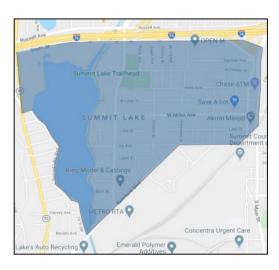


CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS





Akron, OH

Choice Neighborhoods Lead Grantee: Akron Metropolitan

Housing Authority

Choice Neighborhoods Co-Grantee: City of Akron Target Public Housing Project: Summit Lake Apartments

Target Neighborhood: Summit Lake

Choice Neighborhoods Grant Amount: \$450,000

Key Partners: Akron Children's Hospital | Akron Civic Theatre |
Akron Police Department | Akron Urban League | Akron Zoo | Alpha
Phi Alpha Homes, Inc. | ArtsNow | Downtown Akron Partnership |
GAR Foundation | Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance | Knight
Foundation | METRO RTA | Reach Opportunity Center | Summit
Lake Apartments Residents | Students With A Goal | Summit Lake
Build Corps | Summit Lake Community Development Corporation |
Summit Metro Parks

Project Summary:

"Akron's Million Dollar Playground" – ask any long-time Akron resident about Summit Lake, and they will immediately recall the amusement park that once sat along the shore. When Summit Beach Park opened in 1917, thousands of people would come to ride on "The Whip" and other rollercoasters, or swim in the "Crystal Pool." The lake was eventually deemed unsafe for swimming due to chemical runoff from nearby rubber factories that helped power the area's economy. As the rubber industry declined, the Summit Lake neighborhood, located just south of downtown, experienced population loss and disinvestment. Today the neighborhood has a poverty rate of over 40%, and over a quarter of the housing units stand vacant.

Over the past 15 years, the City of Akron has been investing in the Summit Lake neighborhood. During this time, they have demolished blighted buildings, rehabilitated older homes, improved infrastructure, and acquired over 300 vacant parcels of land for future development and open spaces. A community planning process focused on the lakefront was launched in 2016, jointly funded by the JPB, Knight, Kresge, and William Penn Foundations. As a result, the Summit Lake Vision Plan was completed in 2018, and several lakefront improvements have been realized, generating resident engagement and positive momentum.

The Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant will build on this momentum to create a vision for the rest of the neighborhood and a comprehensive Transformation Plan that will be a blueprint for future investments. Through the planning process, the community will explore how to redevelop Summit Lake Apartments, a distressed 261-unit public housing development. Built in 1965 by the Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority, the development sits on the site of the former amusement park. The Transformation Plan will also focus on creating economic development, jobs, and a support network that enables residents to access opportunities that are most important to them.



CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS



Atlanta, GA

Choice Neighborhoods Lead Grantee: Housing Authority of the

City of Atlanta

Target Public Housing Project: Bowen Homes
Target Neighborhood: Bowen Choice Neighborhood
Choice Neighborhoods Grant Amount: \$450,000

Key Partners: Atlanta Police Department | Atlanta Public Schools | City of Atlanta | Georgia Conservancy | Invest Atlanta | Live Thrive Atlanta | Morehouse School of Medicine | Trust for Public Land

Project Summary:

Located five miles west of Atlanta's central business district, the Bowen Choice Neighborhood primarily represents the Carey Park neighborhood and the former Bowen Homes site. Built in 1964, Bowen Homes served as replacement housing for residents of Buttermilk Bottom – a historic African American neighborhood and urban renewal area cleared for the development of the Atlanta Civic Center. Built as a model suburban community, nearly 4,000 residents originally lived at Bowen Homes, supporting a wide variety of family businesses that developed along what is currently the Donald Lee Hollowell Parkway.

As crime and poverty rates increased in the Bowen Homes area throughout the 1970s and 1980s, Bowen Homes itself became increasingly physically distressed due to increased capital needs and the site's physical isolation. Bowen Homes ultimately became one of the last distressed, major family housing projects in Atlanta to be razed. The surrounding neighborhoods, including Carey Park, faced similar challenges of increasing crime and limited economic opportunities for residents. This historical disinvestment persists today with Carey Park experiencing a 54% poverty rate and a long-term vacancy rate almost six times that of surrounding Fulton County. As a result of this history, Carey Park continues to be impacted by vacant lots and boarded up-homes, unpaved or abandoned streets, few sidewalks, and previous illegal dumping.

