Kit For All Cities

http://www.kc4aic.org/siteresources/data/files/2013kccfaa_toolkitforweb.pdf

The contents of this toolkit are designed to help local government officials consider measures to improve the quality of life and opportunities for healthy living for older adult residents in metropolitan Kansas City's older suburbs.

Under Construction: Tools and Techniques for Local Planning

<http://www.gda.state.mn.us/pdf/2002/UnderConstruction.pdf>

ICMA is part of a team lead by the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) that is providing technical assistance and knowledge resources to the small towns and rural communities that are engaged in regional sustainability planning.

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Urban Wayfinding Planning and Implementation Manual

<http://thesignagefoundation.org/Portals/0/UrbanWayfindingPlanningImplementationManualWebsite.pdf>

Over the last twenty years, urban areas from small town main streets to the downtown districts of the largest cities have developed wayfinding and identity systems to enhance their brand, ease navigation and reinforce key destinations. With the current climate, communities have seen stronger wayfinding systems as a way to sustain economic viability. These important wayfinding projects have developed to the point where they have been integrated in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, published in magazines and books and accepted as part of municipal bond and other financing programs.