



Choice Neighborhoods

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Department of Justice's Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Grant is Rebranding

HUD's partner, the US Department of Justice, is rebranding the Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation (BCJI) program and changing it to Innovations in Community Based Crime Reduction, or CBCR. This rebranding emphasizes the administration's focus on providing new and effective responses to pressing crime challenges. CBCR has a new [website](#) that contains information, findings, research and tools from CBCR community sites across the country.

FY 2017 Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant Applications Due by Nov 22

Applications for the FY17 Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants are due by **Wednesday, November 22, 2017**. The NOFA makes available up to \$132,000,000 for Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants. Potential applicants should download the NOFA and related forms from the [Grants.gov](#) website. Questions can be sent to ChoiceNeighborhoods@hud.gov. A set of NOFA Questions and Answers and a mapping tool can be found on the [Choice Neighborhoods website](#).

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Funding for Police-Community Policy Development on Conflict De-Escalation

The Vera Institute of Justice is soliciting applications from local police departments for technical assistance (TA) on enhancing Police accountability through community engagement. The PEACE Initiative supports Police/community dialogs that engage residents as partners in public safety and help Police Departments modify policies that hinder positive community relations. [Applications](#) are due November 21, 2017.

Green Jobs Workforce Training Funding Available

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is soliciting proposals to deliver Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training programs that recruit, train, and place local, unemployed and under-employed residents with the skills needed to secure full-time employment in the environmental field. Nonprofits are eligible to apply. [Applications](#) are due December 15, 2017.

AmeriCorps State and National Grants FY2018

AmeriCorps grants are awarded to eligible organizations proposing to engage AmeriCorps members in evidence-based or evidence-informed interventions to

strengthen communities. An AmeriCorps member is an individual who engages in community service through an approved national service position. [Applications](#) are due January 17, 2018.

EVENTS AND TOOLS

Webinar on Understanding the Fundamentals of Property Markets

Center for Community Progress is hosting a webinar on November 16 from 12:00 – 1:00p.m. EST on how real estate markets work and what role the housing market plays in creating and perpetuating problem properties, including abandonment, tax delinquency, and the activities of predatory landlords. Participation is \$45; to register click [here](#).

New Tool for Quantifying Access to Opportunity by Census Tract - Opportunity360

Enterprise Community Partners launched [Opportunity360](#), a toolkit including a report generator to measure access to opportunity at the neighborhood level, resources on benchmarking to monitor neighborhood-level change, and examples of how other communities are collaborating to increase opportunities for their residents.

Provider and Parent Resources to Help Children that have Experienced Trauma

[The Sesame Street Trauma Initiative](#) features new, bilingual content that presents coping strategies to help children feel safe and become more resilient in a range of situations, and gives adults the tools they need to foster nurturing connections. The initiative also includes professional development resources and simple strategies for parents and community providers.

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

How to Find, Analyze and Utilize Criminal Justice Data for Public Safety Initiatives

This [primer](#) from the Innovations in Community Based Crime Reduction (formerly the Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation) Program gives researchers who have not worked extensively with criminal justice data the basics about police data systems and crime analysis, a glossary of common terms, useful resource links and more.

The Rise of Underemployment: Supporting the Needs of Low-Income Workers

Part-time employment is more common among low-income communities, and results in challenges around health insurance, sick-leave, and job security, among other issues. The Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco held regional roundtables and published [findings](#) along with potential strategies to address underemployment.

Creating Change through Arts, Culture and Equitable Development

PolicyLink published a [policy and practice primer](#) on the intersection between arts, culture, equity and community development. This tool includes chapters focused on how to use housing to anchor cultural communities, how to green the creative economy, how food can support community healing, and how to use open spaces to support cultural practices.

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