

# Choice Neighborhoods

## Overview

The Choice Neighborhoods program supports locally driven strategies to address struggling neighborhoods with distressed public 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 and implement a plan that transforms distressed HUD housing and addresses the challenges in the surrounding neighborhood. The program is designed to catalyze critical improvements in neighborhood assets, including vacant property, housing, services and schools.

Choice Neighborhoods is focused on three core 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 with 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. This Transformation Plan will become the guiding document for the revitalization of the public and/or assisted housing units, while simultaneously directing the transformation of the surrounding neighborhood and positive outcomes for families. To successfully implement the Transformation Plan, applicants will need to work with public and private agencies, organizations (including philanthropic organizations), and individuals to gather and leverage resources needed to support the financial sustainability of the plan. These efforts should build community support for and involvement in the development of the plan. Implementation Grants support those communities that have undergone a comprehensive local planning process and are ready to implement their "Transformation Plan" to redevelop the neighborhood.

## Grants

- [Planning Grants](#)
- [Implementation Grants](#)
- [Choice Neighborhoods Grantees' Websites](#)

## Funding Information

- [FY2010 NOFA and Funding Information Page](#)
- [FY2011 NOFA and Funding Information Page](#)
- [FY2012 NOFA and Funding Information Page](#)
- [FY2013 NOFA and Funding Information Page](#)

## Federal Coordination

Choice Neighborhoods is a central part of the [White House Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative \(NRI\)](#), an interagency partnership between HUD and the Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, Justice, and Treasury to support locally driven solutions for transforming distressed neighborhoods.