

FY 2010 Choice Neighborhoods Appropriations

Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2010
(Public Law 111-117, enacted on December 16, 2009)

REVITALIZATION OF SEVERELY DISTRESSED PUBLIC HOUSING (HOPE VI)

For grants to public housing agencies for demolition, site revitalization, replacement housing, and tenant-based assistance grants to projects as authorized by section 24 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437v), \$200,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2011, of which the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may use up to \$10,000,000 for technical assistance and contract expertise, to be provided directly or indirectly by grants, contracts or cooperative agreements, including training and cost of necessary travel for participants in such training, by or to officials and employees of the department and of public housing agencies and to residents:

Provided, That none of such funds shall be used directly or indirectly by granting competitive advantage in awards to settle litigation or pay judgments, unless expressly permitted herein:

Provided further, That of the amounts provided under this heading, up to \$65,000,000 may be available for a demonstration of the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative (subject to such section 24 except as otherwise specified under the provisos for this demonstration under this heading) for the transformation, rehabilitation and replacement housing needs of both public and HUD-assisted housing and to transform neighborhoods of poverty into functioning, sustainable mixed income neighborhoods with appropriate services, public assets, transportation and access to jobs, and schools, including public schools, community schools, and charter schools:

Provided further, That for this demonstration, funding may also be used for the conversion of vacant or foreclosed properties to affordable housing:

Provided further, That use of funds made available for this demonstration under this heading shall not be deemed to be public housing notwithstanding section 3(b)(1) of such Act:

Provided further, That grantees shall commit to an additional period of affordability determined by the Secretary, but not fewer than 20 years:

Provided further, That grantees shall undertake comprehensive local planning with input from residents and the community:

Provided further, That for the purposes of this demonstration, applicants may include local governments, public housing authorities, nonprofits, and for-profit developers that apply jointly with a public entity:

Provided further, That such grantees shall create partnerships with other local organizations including assisted housing owners, service agencies and resident organizations:

Provided further, That the Secretary shall develop and publish a Notice of Funding Availability for the allocation and use of such competitive funds in this demonstration, including but not limited to eligible activities, program requirements, protections and services for affected residents, and performance metrics.