

Annapolis, MD

Choice Neighborhoods Lead Grantee: Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis

Choice Neighborhoods Co-Grantee: City of Annapolis

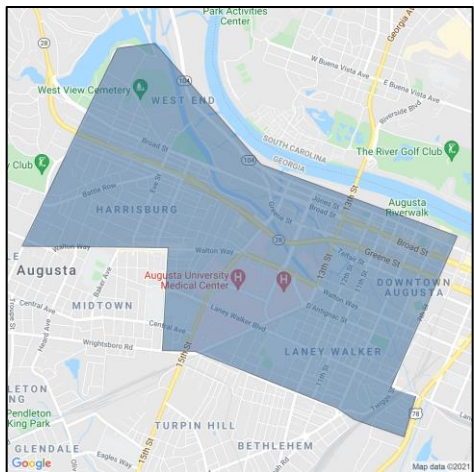
Target Public Housing Project: Eastport Terrace-Harbour House

Target Neighborhood: Eastport Terrace-Harbour House

Choice Neighborhoods Grant Amount: \$450,000

Project Summary: The Eastport neighborhood is a waterfront community divided into two areas – one defined by wealth and the other by poverty. Affordable housing in the neighborhood is becoming increasingly scarce, and one of the last large, affordable housing developments in the area is the distressed, 357-unit

Eastport Terrace-Harbour House. With the award of a \$450,000 Choice Neighborhoods planning grant, the Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis, the City of Annapolis, residents of Eastport Terrace-Harbour House, and a range of partners will create a community-driven neighborhood plan. The plan will focus on preserving decent, safe affordable housing as well as establishing equitable access to neighborhood amenities. As part of this process, Eastport Terrace-Harbour House residents will sit on all planning committees and the local community action agency will be engaged to provide leadership development and training. Additionally, \$100,00 of the grant will be used toward a community-driven action project.



Augusta, GA

Choice Neighborhoods Lead Grantee: City of Augusta

Choice Neighborhoods Co-Grantee: Housing Authority of the City of Augusta

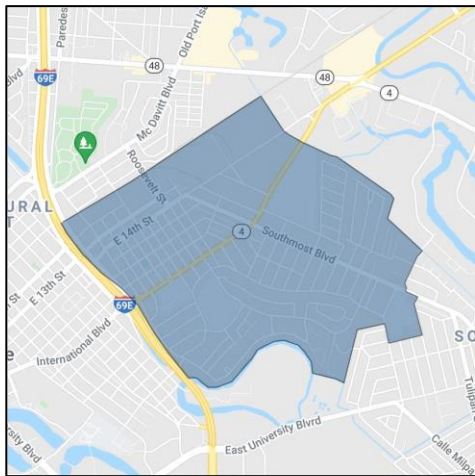
Target Public Housing Project: Allen Homes

Target Neighborhood: Laney Walker-Harrisburg

Choice Neighborhoods Grant Amount: \$450,000

Project Summary:

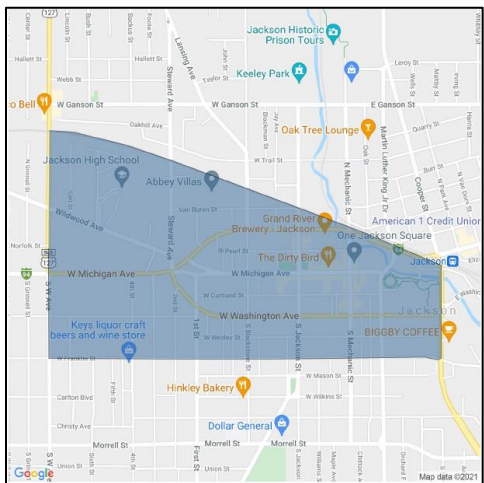
The Laney Walker-Harrisburg neighborhood reflects a rich history as an urban waterfront community that runs along the Savannah River. The area features numerous recreational assets, such as the Augusta Canal National Heritage Area, and strong anchor institutions including HBCU, Paine College, and the Medical College of Georgia. Despite prominent neighborhood assets, Laney Walker-Harrisburg has traditionally suffered from urban blight, vacancies, and some of the highest rates of poverty in the state. The target housing site, Allen Homes, is situated on a former chemical manufacturing facility and is bordered by a six-lane highway and two active railroads. The award of the Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant will enable the City of Augusta and the Housing Authority of the City of Augusta to bring together residents, community members, and a passionate network of over 30 community organizations, faith-based institutions, local businesses, and higher-education institutions. Collectively, this team will develop a Transformation Plan that reintegrates Allen Homes residents into Augusta and rights the wrongs of previous environmental injustices.



