



Choice Neighborhoods e-Newsletter

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HUD Awards More Than \$38 Million to Fight Housing Discrimination

On October 15, 2014, HUD awarded \$38.3 million to more than 100 fair housing organizations and other non-profit agencies to address housing discrimination. To read more about the program and find out what agencies received the FHIP grant, [click here](#).

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE CORNER

Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program Awards \$7 Million

On October 1st, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) announced more than \$7 million in Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation awards to 17 communities impacted by persistent violent and serious crime. BJA awarded 11 planning grants, new for fiscal year 2014, and 6 implementation grants. One of the grants, targeting a Choice Neighborhood, was awarded to [Denver and its Sun Valley Partnership Project](#) which will use the Byrne grant to increase community involvement in crime prevention and reduction, increase community safety and decrease crime rates. BJA's press and the list of the fiscal year 2014 grants can be found [here](#).

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

HUD Offers \$24 Million to Help Public Housing Residents Secure Higher Paying Jobs

HUD will be funding approximately \$24 million for the [Jobs-Plus Pilot program](#) for Public Housing Agencies to develop locally-based approaches to increase earnings and advance employment outcomes for public housing residents. The place-based Jobs Plus Pilot program offers targeted developments with various incentives and supports, including income disregards for working families, employer linkages, job placement and counseling, educational advancement, and financial counseling.

Eight organizations are expected to receive this grant with an award ceiling of \$3 million and an award floor of \$10,000. Applications must be in no later than 11:59:59 pm, EST, on December 17th. For eligibility criteria and more information, [click here](#).

RESOURCES AND INFORMATION

EPA Offers Technical Assistance to Implement Smart Growth Strategies

EPA is offering technical assistance through the Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities program. Communities may apply for assistance for one or more of the following topics: equitable development; infill development for distressed cities; bikeshare planning; sustainable strategies for small cities and rural areas; and flood resilience for riverine and coastal communities. If selected, the community will work with an EPA-supported team of experts during a one-to-two-day workshop. Applications are due by 5:00pm EST November 20th. For more information, [click here](#).

Tools and Resources for Financing Redevelopment of Brownfields

The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) received an EPA grant to provide technical assistance on financing the redevelopment of brownfield sites. CDFA will release discussions with experts and a conference on November 20th, a best practices database in November, a financing toolkit in December, and a webinar series in January. To learn more about these resources, [click here](#).

Chiefs of Police Webinar on Protecting Children of Arrested Parents

On November 5th at 3:00pm EST, the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) will host a webinar for law enforcement on “Protecting Children of Arrested Parents: Using a Trauma Informed Approach.” Presenters will discuss the negative impacts of parental arrest on a child’s well-being, and how law enforcement can apply a trauma-informed approach to safeguard children before, during, and after the arrest of a parent. To register for this webinar, [click here](#).

Interagency Webinar on Financial Literacy and Asset Building

On November 13th at 1:30 pm EST, HUD, the Department of Treasury, and several other agencies will host a webinar entitled “Empowering Low-Income Families through Financial Literacy and Asset-Building.” Learn how to connect families with banking and about several financial programs, including Individual Development Accounts. To view the webinar, click the following link no earlier than 1:15pm EST (note site will not be available until this time): <http://portalapps.hud.gov/HUDMediaChannel/liveplayer.jsp>.

HUD Webinar on the Effects of Housing and Neighborhood on Children

HUD has posted a webinar that includes an update on housing markets and a panel on the effects of housing and neighborhood on children. Featured speakers include representatives from John Hopkins University, the National Institute for Children’s Health Quality, and the UpSpring Education Group. To view the recorded webinar, [click here](#).

Webinar on Strengthening Communities with Neighborhood Data

On November 12th at 2:00pm EST, the Urban Institute is hosting a webinar on a new book that explores how government and nonprofit institutions have used information about neighborhood conditions to change the way we think about community and local governance. To register for the webinar, [click here](#).

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Estimating Your Impact: LIIF's Social Impact Calculator

The Low Income Investment Fund (LIIF) has unveiled a calculator to help estimate several social impacts of investments in low-income communities. The online Social Impact Calculator allows users to estimate the social value of investments across five program areas: affordable housing, quality child care, education, community health clinics and equitable transit-oriented development. To estimate the social impact of your neighborhood investments, [click here](#).

Housing Authorities and Education Initiatives

What can Housing Authorities do to improve educational outcomes? Who do they partner with? The Council of Large Public Housing Authorities' (CLPHA) "Bringing Education Home" helps answer these questions by detailing real-life examples from 14 Housing Authorities. These case studies include efforts in early education, partnerships with schools and school districts, and out-of-school time initiatives. To read the paper, [click here](#).

GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

Newark Breaks Ground on Job Training & Recreation Center

On Sept 30th, the City of Newark, Newark Housing Authority, and New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) broke ground on a new community center in the South Ward. The Training, Recreation and Education Center (TREC) will provide job training resources and space for exercise and recreational activities. The center will be funded by \$5 million from HUD's Capital Fund Education and Training Facilities Program, as well as an additional \$4.8 million from NJEDA and other sources. The Newark Housing Authority plans to run the TREC with their partners, and will provide services to both housing residents and low-and moderate-income residents of the broader neighborhood. In 2012, Newark Housing Authority was awarded a Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant, and has been using that grant to build off of plans for the TREC and other investments. For more information, [click here](#).

Do you have a Technical Assistance (TA) Question, Request, or Suggestion?

Grantees with TA questions or requests, or a suggestion for an upcoming TA activity, are invited to submit them to BCT and HUD at hud.gov/choiceta.