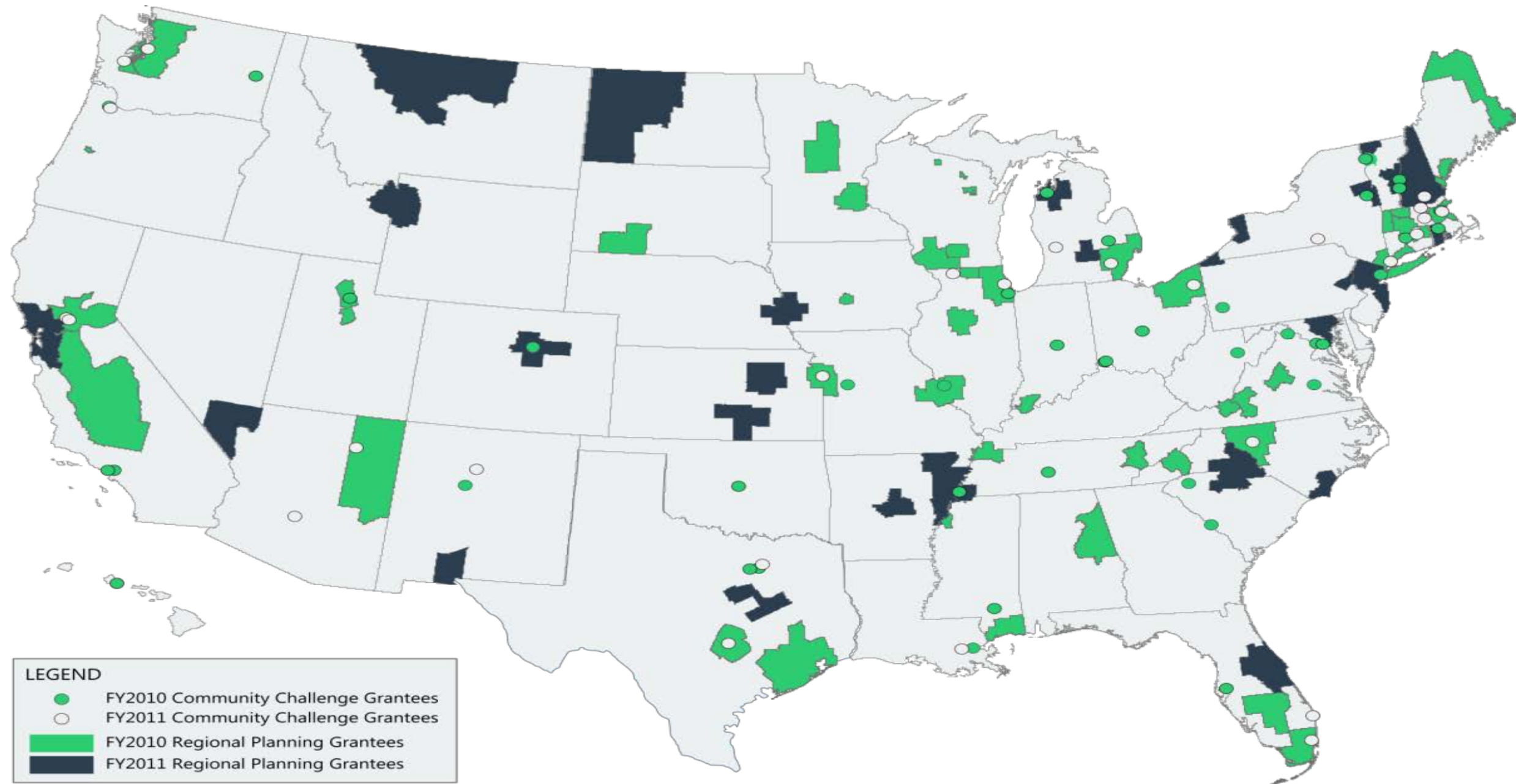


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- Awarded Regional Planning and Community Challenge Planning Grants in 2010 and 2011
- All Regional Planning Grantees produced a Fair Housing and Equity Assessment (FHEA) as part of final deliverables
- Piloted the type of data and analysis required under new AFFH rule



What are the essential elements of a strong Fair Housing and Equity Assessment (FHEA)?

Community Participation

- Integral part of FHEA process
- Required element of AFFH rule
- Establish channels to engage underrepresented groups

Lane County, OR

Latino Public Participation and Community Indicators Project

Developing a Bottom-Up Understanding of Inclusion and Livability in Lane County, Oregon



Dr. Gerardo Sandoval and Roanel Herrera Department of Planning, Public Policy and Management Incorporating Findings from Sightline Institute

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Regional Partnerships

- Fair housing challenges are often rooted in regional dynamics
- Collaboration reduces individual burden and enhances available resources
- Regional Equity Networks:
 - Kansas City
 - Puget Sound
- Regional Housing Mobility:
 - Chicago
 - Baltimore

Good Data = Better Decisions

- HUD will provide nationally uniform data to facilitate the new AFH
- Visualizing data helps make fair housing issues tangible and meaningful





Think Beyond Housing

- Fair housing choice is often shaped by other forces outside the realm of housing
- Effective solutions take an expansive view
- Minneapolis-St. Paul:
 - Changed transit funding formula to better serve low income transit-dependent households based on FHEA findings
- Baltimore:
 - Identified barriers preventing low-income households from accessing regional employment centers and maintaining job stability



Implications for AFFH Rule

- Community Engagement
- Balanced Approach
- Support for Regional Collaboration