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Applications now being accepted for Smart Growth America's 2014 free technical assistance workshops

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Washington, DC – Smart Growth America is now accepting applications for its 2014 free technical assistance workshops. Communities interested in learning about smart growth strategies are welcome and encouraged to submit an application for one of 12 technical assistance tools.

Smart Growth America's free technical assistance workshops program, now in its third year, helps to facilitate local solutions to local issues and concerns, so that participating communities are able to grow in ways that benefit families and businesses while protecting the environment and preserving a sense of place.

“Smart Growth America’s technical assistance provides the tools and training needed to help local leaders and residents make their communities more prosperous and livable,” says Roger Millar, Vice President and Director of Smart Growth America’s Leadership Institute. “Last year, we worked with 22 communities across the nation to help them design and implement effective ‘home grown’ smart growth strategies. With continued grant funding, we anticipate working with even more communities in the coming year.”

Smart Growth America will again offer 12 types of workshops as part of the free program. These include:

- Implementing smart growth 101;
- Planning for economic and fiscal health;
- Sustainable land use code audit;
- Complete streets workshop;
- Using LEED-ND to accelerate the development of sustainable communities;
- Walkability workshop/audit
- Regional planning for small communities;
- Smart growth zoning codes for small cities;
- Transportation performance measurement;
- “Cool planning”;
- Parking audits; and
- Implementing transit-oriented development 101.

As a national leader in the field, Smart Growth America possesses extensive experience working with communities to help them use land strategically, make the most of existing resources and invest purposefully to catalyze private development.

How to apply

Any unit or subdivision of local government, Indian tribe or regional government is eligible to apply for these free workshops. Communities should select one workshop per application; applicants may submit additional applications for more than one workshop. Applications are due by **Friday, December 6, 2013 at 5:00 PM EST**.

Join us next week to learn more

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, join us for a webinar on Wednesday, November 6, 2013 at 2:00 PM EST to learn more about the types of workshops available and the application process. [Click here to register for the webinar.](#)

About the program

Smart Growth America's free technical assistance workshops are made possible by a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Sustainable Communities under the Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities Program. The Building Blocks program funds quick, targeted assistance to communities that face common development problems. One other nonprofit organization—Global Green USA—also received a competitively awarded grant under this program this year to help communities get the kinds of development they want.

In addition to our annual free workshops, Smart Growth America's technical assistance is available year round for a fee. Our expert staff can help your community achieve its development goals. Learn more on Smart Growth America's website.