

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 and complete the form in its entirety. 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 is as follows:

General. 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.

(a) Resident Meeting. You must conduct at least two meetings with the residents of the target public and/or assisted housing as you develop the Transformation Plan.

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

(c) Allowable Time Period for Meetings.

(i) Each of these meetings must take place on different days.

(ii) 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.

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

(d) Content and Structure. 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). Residents and community members must be given opportunities to express their support or lack of support for the proposals presented and given the power to affect changes impacting their living environment. Resident decision making must be recorded and documented. Such documentation might include voting rolls, minutes of meetings, and recorded public discussions.

(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. If you are also proposing to convert public housing units via RAD, that must be discussed as well;

(iii) Planned supportive service activities;

(iv) Other proposed transformation activities;

(v) Relocation issues, such as relocation planning, mobility counseling, relocation assistance, and maintaining the Choice Neighborhoods community planning process during the demolition and reconstruction phases;

- (vi) Re-occupancy 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.

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 Meetings:

1. _____

Other (optional): _____

Dates of Public Meetings:

(Reminder: date of public meeting must be different from the date of the resident meetings)

1. _____

Other (optional): _____