



## THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**TO:** Jim Scholl, City Manager  
**FROM:** Staff  
**DATE:** May 20, 2011  
**RE:** Partnership Agreement for South Florida Regional Partnership Consortium

### **ACTION STATEMENT:**

Authorizing execution of the attached partnership agreement for South Florida Regional Partnership Consortium - HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC), working in partnership with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC), entered into memoranda of understanding (MOU) with 130 organizations including the City of Key West (Resolution 10-230), with an additional 70 organizations providing letters and resolutions of support, to create the Southeast Florida Regional Partnership

The South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC), as lead applicant, submitted an application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and was subsequently selected as one of 45 recipients of the first round of Sustainable Communities grants in 2010. As part of the application process a subset of Partnership members were organized to form the nucleus of a strong leadership consortium called the "Sustainable Communities Grant Consortium" that would be expanded over time to include additional Partnership members. The initial Consortium participants include approximately 45 local governments, metropolitan and transportation planning organizations, nonprofit community-based organizations, professional associations, public and private sector organizations, and educational institutions.

At the time of the application the Consortium participants agreed to enter into formal Consortium Agreements (Attached) with the SFRPC within 120 days (June 21, 2011) of the formal Cooperative Agreement entered into with HUD on February 21, 2011.

The goal of the Consortium is to work together to successfully carry out the activities outlined in the Southeast Florida Regional Partnership's work plan to create a "Regional Vision and Blueprint for Economic Prosperity," (Regional Vision and Blueprint) approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on May 11, 2011. The

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work plan, milestones, and schedules will be more fully developed by the Partnership's Executive Committee, the chief governing board for the Partnership and the Consortium; Partnership and Consortium participants; and work groups. Please see Attachment A – Abstract and Work Plan Summary. The Partnership and Consortium will take the following six steps to achieve and sustain the Regional Vision and Blueprint:

- Build long term collaborative partnerships;
- Build and support the region's leadership capacity;
- Measure where the region currently is and where it will likely be if trends continue;
- Identify a vision of the future with better outcomes than identified in the current conditions and trend analysis;
- Engage communities in developing plans to achieve the Regional Vision and Blueprint with emphasis on equitable and achievable outcomes; and
- Develop strategies to implement the Regional Vision and Blueprint and measure progress towards the Regional Vision and Blueprint outcomes.

## **PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION**

The purpose of this Agreement is to formalize the roles and commitments of the Consortium participants as they are known today. The Partnership and Consortium will work over the next three years to create and lay the foundation for implementation of the Regional Vision and Blueprint.

## **OPTIONS / ADVANTAGES / DISADVANTAGES:**

1. The City Commission can choose to enter into the agreement as tentatively agreed to in the MOU. This would allow the City to participate in the HUD funding grant.
2. The City Commission can choose not to enter into the agreement which would make the City ineligible to receive funds from the grant.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

There is no additional financial impact beyond the amounts in the original August 23, 2010 contribution letter attached. The City will update the amounts to actual dollars, excluding the Comprehensive Planning project, now that these projects have started and submit the updated numbers to SFRPC. These are budgeted projects. They include the following:

- Solid Waste Master Plan for Sustainable Alternatives \$379,800
- Transportation Study \$247,885
- Truman Waterfront Connectivity Project \$491,964
- Comprehensive Planning including Sustainability \$200,000 (estimated)

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Commission select option 1 to enter into the agreement.