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Smart Growth Program & Grant

The Southern Adirondack REALTORS, Inc. is your local real estate association connection that may enable your community to access grants offered by the National Association of REALTORS, Inc. Grants are intended to stimulate home ownership, community pride and engagement of residents and businesses.

Smart growth is an approach to development that encourages a mix of building types and uses, diverse housing and transportation options, development within existing neighborhoods, and community engagement. The Smart Growth Program offers state and local REALTOR® Associations to way to engage with government officials, community partners and the general public in planning and designing community's future.

Ten Principles of Smart Growth

Based on the experience of communities around the nation that have used smart growth approaches to create and maintain great neighborhoods, the Smart Growth Network developed a set of ten basic principles:

1. Mix land uses
2. Take advantage of compact building design
3. Create a range of housing opportunities and choices
4. Create walkable neighborhoods
5. Foster distinctive, attractive communities with a strong sense of place
6. Preserve open space, farmland, natural beauty, and critical environmental areas
7. Strengthen and direct development towards existing communities
8. Provide a variety of transportation choices
9. Make development decisions predictable, fair, and cost effective
10. Encourage community and stakeholder collaboration in development decisions

Smart Growth Action Grants support a wide range of land-use and transportation-related activities. These activities must support REALTOR® engagement in land-use and/or transportation-related community issues with the primary goal of affecting public policies that support development that meets one or more of the 10 Smart Growth Principles. The project should also raise the profile of REALTORS® as community leaders and enhance REALTOR® relationships with local elected officials. There are no program prerequisites to applying for or being awarded a Smart Growth Action Grant.

Grants cannot fund:

- NAR-sponsored courses except Level 1 grants for the Smart Growth for the 21st Century Class.
- Activities that will have occurred prior to six weeks after the application deadline.
- Purchase capital items (tools, park benches, etc).
- Donations to other organizations unless there is significant REALTOR® activity associated with the collaborative effort.

The **Southern Adirondack REALTORS, Inc.** is a nonprofit membership association representing over 500 REALTORS and Affiliate businesses who serve Warren County, Northern Washington and Saratoga Counties as well as portions of Essex County. The association's mission is to strive to provide its members with programs and services which enhance the members' ability to successfully conduct their business in a competent and ethical manner and to promote the public's right to use and transfer real property. The Southern Adirondack REALTORS, Inc. is a member of the New York State Association of REALTORS, Inc. (NYSAR) and the National Association of REALTORS, Inc. (NAR).