

## **Projects that Include U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Place Based Initiatives**

Proposals with projects that include interventions in communities that have been designated USDA Place Based Initiatives may receive priority consideration. The USDA Place Based Initiatives include but are not limited to:

### **StrikeForce for Rural Growth and Opportunity (SF)**

StrikeForce aims to create self-sustaining, long-term economic development in persistent poverty rural communities by increasing investment through intensive outreach and stronger partnership with community leaders, businesses, and foundations. StrikeForce seeks to improve food security by increasing access to safe and nutritious foods.

### **Promise Zones (PZ)**

Promise Zones are Presidential initiatives through which the Federal government partners with, and invests in, selected high-poverty urban, rural, and tribal communities. Promise Zones leverage Federal resources to build existing local capacity to create jobs, increase economic security, leverage private investment, expand educational opportunities, increase access to quality affordable housing, reduce violent crime, and improve public safety.

### **White House Council on Strong Cities, Strong Communities (SC2)**

As part of the President's priority to strengthen the middle class, create jobs, and build ladders of opportunity, SC2 seeks to increase cooperation between community organizations, local leadership, and the federal government. SC2 pairs on the ground Federal inter-agency teams with the Mayor and city leadership to support the community's vision for economic development. These SC2 Teams offer technical assistance and expertise to help leverage existing Federal resources to grow local capacity and stimulate economic growth in distressed areas.

### **Partnership for Sustainable Communities**

The Partnership for Sustainable Communities works to coordinate federal housing, transportation, water, and other infrastructure investments to make neighborhoods more prosperous, allow people to live closer to jobs, save households time and money, and reduce pollution.

### **Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food (KYF2)**

KYF2 strengthens the connection between farmers and consumers to better meet critical goals, including reinvigorating rural economies, promoting job growth, and increasing healthy and local food access in America. Through KYF2, USDA integrates programs and policies that stimulate food and agriculturally-based community economic development, foster new opportunities for farmers and ranchers, and cultivate healthy eating habits and educated consumers.

Attachment C: USDA Place Based Initiatives

RFV and Procedures for Selection for Preliminary Authorization of Food Purchasing and Delivery Services for the Elderly and Disabled