



CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS FY12 PLANNING GRANTS

Department of Housing
and Urban Development





OVERVIEW

- **Application Process & Funding**
- **Eligibility**
- **Rating Factors**



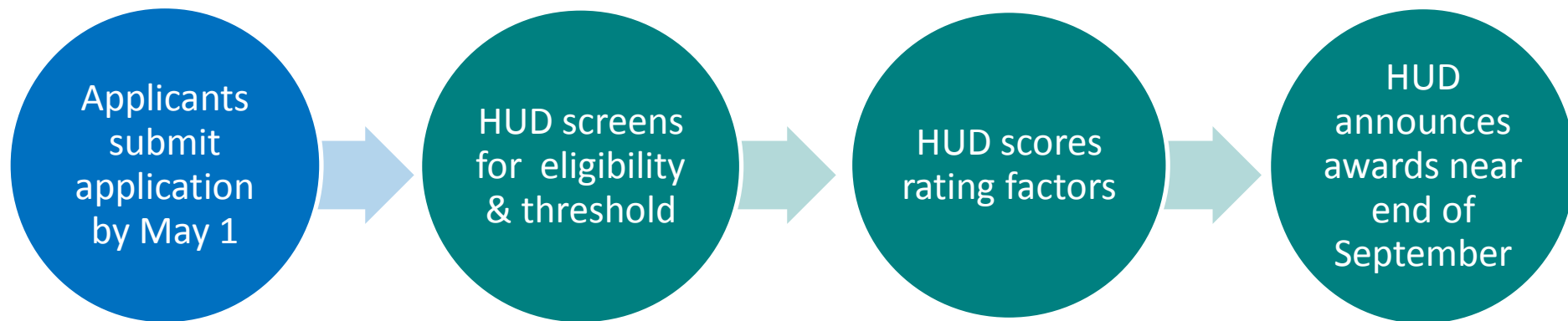


APPLICATION PROCESS & FUNDING





APPLICATION PROCESS & FUNDING: TIMELINE & PROCESS





APPLICATION PROCESS & FUNDING: GRANT FUNDING

Total of \$5 million:

- 17 – 20 awardees
- Applicants request up to \$300,000 each





APPLICATION PROCESS & FUNDING : CATEGORY PREFERENCES

Planning Grant Category Preferences:

- Non-Metropolitan areas (2 grants)
- Housing provider collaborations (2 grants)
- Promise Neighborhoods grantees (4 grants)





ELIGIBILITY





ELIGIBILITY: APPLICANTS

1. Eligible Applicant

- **Type:** Public Housing Authorities, local governments, tribal entities, nonprofits, or for-profit developers with a public entity
- **Structure:** Lead applicants may choose to have a co-applicant





ELIGIBILITY: HOUSING

2. Eligible Housing

- **Eligible Type:** Public housing, Project-based Section 8, Section 202, Section 811, Section 221(d)(3), Section 236, Indian Housing (25 U.S.C. § 4101)
- **No previous funds from:** Choice Neighborhoods, HOPE VI, or certain types of ARRA Capital Fund Competitive Grants
- **Distressed:** Property must be severely distressed, as defined in the NOFA and certified by an engineer or architect





ELIGIBILITY: NEIGHBORHOODS

3. Eligible Neighborhood

- **20% + in poverty/ELI**
- **Neighborhood has one of the following problems:**
 - high crime
 - high vacancy or substandard homes
 - inadequate schools





ELIGIBILITY: PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Activity Type	Examples
Eligible Planning Grant Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct comprehensive needs assessment• Undertake comprehensive and integrated planning process (Housing, People, and Neighborhood)• Conduct technical planning studies• Work with public and private agencies, organizations, and individuals• Ensure meaningful resident, community, and stakeholder participation• Plan for collection and strategic use of relevant data• Strengthen management and decision-making capacity• Identify and secure involvement of effective practices and actors
Required Transformation Plan Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Market analysis (during grant)• Selection of housing lead (during grant)• Housing choice opportunities for returning residents (in plan)• One-for-One replacement (in plan)• Sustainability & excellence in design (in plan)





ELIGIBILITY: THRESHOLD CRITERIA

Threshold Type	Examples
Curable Threshold	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For-profit lead applicant partnership contract• Choice Neighborhoods application certifications• Standard forms
Non-Curable Threshold	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No previous funds from specific sources• Number of applications from lead applicant (up to 3)• Resident and public meetings• Other certifications





