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 **cannot** list specific Action Activities in their grant application.
- Action Activities must come out of the community’s planning process.
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