



SOUTHEAST SUSTAINABILITY DIRECTORS NETWORKS

Southeast Sustainable Communities Fund 2017 RFP Informational Webinar 1

11:00 am EST Thursday, April 27th, 2017



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Webinar Outline

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 - h. Application Requirements
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Fund Partners

The Kendeda Fund is a philanthropic organization that supports the dignity of individuals and the sustainability of communities through investments in transformative leaders and ideas.



SSDN is a network of 50 local government sustainability officials in the Southeast.

SSDN's mission is to build capacity for community sustainability in the Southeast.

Fund Purpose and Intent

Purpose: Accelerate the adoption of sustainable best practices in Southeast communities by funding projects that implement local sustainability solutions, while leveraging the SSDN network to help others learn from grantee experiences and share success stories.

Grant Projects Will:

1. Mitigate and/or adapt to climate change through sustainable energy and/or water initiatives
2. Foster equity and inclusiveness
3. Leverage community partnerships
4. Strengthen local government policy
5. Demonstrate scalable solutions



2017 RFP Snapshot

Grants will support local partnerships to advance local government policy, plans, or programs that will create equitable and sustainable energy and/or water initiatives.

- **Five to seven TWO-YEAR GRANTS**
- **\$75,000 to \$150,000 per year**
- **Grants issued in one-year increments**
- **Year Two funding is contingent on successful completion of Year One milestones**

Timeline

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Thursday, July 6, 2017 at 5:00 pm EST	REQUIRED DEADLINE to submit a Letter of Intent
Friday, July 14, 2017	LOI feedback from Program Manager
July - September 2017	Optional technical assistance for applicants
Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 5:00 pm EST	REQUIRED DEADLINE to submit a grant application
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Monday, December 11, 2017	Public grant award announcement



Eligibility Requirements - Applicants



- A Southeast community
- SSDN OR non-SSDN member
- City or County Lead Applicant
- Person responsible for cross-departmental equity or sustainability function in a local government



Eligibility Requirements - Projects

Climate Change Mitigation and/or Adaptation through Sustainable Energy and/or Water Initiatives: Proposals should detail the aspect of climate change mitigation and/or adaptation they intend to address (e.g. energy efficiency, renewable energy, water efficiency, green stormwater, etc.).

Equity and Inclusiveness: Projects must benefit and engage people of color, people with low incomes, and/or people of immigrant and refugee communities. Proposals must identify the project's priority stakeholders, how they will be impacted by the project, and how they will be involved in shaping project design and implementation.

Eligibility Requirements - Projects

Community Partnership: Projects must leverage community support through partnerships. Proposals must have at least one project partner in addition to the lead applicant.

Local Government Policy, Plans, or Programs: Projects must advance local government policies, plans, or programs, and proposals must clearly articulate how the project will go about advancing and supporting that local government policy, plan, or program.

Project Match: While a dollar match is not required, successful applicants will demonstrate significant in-kind and/or cash support.

Non-Eligible Projects

Traditional environmental programming such as recycling or solid waste management, brownfield remediation, or upgrades or maintenance of transportation infrastructure.

Independent sustainability measures: Funding solely for the design, purchase, or installation of sustainability measures on local government or nonprofit buildings.

Projects that do not incorporate all four of the project eligibility requirements:

- **Mitigate and/or adapt to climate change through sustainable energy and/or water initiatives**
- **Foster equity and inclusiveness**
- **Leverage community partnerships**
- **Strengthen local government policy**

Reporting Requirements

Storytelling

Capture and share with SSDN aspects of the project in ways that are relatable/instructive to the general public

Progress Reporting

Year One Milestone Progress Report

Year Two funding discussion call

Final Report

Peer Learning

SSDN webinar or in-person meeting to share progress and lessons learned

Quarterly peer learning progress calls

Application Templates and Submittal

Applicants must use the following templates to structure their application materials:

- **Letter of Intent Template**
- **Grant Application Template**
- **Grant Budget Template**

Download templates through the handouts section of your webinar panel, or from www.southeastcdn.org/grants in the **Application Portal**.

Applications are to be uploaded online at www.southeastcdn.org/grants through the **Application Portal**.



Application Technical Assistance

Applicants are highly encouraged to seek one-on-one application technical assistance from the SSCF Program Manager.

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