Brownsville, TX

Choice Neighborhoods Lead Grantee: City of Brownsville
Choice Neighborhoods Co-Grantee: Housing Authority of the City of Brownsville
Target Public Housing Project: Victoria Gardens Development
Target Neighborhood: International/Southmost Neighborhood
Choice Neighborhoods Grant Amount: \$450,000

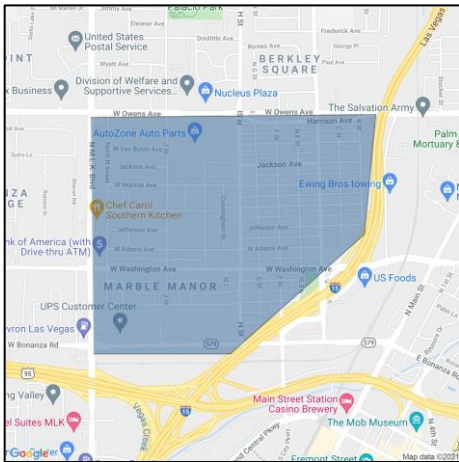
Project Summary: Located at the southernmost tip of Texas, the City of Brownsville is known both for its robust international trade as well as one of the highest poverty rates in the country. In this context, the International/Southmost neighborhood holds tremendous potential. The neighborhood is strategically located near Brownsville’s downtown, an international airport, and Texas Southmost College. The award of the \$450,000 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant will enable the City of Brownsville, the Housing Authority of the City of Brownsville, and residents to propel the International/Southmost neighborhood to embrace this potential and become a community of choice. The community’s vision includes connecting residents of Victoria Gardens Apartments – one of the oldest public housing developments in the City – to the neighborhood and the larger city. It also aims to empower residents and schools through university partnerships, change public streets and parks to better serve neighbors, and build upon the neighborhood history and unique local culture to create a positive future.



Jackson, MI

Choice Neighborhoods Lead Grantee: Jackson Housing Commission
Choice Neighborhoods Co-Grantee: City of Jackson
Target Public Housing Project: Reed Manor
Target Neighborhood: Downtown Jackson
Choice Neighborhoods Grant Amount: \$450,000

Project Summary: Founded in 1829, the City of Jackson, MI is known as the “Crossroads of Michigan.” Like many urban cores, the Downtown Jackson neighborhood has suffered from disinvestment over the years, as communities expanded their footprints and focused energy on the edges and adjacent suburbs. As the city’s center for commerce and entrepreneurship, an increasing number of people and small businesses are making Downtown Jackson their home. Despite this resurgence, the neighborhood is hindered by an aging housing stock and infrastructure, a lack of open space, and limited homeownership opportunities. In the midst of Downtown Jackson, sits the 292-unit Reed Manor public housing development. Now nearly 80 years old, Reed Manor is physically and functionally obsolete with a design that isolates it from the surrounding community. With a \$450,000 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant, the Jackson Housing Commission and the City of Jackson will lead the community through an innovative and equitable neighborhood revitalization process. Using sustained and consistent engagement, Downtown Jackson’s planning process will create a lasting impact through authentic collaboration, early action, and community empowerment.



Las Vegas, NV

Choice Neighborhoods Lead Grantee: Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority

Choice Neighborhoods Co-Grantee: City of Las Vegas

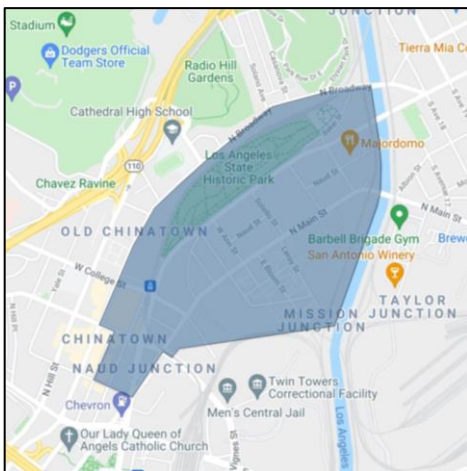
Target Public Housing Project: Marble Manor

Target Neighborhood: Historic Westside

Choice Neighborhoods Grant Amount: \$450,000

Project Summary: The Historic Westside neighborhood has a rich and vibrant history. After World War II, many hotels and casinos were built on the Westside to provide entertainment for the growing African-American population in a time when segregation barred minorities from White-only institutions. However, when integration

expanded opportunities and new interstate construction cut-off the Westside from Downtown Las Vegas, the neighborhood began to decline. Today, this once thriving neighborhood has almost no public-facing businesses and an abundance of vacant storefronts and neglected properties. Recent planning efforts have sought to charter a new course for the Historic Westside. However, Marble Manor residents from the target housing development have been left out of previous planning projects. The Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority, City of Las Vegas, and their partners intend to use a \$450,000 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant to develop an inclusive plan for growth. Funds from the grant will be used to meaningfully engage the community in the development of a Transformation Plan and build momentum for neighborhood improvements.



