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#	WINNERS	FY	Rd	PROJECT TITLE	DESCRIPTION	AWARD AMOUNT
1	City of Colorado Springs*	05	1	North Nevada Avenue Corridor Visioning	The City of Colorado Springs, in partnership with the Urban Renewal Authority, the University of Colorado and various private sector representatives, prepared a redevelopment plan for North Nevada Avenue, an area designated for high tech/innovation and high quality urban renewal.	\$10,483
2	ULI Idaho	05	1	"Consequences of Residential Infill on Existing Neighborhoods in Treasure Valley"	ULI Idaho and Smart Growth Idaho are conducting a study entitled "Consequences of Residential Infill Development on Existing Neighborhoods in Treasure Valley." The team aims to determine whether the public aversion to infill projects is based on fact or myth. The findings of their study will be presented at state and regional forums on smart growth and infill development.	\$20,000
3	ULI Minnesota*	05	1	Regional Council on Mayors	ULI Minnesota, the Local Initiative Support Corporation, the University of Minnesota and Target established a successful, and ongoing forum for mayors and ULI members to exchange ideas, advice and expertise.	\$40,000
4	ULI New York*	05	1	Documentary Video: "Going!"	ULI New York collaborated with students from Stuyvesant High School to create a documentary video on the relationship between transportation systems and quality of life in the Tribeca neighborhood.	\$18,540
5	ULI San Francisco*	05	1	Bay Area Public Officials Leadership Forum	ULI San Francisco conducted a two-day leadership forum to foster dialogue between ULI members and public officials. The curriculum included such topics as leadership techniques, development economics, infrastructure financing and public involvement. Following the event, a follow-up session was held to solicit feedback.	\$19,500
6	ULI Washington	05	1	Public and Private Partnerships	ULI Washington organized a forum, hosted by their Inner-City Advisor, to identify common issues faced by the not-for-profit and for-profit development communities.	\$15,000
7	ULI Charlotte*	05	2	An Educational Initiative for Elected Leaders on Large-Scale, Mixed-Use Developments	With matching funds from the Knight Foundation, ULI Charlotte teamed up with UNC Charlotte to educate locally elected leaders about applying smart growth principles to large-scale, mixed-use development in more rural counties surrounding Charlotte. The grant funded a symposium where community leaders presented and discussed problems and best practices with practitioners and experts. UNC students analyzed the symposium results and produce a written summary.	\$35,000
8	ULI Northern New Jersey*	05	2	Structured Parking & Public Transit	ULINNJ partnered with the New Jersey Institute of Technology to develop a financial feasibility analysis, four case studies, and funding strategies that support the financing and construction of structured parking around transit.	\$20,000

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9	ULI Seattle*	05	2	Developing a Public Open Space Network for the City of Seattle	This grant supported the development of a comprehensive, interconnected public open space network for the City of Seattle. The program included data gathering, visioning charrettes, and implementation strategies. ULI Seattle will partner with the University of Washington in this project.	\$20,000
10	ULI South Carolina*	05	2	Implementation of the Quality Growth Recommendations	Grant funds were used to support the implementation of the Quality Growth recommendations developed by a ULI-sponsored statewide committee, including such as meetings with key state and local leaders and interest groups; conference presentations; media outreach; the monitoring of legislation related to growth; and media outreach. Matching funds were provided by two university partners.	\$21,362
11	The Drachman Institute*	06	1	Red Wing Ranch Project:	In response to increasing pressure on local ranch owners to subdivide, the Drachman Institute at the University of Arizona used the Red Wing Ranch Project to create a better development model for the region. Faculty members and students researched, planned, and designed a sustainable, self-sufficient community on the site of the donated 12,000-acre ranch, preserving open space and scenic vistas.	\$31,084
12	ULI North Texas*	06	1	Regional Action Activities	As a follow-up to an April 2005 regional visioning exercise modeled after ULI Los Angeles's <i>Reality Check</i> , ULI North Texas will broaden involvement and build support for regional action. Exercises and workshops will be created to engage targeted groups of stakeholders and regional leaders, the results of which will shape overall regional decision making.	\$25,000
13	ULI OR/SW Washington*	06	1	Two-Day Oregon Land Use Forum	ULI OR/SW Washington will convene a 2-day conference in central Oregon during which a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and treats) analysis will be used to evaluate Oregon's existing land use system and Measure 37. A wide range of participants will be invited, including public officials; individuals from the private, nonprofit, and academic sectors; and ULI Senior Resident Fellows. Results will be presented to legislative policy makers.	\$35,000
14	Regional Plan Association*	06	1	Community Visioning & its Applicability to "New Immigrant" Neighborhoods	The Regional Plan Association held a community visioning exercise for a model disadvantaged, low-income, or "new immigrant" neighborhood that could benefit from the redevelopment of underused transit stations &/or construction of new ones, and associated affordable housing and job opportunities. Before the visioning event took place, RPA completed a study to find a suitable model market and analyzed several features of the selected neighborhood such as zoning, land use, housing, commercial demand, demographics and regional market opportunities.	\$40,000

