

CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS – PLANNING GRANTS
Resident Involvement Certification

As part of your application for Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant funding, you, as the executive officer authorized to sign on behalf of your organization, must certify to the following and complete this form. 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 Involvement threshold requirement (from Section III.C.2.b(7)) is as follows:

In accordance with section 24(e)(2)(D) of the 1937 Act, 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. As of the application deadline date, you must have conducted one meeting with residents of the targeted public and/or assisted housing. That meeting **must** have covered the planning process anticipated to be funded by Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant. This meeting can have occurred prior to the publication of this NOFA, but must have anticipated the planning process proposed in this application. You must demonstrate compliance with this threshold by using the certification form provided and include the form in the attachments section of your application. The certification form must include name of the target public and/or assisted housing site, the date of the resident meeting, and be signed and dated by the Lead Applicant Executive Officer

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 Section 8.6.

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 and Executive Order 13166. 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 Involvement threshold requirement (above) has been met.

Name of Lead Applicant Executive Officer: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Date of Resident Meeting: _____