

New Choice Neighborhood Action Grant Opportunity Beecher Terrace Resident and Russell Community Meeting

January 7, 2016

Agenda

- Welcome
- New Choice Neighborhood Action Grant Opportunity
- Eligible and Ineligible "Action Activities"
- Project Time Line and Proposed Selection Process for Action Activities
- Next Steps and Upcoming Meetings
- Questions and Answers

New Choice Neighborhood Action Grants

- Previously HUD has offered two types of Choice Neighborhood grants –
 - 1) Planning
 - 2) Implementation
- HUD just announced a new category of Choice Neighborhood grants –
 - 3) Action Grants

New Choice Neighborhood Action Grants

- Because we currently have a Planning Grant, we are eligible and plan to apply for a Action Grant.
- Very competitive process HUD expects to award only 4 Action Grants
- City will also be contributing \$375,000 to the effort if we are funded.

New Choice Neighborhood Action Grants

Communities who receive grant awards could get up to \$1.5 million for "Action Activities" that meet HUD's eligibility guidelines.

Eligible "Action Activities"

 Making vacant lots and properties into community gardens, small parks, farmers markets, or cleaning them up for future use





 Neighborhood beautification projects such as murals, sculptures, creative signage or other ideas highlighting Russell's many assets and rich history





Garden tool loan programs



Improvements to the fronts of businesses and to homeowner's properties



Neighborhood broadband/Wi-Fi



 Fresh food initiatives, such as farmers markets and mobile fresh food vendors



Gap financing for economic development projects



Ineligible "Action Activities"

Action Grants cannot be used for:

- The demolition or redevelopment of Beecher Terrace.
- Relocation or supportive services
- Marketing
- Basic infrastructure or city services



Proposed planning and selection process for "Action Activities":

- •Communities <u>cannot</u> list specific Action Activities in their grant application.
- Action Activities must come out of the community's planning process.

Draft Russell Transformation Plan

-July 2016 –

LMHA must submit the draft Russell Transformation Plan to HUD which will include recommendations and strategies from each of the four Choice Neighborhood Task Forces.

Draft Russell Transformation Plan

- These recommendations and strategies will be based on:
 - Beecher Terrace and Neighborhood Survey results;
 - ➤ Task Force Meetings and Workshops;
 - Discussions at Community and Kitchen Conversations;
 - Input from the Russell community as relayed to the Neighborhood Outreach Workers (NOWs); and
 - Data from Census, Health Department and other sources.

How You Can Still Make Suggestions for the Draft Transformation Plan

- Attend Task Force Meetings
- Attend Workshops and Other Meetings
- Attend Community Conversations
- Take part in a Kitchen Conversation
- Talk with the Neighborhood Outreach Workers
- Talk to a Choice Neighborhood Partner

Announcement of Action Grant Recipients

•HUD will announce the Choice Neighborhood Action Grant winners around July 2016

Summarized Timeline and Selection Process for *Action Activities*

Summer 2016 Recommendations

from Task Forces
and Review by
Coordinating
Committee

Fall 2016

Vote from
Community and
Determine
Budgets for
Proposed Projects

Early Winter 2017

Final Selection of Proposed Projects

Spring 2017

Start Work after Receiving HUD Approval for Proposed Projects

Fall/Winter 2017

Completion of Work and Reports to Community and HUD

Next Steps and Upcoming Meetings

January 12, 2016

Neighborhood Task Force Meeting, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm Old Walnut Street (LCCC) - 1300 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd.

January 19, 2016

People Task Force Meeting, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm St. Peter's United Church of Christ (temporary location) -Russell Plaza, 1407 W. Jefferson Street, Suite 120

January 26, 2016

Neighborhood Task Force Meeting, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm Old Walnut Street (LCCC) - 1300 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd.

March 2016 – Date to be determined

Community Workshop - a follow up design workshop and discussion on emerging strategies to transform the Russell neighborhood Old Walnut Street (LCCC) - 1300 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd.

For information about upcoming meetings see: www.visionrussell.com or go to: www.lmha1.org and click on the HOPE VI/Choice tab

Questions and Answers