Despite the grim picture, the award of a Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant will build upon planning and engagement efforts meant to generate investment – such as the establishment of the Donald Lee Hollowell Tax Allocation District and an Opportunity Zone designation. The Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant will support the creation of a community-driven redevelopment master plan for the Bowen Homes site, with a clear pathway to early investments in infrastructure, open space, and near-term housing. The Housing Authority of the City of Atlanta will partner with the City of Atlanta, Invest Atlanta and others, to expand housing opportunity, protect legacy residents in Carey Park, and entice the former Bowen Homes residents to return to a new community. They will also lay the foundation for new business growth and employment in the Hollowell corridor and tackle problems of area brownfields. Moreover, the planning team will develop an education pipeline plan to take advantage of the school district's existing physical plant and academic resources, as well as collaborate with environmental partners to take steps toward restoration of A.D Williams Creek and create an environmental education hub that builds on the model of the Center for Hard to Recycle Materials.

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CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS



Atlantic City, NJ

Choice Neighborhoods Lead Grantee: Atlantic City Housing

Authority and Urban Redevelopment

Choice Neighborhoods Co-Grantee: The Michaels Organization

Target Public Housing Project: Stanley Holmes Village

Target Neighborhood: Westside

Choice Neighborhoods Grant Amount: \$450,000

Key Partners: African American Heritage Museum | AtlantiCare | Atlantic Cape Community College | Atlantic City Police District | Casino Reinvestment Development Agency | Center for Family Services | City of Atlantic City | NJ Community Capital | Stanley Holmes Resident Council | Stockton Center for Community Engagement

Project Summary:

The Westside of Atlantic City is primed for opportunity. Some of Atlantic City's major destinations and employment centers are just minutes away, including the Atlantic City Convention Center, a popular outlet mall, City offices, and, of course, the many casinos lined up on the City's waterfront. The Westside is also within less than a quarter mile from the Atlantic City Train Station and other regional and local transit. With a healthy mix of housing options ranging from multi-family apartments to traditional single-family cottages and proximity to schools and services, the neighborhood has the bones of an attractive community of choice.

Recently, a combination of newer public and private investments has helped shine a new light on the Westside, reinforcing its potential as a mixed-use and mixed-income community. The newly restored Brown's Park has established a new connection between the neighborhood and the rest of the City, replacing what was known as an unsafe space with a new place for community life. Meanwhile, the new campus for Atlantic Cape Community College adds an incredible asset to the neighborhood, generating opportunities for economic activity while providing residents with a convenient option for education and professional training. Last, several housing developments have also been created throughout the neighborhood.

The award of a \$450,000 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant will enable the Atlantic City Housing Authority as Lead Grantee, the Michael's Organization as Co-Grantee, the Westside community, and their partners to create a comprehensive Transformation Plan that will address the neighborhood's more persistent challenges. Building upon the community's momentum, the plan will focus on tackling Westside's high poverty rate, unemployment, housing vacancy and crime. The plan will also provide a roadmap to rebuild the target housing of Stanley Holmes Village – an eighty-year-old public housing development of 420-units – into a mixed-income community that is well integrated into the broader neighborhood.

A variety of residents and community stakeholders – including nonprofits, faith-based organizations, institutions of higher education, supportive services agencies, businesses, and others – have already committed to supporting the planning process. Through this planning process, community members and stakeholders will identify local assets, discuss current challenges, and create a vision for the future. These efforts will create an integrated and holistic Transformation Plan to revitalize Stanley Homes Village, improve neighborhood safety, and bolster education, health, and employment outcomes for families.

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CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS



Cincinnati, OH

Choice Neighborhoods Lead Grantee: Cincinnati Metropolitan

Housing Authority

Target Public Housing Projects: Stanley Rowe Highrises, Stanley

Rowe Rowhouses, and Liberty Street Apartments

Target Neighborhood: West End

Choice Neighborhoods Grant Amount: \$410,000

Key Partners: Cincinnati Development Fund | Cincinnati Public Schools | City of Cincinnati | Community Building Institute | FC Cincinnati | Greater Cincinnati Foundation | LISC | Pennrose | Seven Hills Neighborhood House | Stanley Resident Advisory Councils | West End Art Gallery

Project Summary:

The West End of Cincinnati was once a thriving epicenter of African American culture, wealth and business. Located just outside of Cincinnati's central business district and north of the waterfront, the West End was a vibrant commerce hub in the 1940s with more than 62,000 residents calling it home. However, 1950s urban renewal programs ravaged the West End by displacing thousands of families with the wholesale demolition of a 400-acre section of the neighborhood, tearing apart the social, political and cultural fabric that defined this community. Today, only 6,600 residents live in the West End neighborhood compared to the more than 62,000 residents of the 1940s. Many of these remaining residents live within the Stanley Rowe Highrise, Stanley Rowe Rowhouses, and Liberty Street public housing developments. Together, these three properties are in need of more than \$69 million in immediate capital needs – far beyond what rehabilitation alone can support.

