

State of Arizona Smart Growth Scorecard Participating Agencies

Discretionary Grants, Loans and Approval Programs

Funding Opportunities and Application Requirements

Participating state agencies have made available discretionary grant, loan, technical assistance and approval opportunities for public, private, non-governmental and non-profit applicants throughout Arizona. These programs are available to applicants whose communities have completed a Smart Growth Scorecard located on the Arizona Department of Commerce website.

Beginning January 1, 2009 all applicants for select state discretionary funding programs offered by the participating agencies are required to reference a completed Smart Growth Scorecard. Completed Scorecards will be available on the Commerce website www.azcommerce.com. Reference to the completed Scorecard is preferred and sufficient, but the applicant may also submit a paper copy of the community's Scorecard. Applicants must refer to the completed Scorecard for the jurisdiction in which the project resides. If a proposed project spans more than one jurisdiction, the applicant can choose the best Scorecard.

All existing agency grant and loan program requirements remain unchanged. The submission of a Scorecard is in addition to existing guidelines and standards. Refer to the individual agency grant or loan program for details.

Eleven state agencies and two financing authorities participate by providing a variety of funding incentives and technical assistance to Arizonans.

Incentives and Technical Assistance Examples

Incentives

The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) provides a reduction of up to 3 basis points off their loan rate for those applicants whose score is in the highest "Smart Growth" category.

The Office of Tourism provides an additional 10% of the total requested Rural Tourism Development Grant funds for those applicants whose score is in the highest "Smart Growth" category.

Technical Assistance

For applicants that have low scores on questions #9 and #13, the Office of Tourism provides technical assistance to the community to encourage the promotion of tourism.

For applicants that score in the "Needs Attention" category, the Department of Housing provides technical assistance through their Community Development Block Grant programs with the Roy P. Drachman Institute (U of A) and the Stardust Center for Affordable Homes and the Family (ASU).



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