

CDFI Help Desk - Forwarding Comments from USDHUD- CDFI Bond Fund Guarantee Program Comments

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In the spirit of better collaboration across federal agencies, I think the CDFI Bond Program should be used to support the federal Sustainable Communities Partnership. The Partnership was originally formed by HUD-DOT-EPA, but is beginning to add other federal partners. These agencies agreed to support "Livability Principles" through their programs and funding. Several planning grants were awarded to regions throughout the country to develop Sustainability Plans. These plans include a variety of thoughtful and "Sustainable" community and economic development projects that could effectively use funding. It would be a great collaboration at the federal level if the CDFI Bond was designed to support these efforts and Treasury became another Sustainable Communities Partner. If you would like more detail, I would be glad to provide it.

Regards,

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