Despite decades of neighborhood disinvestment, the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority, neighborhood anchor institution Seven Hills Neighborhood House, and other community-based partners have been working closely with neighborhood residents to carefully plan for inclusive investment in the West End. These partnerships between neighborhood organizations and residents come at a critical time as stakeholders report gentrification creeping west from Cincinnati's Central Business District, Over-The-Rhine and Pendleton neighborhoods, as well as north from the recent FC Cincinnati soccer stadium development.

The award of a Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant will allow for West End stakeholders to build consensus, collaborate, and establish a commitment to preserve and protect affordable housing. More than 35 committed partners have signed on to participate in this two-year planning process, led by the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority, Xavier University's Community Building Institute, and Seven Hills Neighborhood House. Through this planning process, community members and stakeholders will identify local assets, discuss current challenges, and create a vision for the future. These efforts will create an integrated and holistic plan to revitalize the Stanley Rowe and Liberty Street properties, improve neighborhood safety, and bolster education, health, and employment outcomes for families.

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CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS



Easton, PA

Choice Neighborhoods Lead Grantee: Greater Easton

Development Partnership

Choice Neighborhoods Co-Grantee: Housing Authority of the

City of Easton

Target Public Housing Project: North Union Street

Apartments

Target Neighborhood: West Ward

Choice Neighborhoods Grant Amount: \$450,000

Key Partners: City of Easton | Easton Area School District | County of Northampton | Lafayette College | 1000 Islands, LLC | Two Rivers Health and Wellness Foundation | Easton Area Community Center | The West Ward Community Initiative

Project Summary:

The historic City of Easton, home to the county seat of Northampton County, is located just 55 miles north of Philadelphia and 70 miles west of New York City. Located in the city's West Ward neighborhood is the 57-unit North Union Street Apartments development, which was constructed in 1963 and is home to 139 residents. The West Ward was once a stable, proud, working-class urban neighborhood, but over the years it has experienced a protracted period of disinvestment, pessimism, and crime. With a median household income much lower than that of the city's, over 22% of residents aged 25 years and older have less than a high school diploma.

Though the community faces many challenges, the West Ward has an abundance of assets that make it unique. These include a rich community history, racial and ethnic diversity, and historic and architecturally significant housing stock. The neighborhood sits adjacent to two bustling and robust neighborhoods, Downtown Easton – with its revitalized commercial corridor, open-air farmers markets and major art and retail attractions – and the College Hill neighborhood, which is home to Lafayette College, a tradition-rich liberal arts institution founded in 1826. In addition, the neighborhood has been designated as a Federal Opportunity Zone and has recently received a \$1.2 million grant to fund the West Ward Community Initiative, a comprehensive community planning effort, funded through the State of PA's Neighborhood Assistance Program.

The award of the \$450,000 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant will create a lasting impact on the West Ward through authentic collaboration, early action and community empowerment. Visioning and revitalization efforts will center on residents at its core and use strategies such as a community ambassador program to empower residents. The planning team will review data surrounding existing community conditions to craft a needs assessment tool that will survey residents' perspectives on target housing, education, health, childcare, public safety, employment and other socio-economic issues. Through sustained and consistent planning and engagement, the Greater Easton Development Partnership, the Housing Authority of the City of Easton and its partners will achieve tremendous momentum towards positive change.

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CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS



Fayetteville, NC

Choice Neighborhoods Lead Grantee: City of Fayetteville **Choice Neighborhoods Co-Grantee:** Fayetteville Metropolitan

Housing Authority

Target Public Housing Project: Murchison Townhouses

Target Neighborhood: Murchison Road Corridor **Choice Neighborhoods Grant Amount:** \$450,000

Key Partners: Collabo, LLC | Alliance Health | The Arts Council of Fayetteville and Cumberland County | North Carolina Indian Housing Authority | Fayetteville Area Habitat for Humanity | Fayetteville State University | Communities in Schools | Fayetteville Police Department | Cumberland County Department of Public Health | Greater Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce

Project Summary:

