

FY16 Promise Zone Benefits from Partnering Agencies

Agency: Housing and Urban Development
Office of Public Housing Investments

Programs with PZ Benefits:
Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant

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Website: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/ph/cn

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); tribal entities, local governments; and nonprofits.

Funding Availability: HUD is making \$5,000,000 available through this NOFA (\$500,000 maximum per project) for Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants.

Application Deadline: HUD will release a Planning Grants NOFA in FY 2017.

Benefits to Promise Zones: 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 Planning Grants will support the development of comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plans which, when implemented, are expected to achieve the following three goals:

- 1. Housing:** Transform distressed public and assisted housing into energy efficient, mixed-income housing that is physically and financially viable over the long term;
- 2. People:** Support positive outcomes for families who live in the target development(s) and the surrounding neighborhood, particularly outcomes related to residents' health, safety, employment, mobility, and education; and
- 3. Neighborhood:** Transform distressed, high-poverty neighborhoods into viable, mixed-income neighborhoods with access to well-functioning services, high quality public schools and education programs, high quality early learning programs and services, public assets, public transportation, and improved access to jobs.

For 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.

Application Package: An electronic copy of the Application Package and Application Instructions for this NOFA can be downloaded from Grants.gov at: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=choice>