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15	ULI Atlanta	06	2	TRACK Project to Build Support for the Atlanta Beltline Project	In response to the Atlanta BeltLine project—which aims to connect a ring of neighborhoods with transit, trails, and parks along Atlanta’s abandoned rail lines—ULI Atlanta has developed TRACK (Target, Research, Acquire, Community, and Knowledge). TRACK will work to build support for the BeltLine by bringing together planners, developers, and the community. The project will focus on building consensus for an early goal of the BeltLine—creation of a park where a quarry now operates—and will include a survey, public outreach and a final report.	\$28,000
16	New Century Transportation Foundation	06	2	TOD in Colorado's Roaring Fork Valley : Barriers and Best Practices	The New Century Transportation Foundation will hold a workshop focused on transit-oriented development—its barriers and best practices—in Colorado’s fast-growing Roaring Fork Valley. ULI members will be employed as speakers and facilitators at the workshop, which will also be attended by local property owners, developers, planners, elected officials and citizens. The project also includes a demonstration project, and white paper highlighting best practices, model policies, and incentives.	\$20,000
17	ULI Pittsburgh*	06	2	Strategies for the Reuse of Vacant Land in Underutilized Commercial Corridors	ULI Pittsburgh partnered with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University’s Urban Lab program to address strategies for the reuse of vacant land in two underutilized, commercial corridors. The team included local ULI members and Philadelphia’s ULI Inner City Advisers, who prepared feasibility studies focusing on the reuse potential of the vacant properties, which were informed by significant input from community charrettes.	\$24,500
18	ULI Richmond	06	2	Collaborative Thinking Among For-Profit and Non-Profit Developers	ULI Richmond will convene a forum for collaborative thinking among for-profit and nonprofit developers, which will build upon an earlier partnership with Local Initiative Support Corporation Richmond, and their counterparts in Chicago. The forum will include roundtable discussions, breakout sessions, examples of successful collaborations, and a presentation by a ULI inner city adviser, to be followed by mobile workshops and publication of a report.	\$10,000
19	ULI Charlotte	07	1	The Preservation and Provision of Affordable/Workforce Housing in the Charlotte Area	ULI Charlotte will work with their inner-city advisor, who leads the Charlotte Mecklenburg Housing Partnership, to create a long-term vision to guide the provision and preservation of affordable/workforce housing in the Charlotte area. A visioning session with hundreds of stakeholders, and several follow-up workshops will build stronger relationships between the public, private, and nonprofit sectors, and lead to a better understanding of the tools, best practices, and partnerships that will be necessary to implement the vision.	\$25,000

