

## Flint, MI

**Choice Neighborhoods Lead Grantee:** Flint Housing Commission

**Choice Neighborhoods Co-Grantee:** City of Flint

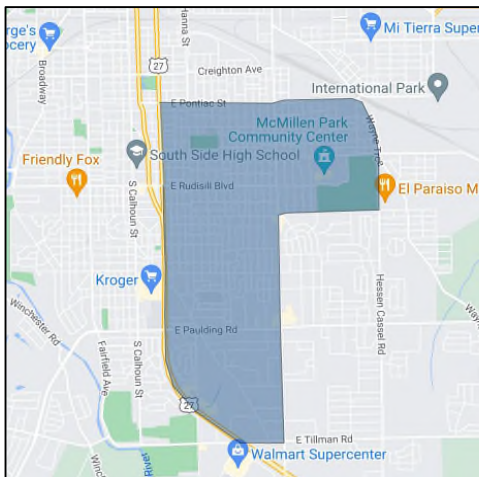
**Target Public Housing Project:** River Park Apartments

**Target Neighborhood:** North Flint

**Choice Neighborhoods Grant Amount:** \$500,000

**Project Summary:** The North Flint neighborhood is a disinvested community bisected by I-475, Flint’s primary interstate highway. The area east of the highway, which includes the River Park Apartments, is isolated and lacks basic amenities such as schools, stores, services, and infrastructure. The target housing site, River Park Apartments, is situated across the street from a new asphalt

plant currently under construction. The planned asphalt plant presents environmental and health risks through reduced air quality and increased noise and heavy traffic. The award of the Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant will enable the Flint Housing Commission and City of Flint, alongside community partners and residents, to create a new vision for River Park Apartments. Collectively, the team will develop a Transformation Plan that redevelops River Park as a mixed-income development, increases the quality of life for residents, and empowers residents to take full advantage of community services and amenities within a well-functioning neighborhood.



## Fort Wayne, IN

**Choice Neighborhoods Lead Grantee:** Fort Wayne Housing Authority

**Target Public Housing Project:** Tall Oak Apartments

**Target Neighborhood:** Southeast Fort Wayne

**Choice Neighborhoods Grant Amount:** \$500,000

**Project Summary:** The Southeast Fort Wayne neighborhood is part of a city not only known as the hub of three rivers, but also a major metropolitan area rich in industrial and manufacturing history. While close to growing nearby investment, the Southeast Fort Wayne neighborhood still struggles with a high poverty rate and other challenges. It also contains the severely distressed

targeted housing site, a 105-unit, public housing development, Tall Oaks Apartments. This property is over 50 years old, lacking amenities and updates to reflect today’s housing options. However, the neighborhood has assets to build upon including community institutions, faith centers, academic facilities, and an engaged resident community. The award of a \$500,000 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant will enable the Fort Wayne Housing Authority, City of Fort Wayne, residents, and stakeholders to bring the community and planning partners together to create a viable and actionable Transformation Plan for the Southeast Fort Wayne Neighborhood. The planning process will be a community-driven, bottom-up process. It will focus on equitably and holistically addressing the challenges within the area while uplifting and encouraging the potential and assets of the Southeast Fort Wayne Neighborhood.



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**Goldsboro, NC**



**Choice Neighborhoods Lead Grantee:** Housing Authority of the City of Goldsboro

**Choice Neighborhoods Co-Grantee:** City of Goldsboro

**Target Public Housing Project:** West Haven Apartments

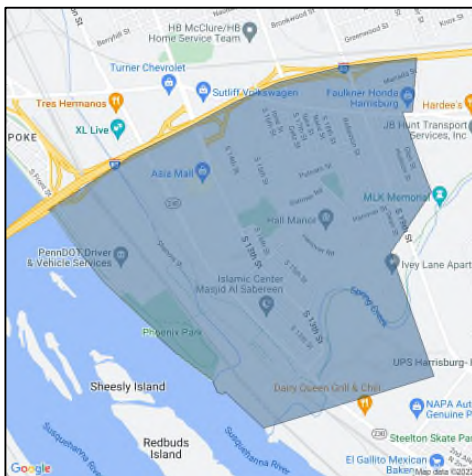
**Target Neighborhood:** West Haven

**Choice Neighborhoods Grant Amount:** \$500,000

**Project Summary:** West Haven neighborhood is one of Goldsboro’s oldest neighborhoods with a rich history and heritage. Within the neighborhood’s boundaries is the Goldsboro Historic District, and Downtown Goldsboro, the focus of shopping and community events. The West Haven Apartments target housing site

is located less than one mile from the center of Downtown Goldsboro yet is very isolated from the downtown and other community assets. The development is sandwiched between a limited access highway and freight railroad tracks. Meanwhile, the nearby Seymour Johnson Air Force Base is a major asset for the Goldsboro community, but the city currently faces a housing shortage of 3,000 housing units for military and support staff serving at the base. The \$500,000 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant award presents an opportunity to redevelop the severely distressed West Haven apartments, create a mixed-income development that meets the housing needs of current residents and military personnel, and enhances access to community assets. The Housing Authority of the City of Goldsboro and the City have assembled a strong group of partners including local nonprofits, builders and developers, neighborhood organizations, and churches to support the planning process and develop a plan that benefits both West Haven residents and the greater community.

