



Choice Neighborhoods

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant Competition

Applications for the FY2016 Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants NOFA are due on June 28, 2016. Visit the [FY2016 NOFA and Funding Information Page](#) to see NOFA Questions and Answers and the applicant list. Questions must be submitted to ChoiceNeighborhoods@hud.gov.

HUD Launches New Housing Trust Fund

HUD recently [announced](#) the launch of a new Housing Trust Fund. The Housing Trust Fund will allocate a minimum of \$3 million to each state to support affordable housing activities. State affordable housing planners can use funds for property acquisition, site improvements, soft costs, demolition, financing costs, relocation assistance, operating cost assistance for rental housing, and administrative and planning costs.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Funding for Creative Placemaking

The National Endowment for the Arts recently [announced](#) funding for the Our Town grant program. The grants support creative placemaking projects to transform communities into lively, resilient places with the arts at their core. Our Town requires partnerships between arts organizations, government, other nonprofit organizations, and private entities. The grants support projects in two areas: 1) Arts Engagement, Cultural Planning, and Design Projects with matching grants of up to \$200,000; and 2) Projects that Build Knowledge about Creative Placemaking with matching grants of up to \$100,000. Applicants must [apply](#) by September 12, 2016.

Free Brownfields Technical Assistance

The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is offering free technical assistance to communities seeking to redevelop brownfields. On June 22-24, 2016, the CDFA will host the [Brownfields Online Project Marketplace](#). The online marketplace is a forum that connects communities looking to finance brownfield redevelopment projects with development financiers

and brownfield project experts. Communities that participate will come away with actionable recommendations and a better understanding of the financing resources available for their brownfields projects.

EVENTS AND TOOLS

Webinar Series: Financial Coaching & Counseling

Starting on June 8, 2016, the Assets & Opportunities Network and Center for Financial Security will host a four-part “Listening & Learning” [webinar series](#) on financial coaching and counseling. The series will span from June to September and feature topics such as financial coaching models, measuring impact, and financial coaching platforms.

Webinar Series: A Framework for Achieving Results in the Social Sector

Social Solutions is hosting a webinar series entitled [The Performance Imperative](#), which explores the core principles successful social sector organizations employ. Each webinar explores a core principle, such as how to design and implement effective programs, and showcases a case study from an effective organization. On June 14, 2016, Social Solutions will be hosting its fourth webinar in this series, focusing on how organizations and programs can ensure financial health and sustainability in service of better outcomes. The CEO and CFO of First Place for Youth, an organization that has seen 91% of its eligible foster youth enroll in college compared to only 10% nationally, will discuss what financial health and sustainability look like in practice. To register for this webinar, [click here](#). To watch previously posted webinars in the series, [click here](#).

Webinar: Sustainability for Place-Based Crime Reduction Initiatives

On June 21, 2016, LISC will host a [webinar](#) on how crime reduction efforts, such as those supported by Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation (BCJI) Grants, can be sustained once initial funding runs out. There may be many paths to sustainability, some of which emphasize cultivating non-traditional funding sources and others which highlight the importance of partnerships and community engagement. Speakers from Providence, RI and San Bernardino, CA will share the steps they have taken to sustain public safety efforts.

Webinar: Crime Control through Collective Efficacy

The Department of Justice’s Smart Policing Initiative has posted a recorded webinar on [Crime Control through Collective Efficacy and Social Cohesion](#). The vast majority of crime control results from the actions of everyday citizens, making it critical to support the role community members can play in reducing crime. This webinar explores how police can involve the community in crime control through facilitating neighbor-to-neighbor interactions. Presenters discuss their work on collective efficacy in Miami-Dade County, Los Angeles, and Brooklyn Park, MN.

Lessons from Bringing Education Home: Affordable Housing & Education Summit

On May 12-13, 2016, The Council of Large Public Housing Authorities (CLPHA) hosted a summit on affordable housing and education in partnership with the Council of the Great City Schools, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and MacArthur Foundation. The topics ranged from defining and sharing examples of anchor institutions assisting in efforts to better intersect housing and

education to identifying ways to build successful partnerships that connect education and housing systems. The summit featured innovative on-the-ground practices of housing authorities that are figuring out how they can align with and add value to local approaches to improving educational outcomes. [Learn more](#) about the Summit and watch [recordings](#) from the Summit. [Learn more](#) about CLPHA's focus on aligning housing and education systems.

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Finding Lasting Solutions for Crime Reduction

LISC's article, [Building Crime Reduction Programs that Stand the Test of Time](#), lifts up lessons from Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation (BCJI) Grants about how to effectively and sustainably address neighborhood crime. BCJI communities highlight the roles of cross-sector partnerships, community engagement, and the use of media in advocacy and sustainability efforts. The article also includes useful links to tools and real life examples.

Establishing Chronic Nuisance Ordinances

DOJ's Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation program and LISC have produced a [brief](#) on how to establish a chronic nuisance ordinance. Communities adopt chronic nuisance ordinances to address properties that routinely need police assistance for minor, but repeated, infractions. The brief outlines the components of an effective ordinance, suggests which stakeholders to engage in its development, and includes links to chronic nuisance ordinance examples.

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