

PARTNERSHIPS *for* **C**HANGE *Sustainable Communities*

Request for Grant Proposals

We are delighted to announce the availability of over **\$250,000** in professional services and technical assistance grants through the **Partnership for Change (Pfc) Sustainable Communities Program**! These service grants will be awarded to combinations of municipalities that have agreed to work together for productive changes in their shared communities.

The **Pfc Sustainable Communities Program** was developed by **LIAA, Michigan Municipal League** and **Michigan Townships Association** with assistance from the Michigan Association of Planning, and Michigan State University Extension. The overall mission of this program is to foster new and expanded cooperation between cities, townships and villages in developing local land use policies and programs that contribute to the preservation of cultural and natural resources and encourage urban redevelopment while discouraging inefficient, low-density development.

There are two key requirements for participation in the **Pfc Sustainable Communities Program**:

1. A commitment to adopting new policies and/or programs providing additional protections for critical natural and cultural resources and/or urban redevelopment; and
2. A commitment to cooperation and collaboration with one or more neighboring municipalities as a means of developing and adopting these policies and programs.

The **Pfc Sustainable Communities Program** invites proposals from municipalities interested in making community-wide improvements. To be considered for a service grant, multi-jurisdictional partnerships must submit applications no later than **Friday, June 25, 2010**. The **Pfc Sustainable Communities Service Grants** are sized to fit the community need, ranging from \$5,000 to over \$65,000 in total project value. Selected project communities must provide at least 20% cash match.

Areas of Special Interest

We are particularly interested in assisting with the development of policies and/or programs that help address the emerging concerns for the sustainability of Michigan communities, including:

- preservation of critical natural resources (e.g., farmlands, forests, shorelands);
- energy conservation and renewable energy production;
- community asset inventories and development;
- improved economic viability of communities.

For a full program description and details on this **Request for Proposals**, please visit the website, www.partnershipsforchange.cc or contact us at the following address and phone number:



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