**Harrisburg, PA**



**Choice Neighborhoods Lead Grantee:** Harrisburg Housing Authority

**Choice Neighborhoods Co-Grantee:** City of Harrisburg

**Target Public Housing Project:** Hoverter Homes

**Target Neighborhood:** South Harrisburg

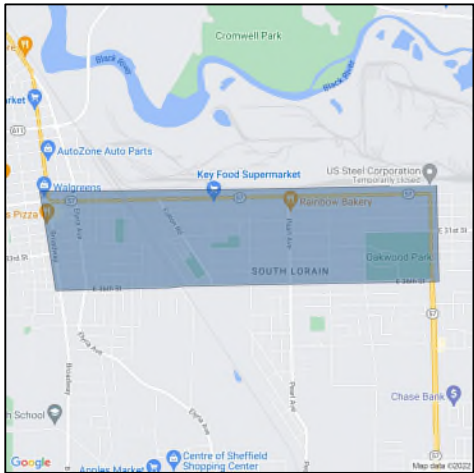
**Choice Neighborhoods Grant Amount:** \$500,000

**Project Summary:** Harrisburg has seen significant revitalization over the last decade, especially in the Downtown and Midtown areas. However, this influx of local investment has yet to reach South Harrisburg – an area of concentrated HUD-assisted housing that is physically isolated from surrounding communities by an interstate highway and the Susquehanna River. Despite challenges,

South Harrisburg includes numerous assets that can be connected and leveraged to improve the quality of life for local residents. The neighborhood is strategically located between downtown Harrisburg and the Harrisburg International Airport. It includes a portion of the Capital Area Greenbelt, a 20-mile loop through and around Harrisburg. Local job opportunities with the state government and top employer ranked hospitals drive the local economy. New housing investments are already underway. With a \$500,000 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant, the Harrisburg Housing Authority and the City of Harrisburg will lead the community through an innovative and equitable neighborhood revitalization planning process that builds from these assets. Using sustained and consistent engagement, South Harrisburg’s planning effort will create a lasting impact through authentic collaboration, early action, and community empowerment.



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**Lorain, OH**

**Choice Neighborhoods Lead Grantee:** Lorain Metropolitan Housing Authority

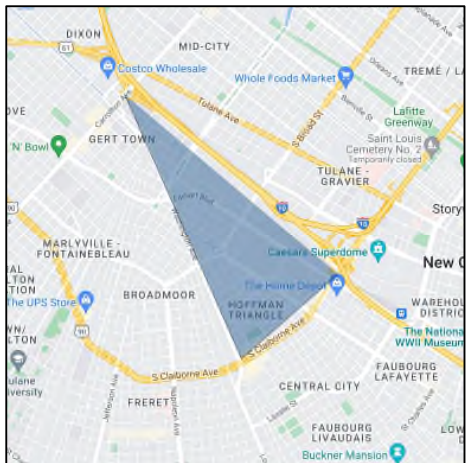
**Choice Neighborhoods Co-Grantee:** City of Lorain

**Target Public Housing Project:** Southside Gardens

**Target Neighborhood:** Gateway to South Lorain

**Choice Neighborhoods Grant Amount:** \$500,000

**Project Summary:** Lorain, OH is a quintessential small Rust Belt city with a long history of prosperity, from the introduction of shipbuilding and the railroad through the rise of the steel and automobile industries. A subsequent economic decline has left the city with persistent poverty and associated challenges, but also a place of opportunity for a growing immigrant population investing in the affordable city. While the City has focused on reinvestment and repositioning its location along Lake Erie, neighborhoods like the Gateway to South Lorain continue to struggle with concentrations of poverty, vacancy, lack of services, and crime. With the award of a \$500,000 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant, the Lorain Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA) and City of Lorain plan on addressing these challenges, with a particular focus on the severely distressed Southside Gardens properties in the neighborhood. Local philanthropic leaders, such as the Nordson Foundation, are already mobilized to support the planning process, with an eye towards “Cradle to Career” education and training for youth. Through the planning process, LMHA, the City, and their engagement partner, Cleveland State University, will bring together residents, community members, and a network of community organizations to develop a Transformation Plan that reimagines the Gateway to South Lorain neighborhood for future generations.