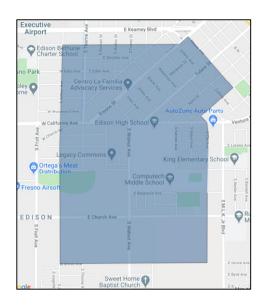
The last 20 years have seen significant development and changes in the City of Fayetteville including the revitalization of downtown Fayetteville with new shops, services, hotels, offices, and entertainment opportunities. Unfortunately, these positive improvements have not benefited all residents in a truly equitable fashion. The 60-unit Murchison Townhouses development is over 50 years old with many buildings in poor physical condition that require significant rehabilitation. The site is also disconnected from the surrounding neighborhood, which contributes to a sense of isolation for residents. The Murchison Road Corridor neighborhood has several physical structures that do not meet local building code standards and contains over 650 vacant parcels in the area's 3 square miles. Businesses along Murchison Road have also suffered in recent decades as the neighborhood has declined.

While the neighborhood faces significant challenges, abundant opportunities also exist. The city encompasses portions of Fort Bragg, one of the largest military bases in the world, which adds significantly to the regional economy. The Murchison Road Corridor itself is known as the historic center of African American culture in the city and is anchored by Fayetteville State University, a Historically Black College and University founded in 1867. In addition, the community contains easy access to public schools, early childhood learning centers, and various community medical clinics. The neighborhood's natural creek corridors and small lakes are underutilized assets that can be greatly improved for local recreation. Because of Fayetteville State University, along with the community's close proximity to downtown, the neighborhood provides a potential market for additional student-and faculty-oriented housing, as well as potential retail uses that could provide additional jobs and services for residents.

Through the \$450,000 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant, the City of Fayetteville and the Fayetteville Metropolitan Housing Authority will work with local residents and a variety of community stakeholders – including nonprofits, faith-based organizations, anchor institutions, supportive services agencies, businesses, and others – to create a forward-looking Transformation Plan with a strong commitment to diversity and inclusion. Through this planning process, community members and stakeholders will identify local assets, discuss current challenges, and create a vision for the future. This initiative will help to ensure that revitalization efforts fully benefit the local community.



CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS



Fresno, CA

Choice Neighborhoods Lead Grantee: Housing Authority of the

City of Fresno, CA

Target Public Housing Project: Fairview Heights Terrace and

Sierra Plaza

Target Neighborhood: California Avenue Neighborhood -

Southwest Fresno

Choice Neighborhoods Grant Amount: \$450,000

Key Partners: Central Valley Community Foundation | Fairview Heights Resident Council | Cradle to Career Fresno County | County of Fresno Fresno City College | Fresno Community & Economic Development Partnership | Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission | Fresno Metro Ministry | Fresno Police Department | Fresno Regional Workforce Investment Board

Project Summary:

Located in Southwest Fresno, the California Avenue Neighborhood was the first area to serve downtown Fresno as the city center before WWII. Freeway construction and redlining practices, however, disconnected the neighborhood from the rest of the city, limiting the neighborhood's growth and development. Today, the neighborhood has a remarkably high poverty rate of 60%. Although the area sits right in the middle of other revitalization efforts, it distinctly has been left out of those plans. The Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant will leverage these surrounding efforts to position the California Avenue Neighborhood for greater investment and the development of a healthier, more accessible, mixed-use, and mixed-income community.

The Housing Authority of the City of Fresno owns and operates more than 300 units of public and affordable housing in the neighborhood. While all of these properties will be part of the planning process, the focus will be on planning for the redevelopment of Fairview Heights Terrace and Sierra Plaza, which together include 134 distressed public housing units. The Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant will ensure that public housing residents are included in the revitalization of Southwest Fresno.

Residents and their lived experience will be central to Fresno's Choice Neighborhoods planning process and the resulting Transformation Plan for California Avenue Neighborhood. Partnerships with a broad spectrum of neighborhood institutions and community organizations also will form the backbone of the planning process. The process will be guided by a Steering Committee of partners and residents and a Resident Advisory Committee focused on community engagement.



CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS



Houston, TX

Choice Neighborhoods Lead Grantee: Houston Housing Authority

Choice Neighborhoods Co-Grantee: City of Houston Target Public Housing Project: Cuney Homes Target Neighborhood: Houston Third Ward Choice Neighborhoods Grant Amount: \$450,000

Key Partners: Cuney Homes Resident Council | Texas Southern University | The University of Houston | Baylor College of Medicine | Houston Housing Finance Corporation | Houston Independent School District | Houston Police Department | Houston Parks Board | Houston Public Library Foundation

Project Summary:

Third Ward is one of Houston's oldest neighborhoods with a rich history and heritage. It is home to Houston's first and longest-standing public housing community, Cuney Homes, which has been serving families for more than 80 years. The neighborhood boundaries of the Third Ward are widely recognized by the community based on its extensive history as a focal point for many Houstonians. Although residents remain proud of their neighborhood, today it faces significant challenges. A large, distressed public housing development with outdated WWII era building construction presents residents with several structural, environmental, and health deficits. The Third Ward's high poverty, long-term vacancy, and violent crime rates contrast sharply with nearby downtown Houston, which fuels private-sector investment interest and affordability challenges for long-time residents.

The Third Ward neighborhood has abundant assets that can be leveraged to create a neighborhood of choice for long-term and new residents. Its biggest asset is its central location near downtown Houston, which offers convenience and access to jobs, city government, and anchor institutions. Two nearby universities, Texas Southern University and University of Houston, are also part of the neighborhood and offer a range of cultural, educational, and recreational amenities. The recently redesigned Emancipation Park, which underwent an extensive renovation process in 2017, is a very successful cultural and recreational amenity celebrating local history and heritage.

The award of the \$450,000 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant will enable the Houston Housing Authority, the City of Houston, the Third Ward community, and their partners to create a comprehensive Transformation Plan that will build on their established relationships, many of which emerged through the Third Ward Complete Communities planning process in 2018. The plan will optimize the use a variety of strategies to safely and successfully engage residents and local stakeholders. In addition, the plan seeks to organize implementation actions around the capacity of local anchor institutions, service providers, governmental entities, businesses, and residents. With a key focus on social justice and improved health outcomes, the broad enthusiasm and support for this effort will result in a successful blueprint for the Houston Third Ward's transformation.



CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS



Montgomery, AL

Choice Neighborhoods Lead Grantee: Housing Authority of the

City of Montgomery

Choice Neighborhoods Co-Grantee: The City of Montgomery

Target Public Housing Project: Paterson Court

Target Neighborhood: Centennial Hill

Choice Neighborhoods Grant Amount: \$450,000

Key Partners: Alabama State University | Trenholm State Community College | Jackson Hospital | Central Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission | Montgomery Public Schools | Alabama Public Television | The Paterson Innovators | Montgomery Area Food Bank | Family Guidance Center of Alabama Hope Inspired Ministries | Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church | BBVA Compass Bank | YMCA of Greater Montgomery

Project Summary:

Once a vital and prosperous African American neighborhood located adjacent to downtown, Centennial Hill has been in decline since the 1960s due in part to the bisecting of the community by Interstate-85 and subsequent disinvestment. Within the Centennial Hill neighborhood is Paterson Court, a 200-unit public housing development constructed more than 70 years ago. Paterson Court has not received any comprehensive rehabilitation or modernization in over 30 years. Today, the poverty rate in Centennial Hill is a staggering 74% and portions of the neighborhood have been designated by the USDA as a food desert. The revitalization of Centennial Hill has been a long-term priority of both the Housing Authority of the City of Montgomery and the City.

Despite these challenges, Centennial Hill's neighborhood assets are considerable. Several anchor institutions call the neighborhood home including Alabama State University, a historically black college and university founded in 1867 and Jackson Hospital, a Level 3 Trauma Center, which has numerous Centers of Excellence. Other neighborhood amenities include the 40-acre Oak Park which features a zoo and the Gayle Planetarium, as well as the Montgomery National Historic Trail Interpretive Center which highlights historic exhibits and literature concerning civil rights icon Martin Luther King, Jr. In terms of investment in the neighborhood, the Housing Authority of the City of Montgomery has led the way with the revitalization and development of nearby public housing sites, as well as a city-led long-term planning initiative. Most importantly, Centennial Hill's engaged resident community and the shared goals of its community partners represent critical neighborhood strengths.

With hopes of strengthening current efforts already underway, the \$450,000 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant will enable the Housing Authority of the City of Montgomery and the City of Montgomery to create a robust Transformation Plan using a community-driven, bottom-up process. This process will optimize the resources and commitment of local stakeholders and organizes around the abilities and strengths of local anchor institutions, service providers, governmental entities, businesses and residents. The comprehensive planning process will strive to be inclusive and flexible throughout the grant period and beyond to accommodate new perspectives, partners, projects, and best practices.

