

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2010-062

*Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding Between
the City of Columbia, Richland County, SC, Lexington County, SC
and Central Midlands Council of Governments*

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council this 21st day of July, 2010, that the City Manager is authorized to execute the attached Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Columbia, Richland County, SC, Lexington County, SC and Central Midlands Council of Governments for the purpose of applying for a grant to participate in the United States Housing and Urban Development's Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program (SCRPGP) in order to develop a Regional Plan for Sustainable Development in the Midlands..

Requested by:

Legislative Liaison



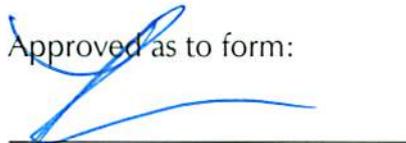
Mayor

Approved by:



City Manager

Approved as to form:



City Attorney

ATTEST:



City Clerk

Introduced: 7/21/2010
Final Reading: 7/21/2010

Memorandum of Understanding
between
the City of Columbia, SC, Richland County, SC, Lexington County, SC
and Central Midlands Council of Governments

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) is entered into and effective the last date executed below by and between the City of Columbia, SC, Richland County, SC, Lexington County, SC and Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG).

The purpose of this MOU is to enable the parties to jointly apply for a grant to participate in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program (SCRPGP) in order to develop a Regional Plan for Sustainable Development in the Midlands. This Regional Plan would:

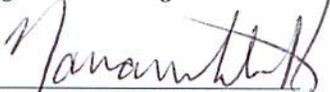
- Identify a variety of community needs such as, but not limited to: affordable housing, transportation investment, water infrastructure, economic development, land use planning, environmental conservation, energy system, open space, and other infrastructure priorities for the region;
- Establish measurable goals and benchmarks;
- Recommend detailed plans, policies, and implementation strategies to be implemented by all participating jurisdictions over time to meet planning goals; and,
- Engage residents and stakeholders across the Midlands in the development of a shared community vision and implementation process.
- Assist the parties to this MOU to apply for other funding for planning and infrastructure through future Sustainable Communities grant offerings.

The parties acknowledge the importance and relevance of regional collaboration for purposes of enhancing local quality of life, complying with EPA air quality standards, encouraging economic vitality, and managing the regional transportation system to meet accessibility and mobility needs of people and goods across the region. With that in mind, the parties have agreed to jointly apply for a grant to fund a mutually beneficial regional plan initiative.

The parties acknowledge that in order to apply for grant funding through the SCRPGP, a lead jurisdiction will need to apply and manage the reporting and monitoring of the project. The parties acknowledge that CMCOG will apply as the recipient of the SCRPGP grant and the other parties will be sub-recipients. The other parties acknowledge that they will need to comply with the recipient's Federal mandated accounting requirements which include the requirement to manage and ensure the deliverables are presented, properly accounted for and invoiced properly; with the understanding that the recipient is held ultimately liable for any discrepancies. All parties acknowledge that funding will need to be distributed in accordance with HUD federal guidelines.

The parties acknowledge that a formal consortium agreement will need to be approved and executed no later than 120 days after the effective start date of the grant. The consortium agreement will describe each consortium member's specific activities under the Program, including timetables for completion.

The parties acknowledge that this MOU is a not a contract, creates no legally enforceable obligations upon any party and is not enforceable as a contract. This MOU does not obligate any party to approve and/or execute any subsequent consortium agreement if the grant is awarded to CMCOG.

 _____, 2010

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Executive Director, CMCOG

 7-23, 2010

Steve A. Gantt
City Manager, City of Columbia

 8-9, 2010

J. Milton Pope
County Administrator, Richland County

 8-20, 2010

Katherine Hubbard
County Administrator, Lexington County