**New Orleans, LA**

**Choice Neighborhoods Lead Grantee:** Housing Authority of New Orleans

**Target Public Housing Project:** BW Cooper/Earhart

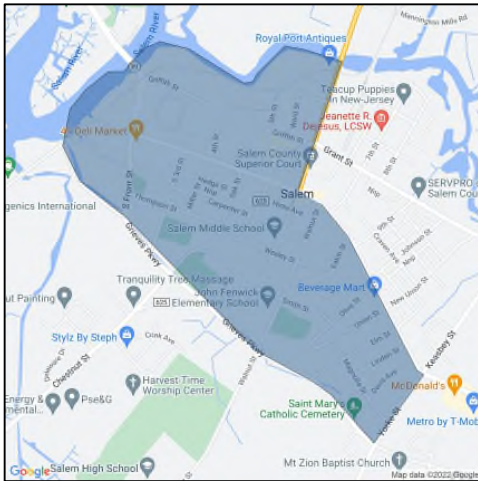
**Target Neighborhood:** BW Cooper/Earhart

**Choice Neighborhoods Grant Amount:** \$409,000

**Project Summary:** The BW Cooper/Earhart neighborhood is located northwest of the Central Business District. Four years after Hurricane Katrina, the City of New Orleans designated this community as an “Opportunity Site”. Part of the large BW Cooper/Earhart housing development that was damaged by the storm was redeveloped and renamed Marrero Commons, but a substantial portion of the site was left vacant. Additionally, impacted by Hurricane Katrina, many single-family homes and businesses in the neighborhood did not rebuild. Further, this neighborhood, which bordered the central business district, was separated from downtown by the construction of the elevated 1-10. Although the neighborhood is currently experiencing some synergy through new retail and housing developments, the vacant parcels, blighted buildings, and lack of housing and services poses a monumental challenge. With the award of a \$409,000 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant, the Housing Authority of New Orleans, the City of New Orleans, BW Cooper/Marrero Commons Resident Council and a range of other partners can begin the inclusive planning process to develop a transformation plan that was envisioned over 10 years ago.



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Salem, NJ

**Choice Neighborhoods Lead Grantee:** City of Salem, NJ  
**Target Public Housing Project:** Westside Court  
**Target Neighborhood:** Salem  
**Choice Neighborhoods Grant Amount:** \$500,000

**Project Summary:** Once a thriving port and shipbuilding city, Salem, NJ hosted strong industries for decades in sectors including glassworks, chemical manufacturing, bulk fuel storage, and rail operations. However, a precipitous decline in these industries has led to depopulation, persistent poverty, brownfields, high unemployment rates, and other socio-economic challenges. The City of Salem with a population of just under 5,000 is now one of the poorest communities

in New Jersey and was deemed the state’s most “Distressed City”. Despite these challenges, numerous anchor institutions are located within the target neighborhood including city and county government offices, Salem Police Department, Salem Free Public Library, Southern Jersey Family Medical Center, schools, and nonprofits. The Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant will focus on the Westside Court public housing development, located within the central core and downtown area of Salem. The \$500,000 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant award will enable the City of Salem to capitalize upon existing revitalization initiatives and federal grants to redevelop brownfields on the historic waterfront, renew anchor institution buildings, create mixed-use developments, and make improvements to neighborhood quality of life.



Steubenville, OH

**Choice Neighborhoods Lead Grantee:** City of Steubenville  
**Choice Neighborhoods Co-Grantee:** Jefferson Metropolitan Housing Authority  
**Target Public Housing Project:** Bridgewater Apartments, John F. Kennedy Apartments and Elmer White Family Units  
**Target Neighborhood:** North End  
**Choice Neighborhoods Grant Amount:** \$500,000

**Project Summary:** Steubenville, Ohio in the 1940’s had a booming steel industry and once was a thriving city. Due to the lack of job opportunities population has now decreased by half – representing approximately 18,000. One in four Steubenville residents are also

considered impoverished. Although the overall city has experienced decades of disinvestment, the low-income households residing in the North End are especially impacted. The targeted public housing developments include Bridgewater Apartments, John F. Kennedy Apartments and Elmer White Family Units, with a combined total of over 300 units. There is momentum and drive by the community to create change for the residents of Steubenville despite the challenges. The City of Steubenville, Jefferson Metropolitan Housing Authority, residents, and partners intend to use and leverage this \$500,000 Choice Neighborhood grant to provide the essential funds needed for a comprehensive, unified planning process that addresses the substantial barriers to identified resources that lead to individual, family, and community success. The result will be a transformation plan that will revitalize a community ready for support and change.



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## Washington, DC

**Choice Neighborhoods Lead Grantee:** District of Columbia Housing Authority

**Target Public Housing Project:** Lincoln Heights and Richardson Dwellings

**Target Neighborhood:** Greater Deanwood

**Choice Neighborhoods Grant Amount:** \$500,000

**Project Summary:** Greater Deanwood was historically a stable and vibrant residential neighborhood for blue- and white-collar Black families. But like many urban neighborhoods, Greater Deanwood suffered from disinvestment over the years due to middle-class flight. Today, Greater Deanwood continues to be challenged with

concentrated poverty, underutilized land, limited transportation options, and food insecurity. The District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA), the City, and an array of partners have invested heavily in the Deanwood neighborhood to change this narrative and support residents. In 2020, with support from the Kresge Foundation, the local government, the Coalition for Nonprofit Housing & Economic Development, DCHA, and others united to create a strategic framework to address equitable investment and revitalization in the community. Significant progress has been made, including new housing, streetscapes, education facilities, and parks. Now, with the award of a \$500,000 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant, these partners will reassemble to refine the plan and create actionable strategies for further reinvestment in Deanwood. The process will include the creation of the Greater Deanwood Equity Board, Resident Engagement Teams, and resident capacity building to ensure resident voices are at the forefront of the planning process.