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20	ULI Chicago	07	1	Plan Commissioner On-Line	ULI Chicago and the University of Illinois at Chicago will partner to complete and market Plan Commissioner On-Line, a virtual training program for planning commissioners throughout the Chicago region. The grant will fund a trial run of the program in one community, before it is offered region-wide. In addition, the CAG will fund a brochure to promote the program.	\$25,000
21	ULI London & ULI Birmingham	07	1	Tax Increment Financing, Urban Regeneration & the UK	ULI London and ULI Birmingham will hold a workshop bringing together global experts to discuss Tax Incremental Financing and its application to urban regeneration projects in the UK. ULI experts will present detailed examples of how this tool has worked to revitalize key American cities, and representatives from Germany and the Netherlands will share their experience in value capture.	\$14,000
22	ULI Orange County	07	1	Land-Use Patterns & Public Health	In response to a well-respected annual indicators report, ULI Orange County will explore the nexus between public health and land-use development patterns. The grant will establish an alliance among the District Council and health and education professionals. This alliance will explore best practices and strategies during a series of conferences that will focus on Orange County but have broader applicability. The CAG will also fund a publication on ten ways to build healthier communities.	\$21,000
23	ULI Philadelphia*	07	1	Collingswood PATCO Station Project	ULI Philadelphia and the Borough of Collingswood, a suburb of Philadelphia in southern New Jersey, will hold an educational symposium and a subsequent public engagement forum to build consensus on the redevelopment of a nine-acre parcel surrounding the Collingswood PATCO station. The result of the grant will be a community-based guide for developers and model project for TOD throughout the region.	\$20,000
24	ULI Sacramento	07	1	Developing a Unified Funding Strategy for Civic Infrastructure	To support implementation of the Sacramento Blueprint regional visioning effort, ULI Sacramento will work with a regional nonprofit, Valley Vision, to convene stakeholders to discuss and develop a unified funding strategy for civic infrastructure, such as arts, sports, scientific, and entertainment facilities. The grant will also fund an inventory of existing and planned civic amenities, research on best practices and potential funding mechanisms as well as a summary publication.	\$20,000

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25	ULI Colorado	07	2	Real Estate Developer Program for Women & Minorities	ULI Colorado will partner with the University of Denver and the City and County of Denver to expand the representation of women and minorities within the real estate development field through academic training at DU's Real Estate School, in combination with year-long, paid apprenticeships with private developers. A Speakers Series will bring nationally recognized developers to Denver to advance a better understanding of land use, and engage this emerging network of women and minorities in the real estate field.	\$20,000
26	ULI Memphis	07	2	Urban Design and Place Making	ULI Memphis and the University of Memphis will host four workshops to explore the role of urban design in creating quality of life and place around universities and other institutions. Each two-day workshop will incorporate a nationally known speaker and a mini-charrette about a particular urban design issue and its impact on neighborhoods adjacent to the University.	\$25,000
27	ULI San Francisco	07	2	UrbanMap	ULI San Francisco will design, market and launch new outreach features for its UrbanMap website to promote community dialogue about good land use practices. The new features will include a "Public Forum," where interested parties can exchange opinions on land use issues; "In the News," a repository of important news stories; and "Shared Insights," a real estate development blog. UrbanMap is a new website developed by ULI San Francisco that is the first online, comprehensive compilation of land use maps and reports for the Bay Area.	\$25,000
28	ULI Seattle	07	2	Housing Our Future: A Model for Change	ULI Seattle and regional partners have organized to create a regional alliance of stakeholders and develop a model for increasing workforce housing production. The CAG will fund the first year of a three-year initiative that will raise awareness of the workforce housing crisis in Seattle, and identify policy changes necessary to encourage construction of additional workforce housing. The alliance will also offer support to several employers within these jurisdictions interesting in implementing employer assisted housing.	\$25,000
10 79	ULI South Carolina	07	2	ULI South Carolina Center for Sustainable Leadership	ULI South Carolina will launch the ULI South Carolina Center for Sustainable Leadership in the fall 2007—a nine-month educational program to build leadership capacity on land use issues. Each year the Center will sponsor a class of twenty student-leaders in three regions of the state. The curriculum will incorporate an abbreviated <i>Reality Check</i> exercise and <i>UrbanPlan</i> workshop as well as leadership training. For the "final exam", each student will participate in a <i>ULI Technical Assistance Panel</i> .	\$25,000

