

Here is the relevant text of the *Livable Communities Act*. Changes are highlighted below.

Section 3 (Purpose)

(3) to encourage regional planning for livable communities and the adoption of sustainable development techniques, including transit-oriented development and employer-assisted housing programs;

(7) to promote economic development and competitiveness by connecting the housing and employment locations of workers, reducing traffic congestion, and providing families with access to essential services;

Section 4 (definitions)

Employer Assisted Housing (EAH) is an employer-provided benefit that helps employees with their housing needs.

Section 7 (Comprehensive Planning Grant Program)

(d) Application (2)(D) a certification that the eligible entity has created, or will create not later than 1 year after the date of the grant award, a regional advisory board to provide input and feedback on the development of the comprehensive regional plan that includes, as appropriate, representatives of a State, the metropolitan planning organization, the rural planning organization, the regional council, public transportation agencies, public housing agencies, economic development authorities, other local governments, environmental agencies, public health agencies, the nonprofit community, the private sector, local employers, community-based organizations, citizen groups, neighborhood groups, and members of the public;

(f) Eligible Activities (D) the creation and preservation of workforce housing and affordable housing for low-, very low-, and extremely low-income families, including housing with access to jobs and public transportation;

Section 8 (Sustainability Challenge Grant)

→ (e) (selection)– The applicant demonstrates the ability to leverage additional funding [or assistance as defined by the Secretary] from employers, consortia of employers, or unions for housing

→ (f) (grant activities):

(2) PROJECTS AND INVESTMENTS-

An eligible entity that receives a grant under the grant program shall carry out 1 or more projects that--

(B) promote livable communities through investment in--

(iv) promotion of employer-based commuter and housing benefit programs to increase public transportation ridership and location efficiency;