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I'm writing to express my support for the Sustainable Cities Year (SCY) Program.

I am an alumna of University of Oregon, where I received a BS in Environmental Studies and participated in the first pilot year of SYC as a student. The experiential, partnership model allowed me to gain real-world experience in local government while in college. These types of experiences and opportunities to build a portfolio and professional relationships were integral to my personal career success.

Now in my role as a local government employee in Oregon, I also understand the tangible benefits of this program for our local agencies. This program adds an amazing amount of capacity, creativity and innovation to underfunded local agencies who elect to participate.

Please continue to appropriate funding to the Sustainable City Year Program. This program is a great investment in education, local government agencies, and future civic leaders.