



## OFFICE OF PUBLIC & INDIAN HOUSING

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Dear Executive Director,

HUD recently announced its decision to add the upcoming FY 2024 appropriations for Choice Neighborhoods to the FY 2023 Implementation Grants Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), which is currently available on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov). I want to take a moment to share what this means for interested PHAs, how this will impact future funding cycles, and to encourage PHAs with severely distressed public housing to apply for funding under this innovative program.

HUD's decision to combine the available \$259 million in FY 2023 funds with the pending FY 2024 appropriations will allow the Department to award additional Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants this fiscal year. This decision recognizes the ongoing expansion of the Choice Neighborhoods program, coupled with a goal to increase housing supply as quickly as possible. A revised FY 2023/2024 NOFO and application package are available through [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov), **with the application due date extended to February 13, 2024**. The maximum grant award is \$50 million, which funds the redevelopment of distressed public housing into a new mixed-income community, resident supportive services, and physical neighborhood improvements.

I have seen the transformative results of the Choice Neighborhoods program's "Housing, People, and Neighborhood" approach firsthand. I recently traveled to Louisville, Kentucky where the former Beecher Terrace public housing site is being replaced with over 620 new, high-quality mixed-income housing units. I toured a new grocery store in Philadelphia, PA – the first to operate in the community in over 50 years. In Lewiston, Maine, I visited a new early childhood-education center that prioritizes children in HUD-assisted housing for Head Start programming. These success stories are a direct result of a Choice Neighborhoods investment.

Implementation Grants support communities that have completed a comprehensive local planning process and are ready to implement their "Transformation Plan" to revitalize the neighborhood. HUD anticipates awarding the FY 2023/2024 Implementation Grants in early fall 2024. HUD will not issue another Implementation Grants NOFO for the FY 2024 funding. This will allow HUD to promptly publish the next Implementation Grants NOFO after passage of the full year FY 2025 appropriations.

For those PHAs that are interested in redeveloping severely distressed housing but do not yet have a comprehensive Transformation Plan, HUD will issue a FY 2024 Planning Grants NOFO shortly after the budget is passed. These grants provide PHAs with \$500,000 to support local planning, including the costs of market studies, resident surveys, and "planning coordinators."

I strongly encourage PHAs with severely distressed public housing to consider applying for a Choice Neighborhoods grant. We are excited to bring the program's "Housing, People, and Neighborhood" approach to more communities nationwide. If you have questions about Choice Neighborhoods, please reach out to the team at [ChoiceNeighborhoods@hud.gov](mailto:ChoiceNeighborhoods@hud.gov) and visit [www.hud.gov/cn](http://www.hud.gov/cn).

Thank you,



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