

CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS – IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS
Resident and Community Involvement Certification

As part of your application for Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant funding, you, as the executive officer authorized to sign on behalf of your organization, must certify to the following. By signing this form, you are stating that to the best of your knowledge and belief, the certification is true and correct.

Lead Applicant: _____

Name of Targeted Public and/or Assisted Housing Site(s):

Resident and Community Involvement threshold requirement (from the NOFA, Implementation Grants Section, Section III.C.2) is as follows:

(a) General. In accordance with section 24(e)(2)(D), applicants must involve affected residents at the beginning and during the planning process for the transformation program, prior to the submission of an application. You are required to involve the affected public and/or assisted housing residents in the planning process and implementation of your Transformation Plan. This involvement must be continuous from the beginning of the planning process through the implementation and management of the grant, if awarded.

(b) Resident Meeting. You must conduct at least one meeting with the residents of the target public and/or assisted housing to discuss the proposed Transformation Plan.

(c) Public Meetings. You must conduct at least two public meetings with residents of the target public and/or assisted housing and the broader community, in order to involve them in a meaningful way, to develop the Transformation Plan.

(d) These meetings must take place on different days from each other.

(e) Allowable Time Period for Resident and Public Meetings.

(i) At least one public meeting, which included representation from the target public and/or assisted housing residents and the broader community, must have taken place at the beginning of the transformation planning process. This meeting can have occurred prior to the publication of this NOFA, but must have anticipated the project proposed in this application.

(ii) At least one meeting must have been held after the publication date of this NOFA.

(f) Over the course of these meetings, the issues listed below must have been identified (i.e., all issues need not be addressed at each meeting):

(i) The Choice Neighborhoods planning and implementation process;

(ii) The proposed physical plan, including the extent of proposed demolition or rehabilitation of existing structures, and if applicable, proposed site design;

(iii) Planned supportive service activities;

(iv) Other proposed transformation activities;

(v) Relocation issues, such as relocation planning, mobility counseling, relocation benefits, and maintaining the Choice Neighborhoods community planning process during the demolition and reconstruction phases, where temporary relocation, i.e., relocation for a reasonable period (less than one year), is involved;

(vi) Reoccupancy plans and policies, such as site-based waiting lists; and

(vii) Economic Opportunities for Low- and Very Low-Income Persons, including efforts by the recipient, in accordance with Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (Section 3) to ensure, to the greatest extent feasible, that training, employment, and other economic

opportunities will be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing, and to business concerns that provide economic opportunities to low- and very low-income persons in the area in which the project is located. See the Section 3 regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.

(g) Physical Accessibility. All training sessions and meetings must be held in facilities that are physically accessible to persons with disabilities. Where physical accessibility is not achievable, recipients and subrecipients must give priority to alternative methods of product delivery that offer programs and activities to qualified individuals with disabilities in the most integrated setting appropriate in accordance with HUD's implementing regulations for Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794) at 24 CFR Part 8. In addition, all notices of and communications during all training sessions and public meetings shall be provided in a manner that is effective for persons with hearing, visual, and other communication-related disabilities or provide other means of accommodation for persons with disabilities consistent with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and HUD's section 504 regulations. See 24 CFR 8.6.

(h) Limited English Proficiency. All applicants must take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to programs to persons with limited English proficiency (LEP), pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. This may mean providing language assistance services to ensure meaningful resident and community involvement for persons with LEP as a result of their nationality. The Department published *Final Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons* (72 Fed. Reg. 2732; January 22, 2007) to assist recipients of HUD assistance in identifying language assistance needs and developing language assistance plans.

I certify that the Resident and Community Involvement threshold requirement (above) has been met.

Name of Lead Applicant Executive Officer: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Date of Resident Meeting:

1. _____

Other (optional): _____

Dates of Public Meetings:

1. _____

2. _____

Other (optional): _____