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ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants Announced
On June 28, 2016, HUD announced ten new Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants. These awards will help local leaders kick-start housing and economic development in distressed neighborhoods.

Choice Neighborhoods Promising Practice Guide on Neighborhood Safety
HUD, DOJ and LISC have jointly published a new Promising Practice Guide entitled Choice Neighborhoods are Safe Neighborhoods: Tackling the Drivers of Crime in the South End of Springfield, MA. The Springfield story offers an example of how HUD's Choice Neighborhoods program and DOJ's Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation (BCJI) program can build on each other for better collective outcomes.

Promise Zone Designations Announced
On June 6, 2016, the Obama Administration announced the nine final Promise Zones designations. The new Promise Zones include communities in: Atlanta, GA; Nashville, TN; Evansville, IN; South Los Angeles, CA; San Diego, CA; Southwest Florida Regional Planning Commission, FL; Spokane Tribe of Indians, WA; Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, ND; and Roosevelt Roads, PR. The Promise Zones in Atlanta and Nashville include Choice Neighborhoods.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Funding for Early Head Start Expansion and Partnerships
The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) has announced the availability of approximately $135 million for expanding access to high-quality, comprehensive services to low-income infants and toddlers and their families through Early Head Start-Child Care (EHS-CC) Partnerships, or through the expansion of Early Head Start services. Eligible entities include local governments, housing authorities, certain for-profit organizations, and non-profit organizations, including community-based and faith-based organizations. ACF expects to award approximately 75 grants, ranging from $750,000 to $8,000,000 each. ACF's Grant Application Toolkit contains

several resources for potential applicants, including an archived webinar. Applicants must apply through grants.gov by August 24, 2016.

Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Grant
The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced the availability of funding for developing an area-wide plan for brownfields assessment, cleanup, and reuse. Funding is for research and/or technical assistance activities directed to one or more brownfield site(s) located in an area, such as a neighborhood, business district, local commercial corridor, or waterfront. EPA anticipates awarding approximately 20 grants of up to $200,000 each. The announcement, a recorded webinar, and other resources can be viewed here. Applicants must apply through grants.gov by August 10, 2016.

EVENTS AND TOOLS

Rural Behavioral Health Webinar Series
The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), in partnership with several other organizations, is launching a Rural Behavioral Health Webinar Series this summer to provide resources, information, and technical assistance to address behavioral health in rural communities. The webinar series explores several topics through a rural community lens, such as using a faith-based support model, developing partnerships between juvenile justice and schools to provide mental health services, community schools, and addressing maternal and child health. To register for upcoming webinars, click here.

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Lessons from the Casey Foundation's Race Equity & Inclusion Framework
In this brief, the Casey Foundation shares lessons in deploying their Race Equity and Inclusion Framework in neighborhoods in Atlanta and Baltimore. The framework embeds a race equity lens in community programming. Sites participated in trainings and team discussions, engaged partners, identified equity gaps, and developed strategies to address concerns.

Data-Driven Feedback Loop Examples
Living Cities has posted two examples of how communities have created a data-driven feedback loop to undergird their collective impact strategies. A data-driven feedback loop is a tool to ensure strategies are both aligned and on track with the overall goals of the initiative.

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