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30	ULI Arizona/ASU/ LISC Phoenix	08	1	Strategies for Building Livable Communities	Under the sponsorship of ULI Arizona, LISC Phoenix and ASU Stardust Center for Affordable Homes and the Family have partnered to develop a presentation toolkit and campaign strategy. The goal is to engage local residents, business groups, community organizations, and civic leaders in discussions about challenges presented by the population growth of metropolitan Phoenix, as well as realistic solutions and designs for building sustainable, affordable, and healthy neighborhoods. This grant will support research on examples of livable communities in the Southwest and creation of a speakers bureau. It also will support development of a PowerPoint presentation, speakers manual, and takeaway pamphlet; a series of training workshops on using this toolkit; and project evaluation methods.	\$20,000
31	ULI Colorado	08	1	ULI Colorado Grassroots Outreach Program	The ULI Colorado Grassroots Outreach (COGO) Committee, in partnership with the Colorado Tomorrow Alliance, is launching a long-term education and outreach campaign to increase public awareness of the tenets of responsible and sustainable growth. The campaign will serve as a model forum for starting community conversations about smart growth, its obstacles, and its values. ULI Colorado will train and coordinate a speakers bureau consisting of full ULI members who will meet with community groups and local stakeholders to facilitate discussion and understanding of such land use issues as transportation, open-space preservation, and compact development.	\$20,000
32	ULI Oregon/ Southwest Washington	08	1	Transportation Infrastructure Funding Project	A collaborative effort between the district council and the Metro Regional Government to address the critical issue of infrastructure funding. The purpose of the project is to lay the groundwork for adoption of a continuing regional infrastructure development plan that supports the land use, growth management, sustainability, and livability goals of the region's comprehensive plan. The program centers on community outreach at a regional scale with focused events, exercises, and a technical advisory panel. The goal will be to advance a shared understanding of the importance of funding transportation infrastructure, explore innovative financing strategies, and identify strategies most likely to succeed in this and other regions.	\$25,000

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33	ULI Philadelphia	08	1	Philadelphia Mayors' Forum on Real Estate Development & Infrastructure	A Mayor's Forum to convene city officials, private land use professionals, and civic leaders to develop a shared vision for the future of Philadelphia and build consensus on major land development issues and priorities. ULI Philadelphia intends to collaborate with the mayor's office to advance best real estate development policies and serve as a built-environment information clearinghouse. Drawing on ULI national and local resources, ULI Philadelphia will organize 12 educational workshops to identify solutions addressing the region's most pressing needs, followed by several public meetings. Ultimately, the findings of the forum will be published as a guide to best development practices and smart growth policies.	\$25,000
34	ULI San Diego/Tijuana	08	1	Sustainability of the San Diego Region: A Binational Mayors' Forum	ULI San Diego/Tijuana will hold four mayoral forums and a symposium for the region's leaders to learn about and identify regional sustainability solutions to complex and emerging land use issues. 18 mayors from the San Diego region and 4 mayors from Northern Baja, Mexico, will learn about the challenges of future growth and advantages of cooperative problem solving. Findings will be published as a Regional San Diego Sustainability Report, which will outline the top ten issues facing the region over the next quarter century.	\$25,000
35	ULI Southwest Florida	08	1	Workforce Housing Stimulus Program	ULI SW Florida, its Young Leaders Group, and the Economic Development Council (EDC) of Collier County, Florida, are in the process of planning and implementing an incentive-based, economically sound Workforce Housing Stimulus Program intended to identify a long-term solution to the affordable/workforce housing crisis in southwest Florida. ULI Southwest Florida and the EDC will also complete a training manual that can be used by other communities to develop solutions to their workforce housing needs.	\$25,000

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