

Sub-Cabinet on Community Investment

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Executive Order 69

- Issued on June 11, 2008
- Outlined 8 Principles of Sustainable Community Investment
- Established the Sub-Cabinet on Community Investment
- Required agencies to analyze discretionary funding programs



Principles of Sustainable Community Investment

1. Invest in innovation.
2. Invest in existing infrastructure.
3. Invest in compact development.
4. Invest in the protection and restoration of Virginia's natural resources.



Principles of Sustainable Community Investment

5. Conserve our limited natural resources.
6. Invest in diverse housing opportunities.
7. Invest in transportation choices.
8. Take a long-term view.



Sub-Cabinet on Community Investment

- Chair: Secretary of Natural Resources
- Also includes Secretaries of
 - Administration
 - Commerce and Trade
 - Finance
 - Transportation
- Meets monthly



Sub-Cabinet on Community Investment

- Responsibilities of the Sub-Cabinet include:
 - Promote the Governor's Principles of Sustainable Community Investment.
 - Ensure that state investments are directed to projects that are consistent with the principles and recommend new criteria for discretionary spending programs that affect development patterns.
 - Collaborate on initiatives to continue to better link land use with transportation and to conserve open space .



Discretionary Funds

- Agency decisions about the use of funds must be consistent with the principles of sustainable community investment
- DPB directed to establish a list of funds
- Quarterly reports to the Governor on alignment required
- Initial reports must review grant criteria



Discretionary Funds

- DHCD: Community Development Block Grants
- DHCD: Appalachian Regional Commission Funds
- DHCD: Federal HOME program
- DHCD: Southern River Watersheds Enhancement Program
- DHCD: Indoor Plumbing Rehabilitation Program
- VEDP: Governor's Opportunity Fund
- VEDP: VA Economic Development Incentive Grant Fund
- VEDP: VA Investment Partnership Grant Fund
- VHDA: Affordable Housing Preservation and Production Program
- VHDA: Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program
- Community Colleges: Workforce Investment Act Discretionary Funds
- VDH: Drinking Water Revolving Fund
- VDH: Water Supply Assistance Grant
- DEQ & DCR: WOIF
- DEQ: Brownfields Financing
- DEQ: Wastewater Treatment Financing
- DEQ: Solid Waste Financing
- DEQ: Land Conservation Financing



Discretionary Funds - Transportation

- DRPT: Public Transportation Grants
- DRPT: Rail Enhancement Fund
- DRPT: Commuter Service Grants
- VDOT: Transportation Trust Fund
 - Safe Routes to Schools
 - Transportation Enhancement



Review of Grant Criteria

- Questionnaire devised for agency analysis of discretionary funds
- Initial agency responses have been compiled
- QC/QA process now underway
- Sub-Cabinet members to discuss possible proposals



Thank you.

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