

CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE

2019 Grant Application

Community Development Department

Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant Program (CNI)

- The 2019 CNI Notice of Funding Availability was published on 8/5/19 and outlines application requirements for community engagement
- Primary requirements include demonstration that:
 - *The community is driving the project planning and implementation*
 - *The plan is based on the needs of residents in the targeted housing site(s) and on the results of the needs assessment*
 - *The plan is well-defined, sound and results-oriented*

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- HAWS and the City are again partnering with McCormack, Baron, Salazar and Urban Strategies, Inc. (“USI”) for application development and submission
- USI is the lead partner for development of the Neighborhood/Housing/People plan, which requires robust community engagement

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Based on application requirements, USI will conduct:

- an updated comprehensive survey process for the target public housing households
- neighborhood surveys to confirm need assumptions associated with the target neighborhoods
- at least 5 resident/community meetings

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USI will also:

- hold a housing Charrette with all stakeholders to inform development of housing, neighborhood and people strategies
- work with the state finance agency to streamline the QAP to provide a preference for Choice Neighborhood
- work to develop robust federal, state and local engagement strategies to ensure everyone is aligned with the CNI efforts

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All documentation will be captured to enhance the grant application, and will also be provided to the City outside of the physical CNI application that will be submitted.