

# FY16 Promise Zone Benefits from Partnering Agencies

**Agency:** Housing and Urban Development  
Office of Public Housing Investments

**Programs with PZ Benefits:**  
Choice Neighborhoods Implementation  
Grant

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**Benefit Type:** Grant Competition

**Eligible Communities:** Urban, Rural, and Tribal neighborhoods that contain a distressed public housing or HUD-assisted housing development.

**Eligible Applicants:** Public housing authorities (PHAs); local governments; nonprofits; tribal entities and for-profit developers that apply jointly with a public entity.

**Application Deadline:** June 28, 2016

**Benefits to Promise Zone:** 2 Bonus Points

**Background:** Choice Neighborhoods is designed to address struggling neighborhoods with distressed public housing or HUD-assisted housing through a comprehensive approach to neighborhood transformation. Local leaders, residents, and stakeholders, such as public housing authorities, cities, schools, police, business owners, nonprofits, and private developers, come together to create a plan that transforms distressed HUD housing and addresses the challenges in the surrounding neighborhood. In addition to revitalizing severely distressed public and/or assisted housing, the program is designed to invest and leverage investments in well-functioning services and assets, high quality education crime prevention, public transportation, and improved access to jobs.

**Program Description:** Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants supports those communities that have undergone a comprehensive local planning process and are ready to implement their "Transformation Plan" to redevelop the neighborhood.

### **Goals:**

- 1. Housing:** Replace distressed public and assisted housing with high-quality mixed income housing that is well managed and responsive to the needs of the surrounding neighborhood;
- 2. People:** Improve educational outcomes and intergenerational mobility for youth and services and supports delivered directly to youth and their families; and
- 3. Neighborhood:** Create the conditions necessary for public and private reinvestment in distressed neighborhoods to offer the kinds of amenities and assets, including safety, good schools, and commercial activity, that are important to families' choices about their community.

To achieve these core goals, communities must develop a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy, or Transformation Plan. To successfully implement the Transformation Plan, applicants will need to work with public and private agencies, organizations (including philanthropic and civic organizations), and individuals including leaders, residents, and stakeholders, such as public housing authorities, cities, Tribes, schools, police, business owners, nonprofits, and private developers—to gather and leverage the financial and human capital resources needed to support the sustainability of the plan. These efforts should build community support for and involvement in the development and implementation of the plan.

For more information about Choice Neighborhoods Grantee Technical Assistance, please go to: [http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/public\\_indian\\_housing/programs/ph/cn/cntechnicalassistance](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/ph/cn/cntechnicalassistance)