



News Flash



A service of ILG's Sustainable Communities Learning Network, the News Flash highlights fresh resources and upcoming events tailored for local sustainability practitioners.

New Beacon Program Champion

The [San Diego Association of Governments \(SANDAG\)](#) has become a Beacon Program Champion! The Beacon Award Champion concept recognizes groups or agencies that wish to support and encourage the activities of cities and counties participating in the Beacon Award program or considering participation. They can include: councils of government, special districts or foundations, that provide sustained assistance to current and future Beacon Award program participants. [Click here for more information on the Beacon Champions.](#)

Engaging the Public in Planning for Housing

This week, The California Strategic Growth Council hosted [three workshops](#) throughout the state to receive public input to inform its new Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program Guidelines, and it was obvious interest was high. All of the meetings were packed and many even had a waiting list. Whether your community is considering proposals for new housing projects, updating the housing element of the general plan, or planning to apply for an SGC grant, you may benefit from a new resource ILG is offering with tips and suggestions for engaging the public in planning for housing.

Global Climate Negotiations: Lessons from California

Join leaders throughout California on September 8th in Sacramento as they discuss the policies that have placed California at the forefront of addressing climate change. At this unique symposium, participants will explore the lessons learned and what will be shared at upcoming UN Conferences and other International climate negotiations. For more information contact Mebus Behrle at 213-821-5536 or by [email](#). [To join the webcast click here.](#)

Funding Opportunity from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) is offering the RWJF Culture of Health Prize, which is awarded to communities that have placed a priority on health and creating powerful partnerships within communities to make a change. The \$25,000 prize honors those communities that are committed to not only providing access to good quality care, but also to addressing the barriers to better health by transforming our neighborhoods, schools and businesses so that good health flourishes. Up to ten communities will be awarded this prize. Phase I applications are due September 17, 2014. For more information visit their [website here.](#)

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