Los Angeles, CA

Choice Neighborhoods Lead Grantee: Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles

Target Public Housing Project: William Mead Homes

Target Neighborhood: Hope Corridor

Choice Neighborhoods Grant Amount: \$450,000

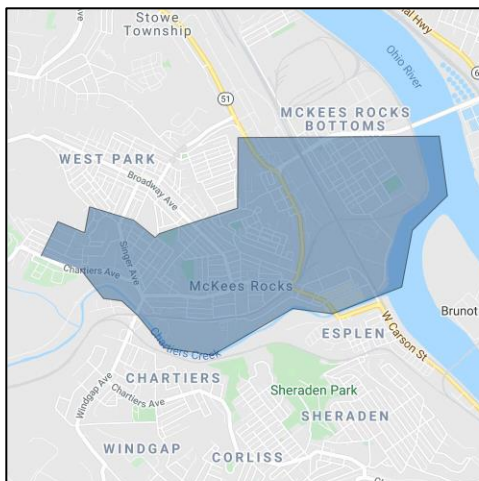
Project Summary:

Originally the site of a transcontinental railroad depot, the Hope Corridor neighborhood is dominated by warehouses, distribution centers, and public facilities. Portions of the target public housing site, William Mead Homes, are built on a former oil refinery site and toxic waste dump. Meanwhile, the LA Sheriff’s Department, Men’s Central

Jail, and Twin Towers Correctional Facility are located just outside the neighborhood. However, the neighborhood is also minutes away from the Chinatown metro station and boasts stunning views of Downtown Los Angeles. Development companies and businesses have taken note of these assets and recently started to invest in the neighborhood. Recognizing the area’s market potential and dire need to protect affordable housing, the Housing Authority of Los Angeles applied for a Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant. With the Choice Neighborhoods award, the Housing Authority intends to develop a Transformation Plan by and for the community. The planning process will be guided by a Community Advisory Council, co-chaired by the William Mead Homes Resident Advisory Council President. A comprehensive community assessment, including surveys, interviews, mapping, and local data, as well as a community feedback loop of open houses, focus groups, resident meetings, and backyard briefings will all inform a bottom-up approach to revitalization.



CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS



McKees Rocks, PA

Choice Neighborhoods Lead Grantee: Allegheny County Housing Authority

Choice Neighborhoods Co-Grantee: Allegheny County Economic Development

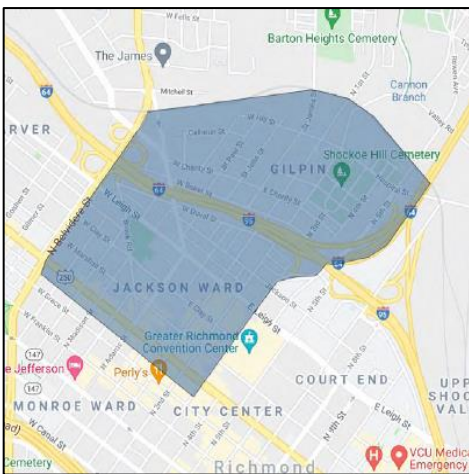
Target Public Housing Project: Hays Manor

Target Neighborhood: McKees Rock Borough

Choice Neighborhoods Grant Amount: \$450,000

Project Summary: Historically, the McKees Rocks Borough neighborhood was a regional hub in the railroad, iron, and steel industries. But by the mid-1900s, lack of employment opportunities in the railroad and supporting industries resulted in population

decline. With neighboring Pittsburgh’s recent growth, concerted efforts have been underway to unleash the neighborhood’s potential. A series of public-private investments have been made over the last 15 years, including transforming a historic theater into a landmark concert venue, redeveloping housing, and improving infrastructure. Now the Allegheny County Housing Authority, the City’s Allegheny County Economic Development Department, and their partners have been awarded a \$450,000 planning grant to build on this momentum. A central focus of the plan will be addressing the distressed, 138-unit Hays Manor public housing property. Arranged on a super-block in an isolated, industrial area, the property fails to meet the needs of the residents and the community. The Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant will position the community to create an ambitious plan that will revitalize Hays Manor, catalyze community improvements, and expand opportunities for residents.



Richmond, VA

Choice Neighborhoods Lead Grantee: Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority

Choice Neighborhoods Co-Grantee: City of Richmond

Target Public Housing Project: Gilpin Court

Target Neighborhood: Historic Jackson Ward

Choice Neighborhoods Grant Amount: \$450,000

Project Summary: Historic Jackson Ward was one of the most prosperous Black communities at the start of the 20th Century. Known as “the Harlem of the South,” the neighborhood’s once vibrant main street was filled with thriving theaters, stores, and medical practices. The historical heart of the neighborhood was all

but destroyed by its bifurcation for the construction of Interstate 95/64. At the center of this divided neighborhood, is the 781-unit Gilpin Court – the oldest public housing development in Richmond and the largest between The District of Columbia and Atlanta. A Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant award of \$450,000 will allow the residents of Gilpin Court and Jackson Ward, the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority, and the City of Richmond to envision a future where the neighborhood can thrive. The planning process will be an act of healing that will help mend the physical, social, and economic harm that more than a century of policy has perpetrated. By planning with residents rather than for them, these efforts will transform the disconnected neighborhood into a single, whole community.