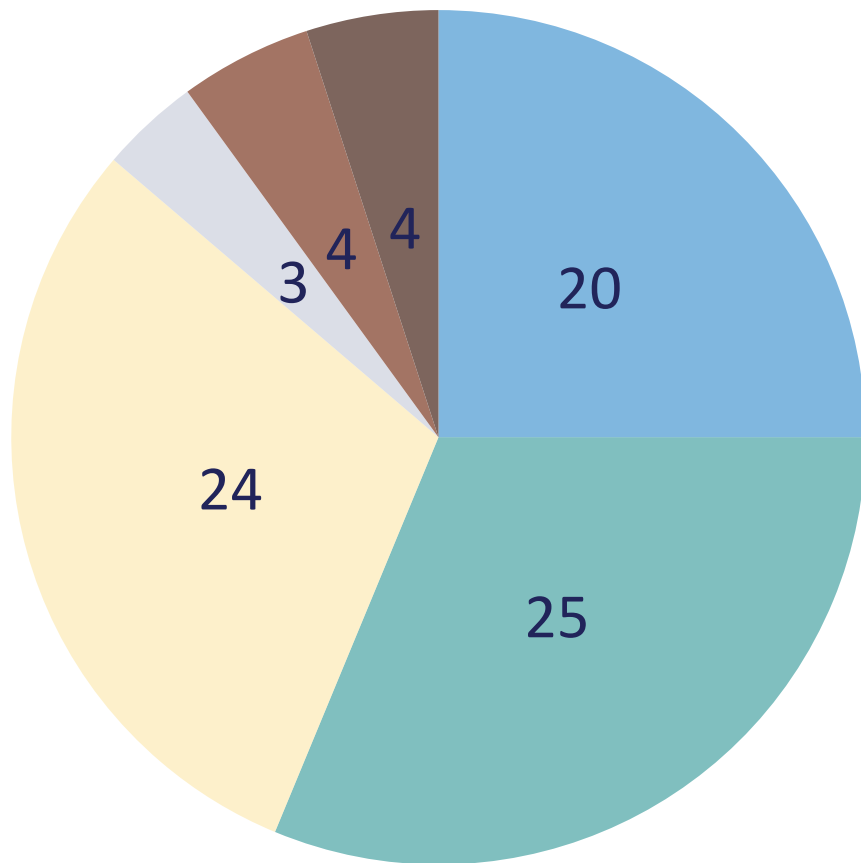
RATING FACTORS





RATING FACTORS: OVERVIEW

• Rating Factor Points



- Capacity
- Need
- Plan
- Likelihood of Implementation
- Leverage
- Bonus





RATING FACTORS: CAPACITY

Capacity Categories	Rating Factors
Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 20/80
Led Planning Process (12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Led neighborhood revitalization planning process• Resident and community engagement (4)
Used Data (4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Used data for decision-making and improvements
Leveraged funding (4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Secured and integrated funding from multiple sources





RATING FACTORS: NEED

Need Categories	Rating Factors
Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 25/80
Severely Distressed Public/Assisted Housing (12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• REAC scores or PNA• Structural deficiencies• Design deficiencies
Severe Neighborhood Distress (12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Poverty /ELI• Vacancies• Crime
Need for Affordable Housing (1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shortage of affordable housing in county is greater than national rate





RATING FACTORS: PLAN

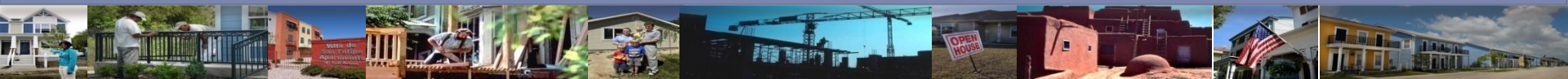
Plan Categories	Rating Factors
Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22/80
Planning Activities (10)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planned planning activities: needs assessment, partnerships • Resident and community involvement (4)
Needs Assessment (4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan for assessing neighborhood assets and needs
Educational Opportunities (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy for developing education plan
Capacity Building & Knowledge Sharing (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy for securing needed technical training and technical assistance for applicant and others
Planning schedule (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed planning schedule
Budget (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget for all planning activities
Consistency with Planning Documents (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consistency with PHA plan, Consolidated plan, sustainability plans





RATING FACTORS: OTHER

Other	Rating Factors
Likelihood of Implementation (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Likelihood of Transformation Plan being funded and implemented even without Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant
Leverage (4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leverage ratio (1:2 nets full points)
Bonus (4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RC/EZ/EC-II(2)• Preferred Sustainability Status (2)





MORE INFORMATION

Choice Neighborhoods Website:
www.hud.gov/cn/

Grant application package:
www.grants.gov/

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