

PLANNING GRANT

ACTION GRANT

IMPLEMENTATION GRANT

PURPOSE	To develop a community-endorsed, implementable, and financially feasible Transformation Plan for Russell.	To fund physical improvements, community development, or economic development projects in the Russell neighborhood.	To further the goals of Russell's Transformation Plan in accordance with the Choice Neighborhoods program.
GRANT PERIOD	January 16, 2015 - January 17, 2017	June 28, 2016 - approximately December 28, 2017	Estimated January 2017 - September 30, 2023
HUD FUNDING	\$425,000	\$1,000,000	Potential \$29,575,000
LOUISVILLE METRO GOV. CASH CONTRIBUTIONS	\$600,000	\$375,000	If Awarded, \$17,721,000
ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducting a needs assessment with Beecher Terrace households and a survey of neighborhood residents • Holding task force and community meetings, design workshops, and special focus groups • Offering training sessions where community members can learn more about the planning process and to build capacity among residents and stakeholders • Organizing youth engagement activities • Working with Roosevelt-Perry Elementary School to improve student outcomes • Planning to make Beecher Terrace a sustainable, mixed-income community • Working with other housing providers in the neighborhood to improve their properties • Conducting a market assessment of the Russell Neighborhood • Completing environmental assessments • Compiling a comprehensive Transformation Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reclaiming and recycling vacant property into community gardens, pocket parks, farmers markets, or land banking (with maintenance) • Beautification, placemaking, and community arts projects, such as creative signage to enhance neighborhood branding, murals and sculptures, specialty streetscaping, or garden tool loan programs • Homeowner and business façade improvement programs • Neighborhood broadband/Wi-Fi • Fresh food initiatives, such as farmers markets and mobile fresh food vendors • Gap financing for economic development projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction, acquisition or rehabilitation of public, assisted, and affordable housing • Acquisition, demolition or disposition of properties • Providing supportive services for residents, primarily focused on case management and service coordination for Beecher Terrace households • Partnering with employers and for-profit and nonprofit organizations to create jobs and job training opportunities for Beecher residents • Relocation assistance, including Section 8 vouchers • Activities that promote sustainability • Critical community improvements • Endowments for the long-term sustainability of supportive services provide through the CNI grant • Conversion of vacant or foreclosed properties to affordable housing • Architectural and engineering work • Administrative costs • Legal fees
CURRENT STATUS UPDATE	A draft of the Vision Russell Transformation Plan (VRTP) was submitted to HUD on July 15th, 2016. The final VRTP will be submitted in January 2017.	The Action Grant was awarded on June 28th, 2016. A community meeting will be scheduled soon to begin the Action Activities process.	LMHA submitted a CNI Implementation grant application on June 28, 2016 and was named a finalist on September 29, 2016. HUD will be making site visits to all finalist's locations during the coming weeks, with award announcements expected in December 2016.



Beecher Terrace Master Site Plan submitted with CNI Implementation grant application



Proposed mixed-use development along 9th St.



A new half acre park will be at the center of the neighborhood for residents and the broader community to enjoy