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CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS



Pittsburgh, PA

Choice Neighborhoods Lead Grantee: Fineview Citizens Council Choice Neighborhoods Co-Grantee: Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh

Target Public Housing Project: Northside Choice - Allegheny Dwellings

Target Neighborhood: Allegheny Dwellings (Fineview/Perry

Hilltop)

Choice Neighborhoods Grant Amount: \$450,000

Key Partners: Wallace, Roberts & Todd, LLC | TREK
Development Group | The Buhl Foundation | City of Pittsburgh |
Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh | Allegheny County
Department of Human Services | A+ Schools Pittsburgh | City of
Pittsburgh Department of City Planning

Project Summary:

Located just one mile north of downtown, across the Allegheny River, the Northside Choice - Allegheny Dwellings neighborhood on Pittsburgh's Northside is home to some of the best views in town. The hillside neighborhood is also home to the 175-unit Allegheny Dwellings public housing development, comprised of 1940's post war, structurally distressed, barracks-style buildings. Originally developed as a residential area with neighborhood commercial corridors and a large park, the neighborhood has experienced disinvestment over the years. Uniquely isolated from neighboring communities by topography and railroad tracks, the neighborhood was severely impacted by suburban sprawl and the crime wave of the 1990s. Historically vibrant business districts of the past were at one time dubbed, "Pittsburgh's most dangerous corner." The residential and commercial core remains pocked with blight, disinvestment and a negative neighborhood image.

Despite these challenges, the community still contains all the ingredients to become a thriving neighborhood. Defining physical assets include compact and walkable blocks, access to transit, beautiful hilltop views of the city skyline and easy access to jobs. Faith-based institutions and nonprofits serve as social assets in the neighborhood. Once vibrant sections of the neighborhood are reemerging after years of population and economic decline. In 2019, the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh and its partners successfully completed Phase I of the Allegheny Dwellings redevelopment, which included replacement of 92-units with mixed-income housing at the newly named Sandstone Quarry development site. Active, long-time, resident-led working groups have focused on attracting city investments, beautification, youth engagement, community events, and housing stabilization to address remaining neighborhood challenges.

Capitalizing on these strengths, the Fineview Citizens Council, the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh, residents, and their partners will use the \$450,000 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant to create an impactful Transformation Plan. The planning process will center engagement activities, using a variety of formats that are inviting and inclusive and emphasize the building of skills, trust, and community. Following an extensive needs assessment, the planning team will organize a resident capacity building "leadership series," covering a range of topics such as citizen planning, team building and decision making, community health and wellness, trauma and the built environment, financial literacy, home maintenance and investment, and affordable housing 101.

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CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS



Toledo, OH

Choice Neighborhoods Lead Grantee: Lucas Metropolitan

Housing Authority

Choice Neighborhoods Co-Grantee: City of Toledo Target Public Housing Project: McClinton Nunn Homes

Target Neighborhood: McClinton Nunn-Junction **Choice Neighborhoods Grant Amount:** \$450,000

Key Partners: Greater Toledo Community Foundation | The Junction Coalition | LISC Toledo | ProMedica | The Tabernacle | Toldeo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments | Toledo Design Collaborative | Toledo Police Department | United Way

Project Summary:

The McClinton Nunn-Junction neighborhood has many assets to build upon, including its proximity to downtown Toledo, urban parks, bicycle and pedestrian trails, churches, and active community organizations. Over the past decade, the Junction Coalition, an organization led by community members, has been a key stakeholder in the neighborhood. Most recently, the Junction Coalition led a community planning process to formulate the Junction Neighborhood Master Plan adopted by the City in 2019. The Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant will build on this positive momentum to develop comprehensive strategies for achieving the community's priorities.

Like many neighborhoods in the Rust Belt region, McClinton Nunn-Junction's population has been cut almost in half over the past 20 years, from 7,478 in 2000 to its current population of 4,135. Over half of all families in the neighborhood are earning less than \$25,000 a year. Despite these challenges, residents remain committed to the neighborhood and optimistic about its future. The neighborhood has a substantial homeownership rate, with 52% of housing units occupied by owners. As property values have fallen, homeowners have come to realize that the way to preserve and increase the value of their homes is to work together to improve the neighborhood.

The Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant will enable residents – in partnership with the Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority, the City of Toledo, and over 30 committed organizations – to plan for the revitalization of McClinton Nunn Homes, a distressed 151-unit public housing development in the neighborhood. The planning process will also identify solutions to the neighborhood's persistent challenges to increase opportunities for residents, improve the existing housing stock, promote economic development, and enhance the image of the neighborhood.