

# The Sustainable Communities Framework

National Commonwealth Group, Inc. (NCG) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit community development organization that has spent a decade researching and developing systems for uplifting communities on economic, social and environmental fronts. NCG is managed by senior professionals with extensive experience in founding, running and consulting to for-profit and non-profit organizations.

## Launching in Puerto Rico

We have distilled our experience, research and findings into an integrated system that we call the Sustainable Communities Framework (SCF). The organizing principles are found on NCG's website, as are details of the plan's three primary vehicles. Our plan to help rebuild Puerto Rico begins with a program for students and small businesses.

## A Green New Deal, Now

The SCF tracks closely to the Green New Deal (GND), the key difference being that the proposed GND is a program authorized, administered and funded by the federal government. By contrast, the SCF is a regionally managed, grassroots effort self-funded by money issued by the people themselves, known as complementary currency. Further references to the nature of money and historically successful uses of complementary currency validate the SCF approach to fortifying local economies.

Because the SCF is locally driven, it can be implemented without government approval or funding, and thereby immediately begin improving economic, social and environmental quality of life. Local stakeholders needn't wait while Congress debates the GND when their communities can immediately begin tapping the benefits of SCF programs.

## Our Partners

NCG is joined in this effort by individuals, groups and organizations including the Centre for Enterprise and Economic Development Research (CEEDR's letter of collaboration here); the Global Institute for Sustainable Prosperity (GISP), its president Dr. Fadhel Kaboub (creator of the student volunteer program) and GISP's worldwide group of research scholars and fellows; non-profit 3 Day Startup and its global entrepreneurship development system; and the Crowd Funding Professional Association (CfPA), among others.

## NCG is Pursuing Association & Partnerships to Launch our Puerto Rico Program

- Small businesses and entrepreneurship development organizations.
- Farmers and other food producers and distributors.
- Energy producers and distributors.
- Contractors, suppliers, trade organizations, unions, labor groups.
- Social service organizations and clients.
- Kindergarten through post-graduate academic institutions.
- Healthcare and homecare, including for children and elderly.
- Local governments and non-profits.
- Any establishments committed to the wellbeing of communities.

## We Welcome Collaborators & Contributors

- Experienced managers (for profit and non-profit) who can help lead programs.
- Fundraising experts, including crowdfunding and direct solicitation.
- Charitable organizations, benefactors, donors and groups dedicated to social impact.
- Public relations, social media experts and event organizers.
- IT, web, video and platform developers.
- Individuals or groups sharing our mission.