



Choice Neighborhoods e-Newsletter

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CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Individual Technical Assistance Enrollment Deadline is April 15

CN Individual TA assistance is currently available to all Implementation Grantees and FY13 Planning Grantees. [The application](#) deadline is April 15. Grantees are encouraged to work with their partners and HUD team coordinators in defining their request.

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE AND PROMISE ZONES CORNER

Funding Announced for FY15 Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program – New Deadline is April 21

The new [application](#) closing date for the Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Planning and Implementation Grants is April 21. Approximately 15 Planning Grants of up to \$175,000 and approximately 3 Implementation Grants of up to \$1,000,000 will be awarded to community-oriented strategies that address targeted crime issues in a neighborhood.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Grants Targeted to Youth Involved in the Juvenile Justice System

The U.S. Department of Labor, Face Forward program is awarding 4 grants of \$5 million each and 10 grants of \$1,050,000 each to provide services to youth between the ages of 14 to 24 that have been involved in the Juvenile Justice System. [The application deadline](#) is April 23.

Community Economic Development Grants Available for Job Creation and Business Development

The Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services (OCS) will award a maximum of \$800,000 (no match required) to approximately 22 grantees to fund well-planned, financially viable, and innovative projects to enhance job creation and business development for low-income individuals. OCS is encouraging projects that align with the Choice Neighborhoods Program. [The application](#) deadline is April 24.

Community Economic Development Grants Available to Increase Access to Healthy Foods

The Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services (OCS) will award a maximum of \$800,000 to approximately 13 grantees to fund projects that will improve access to healthy foods in low-income areas. OCS is encouraging projects that align with the Choice Neighborhoods Program. [The application](#) deadline is April 24.

Adult Reentry Training Grants

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) is offering 20 Training to Work grants for up to \$1,360,000 to support adult reentry. Non-profits with 501(c)(3) status are eligible to apply and Promise Zone applicants can receive 2 priority points. [The application](#) deadline is May 1.

Funding Available to Expand Access to Healthy Food in Rural Economies

[Sponsored by the USDA](#), the Farmers Market Promotion Program and Local Food Promotion Program will award grants ranging from \$15K-\$100K to increase access to local and regional agricultural products. Rural Choice Neighborhoods Grantees located in “food deserts” are encouraged to apply. Onsite grant writing assistance, online tools and additional materials are available through the Agriculture Marketing Service Technical Assistance, [AMSTA website](#). The application deadline is May 14.

Funding to Improve the Food Supply Chain Activities

Sponsored by the USDA, the Local Food Promotion program is offering \$13 million to support grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$100,000 to improve food supply chain activities. [The application](#) deadline is May 14.

Funding for Housing and Community Development Initiatives

Bank of America Charitable Foundation is providing funding and the expertise of their employee volunteers to support affordable housing, neighborhood preservation and community revitalization initiatives. [The application](#) period is April 20 – May 8. Please talk with your regional Bank of America Charitable Foundation representative or visit [this page](#).

Funding to Assist Stakeholder Engagement for Affordable Housing Initiatives

During 2015, the Community Land Trust Network is offering three to four grants of up to \$3,000 to support the planning of one-time events that bring stakeholders together to inform, discuss and strategize about affordable housing, transportation and community development initiatives. Grants are available for Network members only. [Click here](#) to learn more.

EVENTS AND TOOLS

Affordable Housing Conference

Novogradac & Company is hosting the [Affordable Housing Conference](#) in San Francisco, May 7-8, 2015. Sessions will provide technical and strategic insight, from financing structures and compliance to Year 15 for Low Income Housing Tax Credits. Also visit Novogradac’s [tax resource center](#) for up-to-date information related to affordable housing.

2015 Reclaiming Vacant Properties Conference

The Center for Community Progress is hosting the sixth Reclaiming Vacant Properties Conference on May 19-21 in Detroit, Michigan. This year's theme "[Beyond Blight: Building a Bold Movement](#)" will explore the latest tools to combat vacancy and move beyond neighborhood blight, as well as how government officials, community leaders, and others can achieve change.

Health Impact Assessment Conference

The Health Impact Assessment (HIA) Conference, to be held on June 16-17 in Washington D.C., will present practical aspects of implementing HIA in a range of policy settings. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

New Online Resource Available on Housing and its Broader Importance

Funded by the MacArthur Foundation, the Urban Land Institute Terwilliger Center for Housing has created an online portal called "[How Housing Matters](#)" to serve as the central source for the growing body of research on how quality, affordable housing can strengthen families and revitalize communities.

New Resource Library from HUD on How to Build a Sustainable Community

[The Sustainable Communities Initiative \(SCI\) Resource Library](#) is a new online tool that includes tools, reports, fact sheets, and case studies developed by SCI grantees on how to grow in a more resilient, inclusive and cost-effective manner.

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

A Guide to Helping Public Housing Residents Find and Keep Jobs

This guide contains practical advice on implementing a HUD sponsored program model known as Jobs-Plus, an evidence-based program aimed at helping public housing residents find and keep jobs. The [Guide for Practitioners Based on the Jobs-Plus Demonstration](#) draws on the experiences of six national demonstration projects.

Hospitals Can Be a Major Economic Driver in Urban Neighborhoods

Hospitals are major drivers of economic growth and many are located in close proximity to Choice Neighborhoods. In this paper, "[Will Hospitals Become the New Vanguard in Urban Economic Development?](#)", four hospitals demonstrate how they expanded their role as economic catalysts.

Promoting Healthy Communities for Boys and Young Men of Color

[This paper by the Urban Institute](#) identifies societal, institutional, and community changes that would increase resources, eliminate or reduce stress and trauma, and provide support for boys and families of color.

GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

Built in 1941, Yesler Terrace with 561 units is the oldest public housing development in Seattle, Washington. In order to transform the site, the Seattle Housing Authority (SHA) developed a master plan for a greener, safer, more diverse, and healthy mixed income community as part of its Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant effort. To fund this ambitious new vision for the community, SHA is using an innovative financing technique by leveraging the value of the land it owns to offset the costs of new mixed-income housing.

Yesler Terrace, December 2006



SHA capitalized on the fact that it has large, relatively low density properties within a hot real estate market. As a result, SHA has been identifying pioneering developers who are investing in the area through land sales. Nearly \$25 million has been raised in private investment through land sales, which is helping to fund SHA's redevelopment activities such as replacement housing and market-rate housing, community facilities and parks. Additionally, private developers are building new office and retail space, and diverse types of housing.

This financing and the Choice Neighborhoods grant is being paired with investments from the City (\$14 million), Sound Transit (\$134 million), and others in

key projects such as affordable housing, utility and right of way improvements, and new transportation with the First Hill Streetcar, which connects Yesler Terrace to adjacent neighborhoods and the regional light rail and commuter rail. These investments demonstrate the community's high level of commitment towards revitalization, which has in turn attracted private investors that understand the vision and have the confidence to invest.

Plans are well underway to replace all 561 public housing units at Yesler Terrace with over 2,500 mixed-income units. 238 mixed income homes have been completed or are nearly complete, and all remaining units are projected to be complete by 2019.

New Yesler Apartment Building with Ground Floor Retail Expected Completion Date 2015



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