

CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS PLANNING GRANTS APPLICATION INFORMATION

ELIGIBLE APPLICANT

You must provide the following information for the Lead Applicant and, if applicable, the Co-Applicant

Lead Applicant: DC Housing Authority

Type of Eligible Applicant Public Housing Agency Local Government
(check one) PHA Code: DC001

Nonprofit For profit developer applying jointly with a public entity

Mailing Address: 1133 North Capitol Street, NE Washington, DC 20001

Executive Officer Name & Title: Adrienne Todman, Executive Director

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Primary Contact Name & Title: Janice Burgess, Deputy Director, Office of Capital and Planning Development

Telephone: 202-535-2562 Fax: 202-535-2573 Email: jburgess@dchousing.org

Co-Applicant (if any): Kenilworth Parkside Management Corporation (KPRMC)

Type of Eligible Applicant Public Housing Agency Local Government
(check one) PHA Code: _____

Nonprofit For profit developer applying jointly with a public entity

Mailing Address: 1553 Anacostia Avenue, NE Lower Level Washington, DC 20019

Executive Officer Name & Title: Sequona Houston, President

Telephone: 202-396-6900 Fax: _____ Email: _____

Primary Contact Name & Title: Darlene Smith, Vice President

Telephone: 202-396-6900 Fax: _____ Email: dsmith26@yahoo.com

If you have selected an outside Planning Coordinator, provide the following information:

Planning Coordinator: E.R. Bacon Development, LLC

Mailing Address: 4725 Wisconsin Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20016

Executive Officer Name & Title: Elinor Bacon, President

Telephone: 202-244-3696 Fax: 202-535-2573 Email: ebacon@erbacondevelopment.com

Primary Contact Name & Title: Elinor Bacon, President

Telephone: 202-244-3696 Fax: 202-535-2573 Email: ebacon@erbacondevelopment.com

HUD Form 53152 (3/2011)

ELIGIBLE TARGET HOUSING

Your application must focus on severely distressed public and/or HUD-assisted housing. See section I.C for definitions of "public housing," "assisted housing," and "severely distressed housing." Provide the following information for each target housing project. List each site separately.

Project #1

Project Name: Kenilworth Courts

Type of Eligible Housing (check one)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Housing (section 9)	<input type="checkbox"/> section 811
<input type="checkbox"/> Project-based section 8	<input type="checkbox"/> section 221(d)(3)
<input type="checkbox"/> section 202	<input type="checkbox"/> section 236

If Public Housing	PIC AMP Number: <u>DC001005190</u>
	"old" Project Number: <u>DC00101019</u>
If Assisted Housing	Contract Number: _____
	REMS Number: _____
	If FHA Insured, FHA #: _____

Physical Street Address 4500 Quarles St NE
 (include city, state and ZIP) Washington, DC 20019

Unit Information as of Application Date

Total Number of Units in Project	<u>288</u>	Number Occupied	<u>269</u>
Number of Public and/or Assisted Units in Project	<u>288</u>	Number Vacant	<u>19</u>

Project #2 (if applicable)

Project Name: Units owned by Kenilworth Parkside Resident Management Corp

Type of Eligible Housing (check one)

<input type="checkbox"/> Public Housing (section 9)	<input type="checkbox"/> section 811
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project-based section 8	<input type="checkbox"/> section 221(d)(3)
<input type="checkbox"/> section 202	<input type="checkbox"/> section 236

If Public Housing	PIC AMP Number: _____
	"old" Project Number: _____
If Assisted Housing	Contract Number: <u>DC001-VOW047</u>
	REMS Number: _____
	If FHA Insured, FHA #: _____

Physical Street Address 1553 Anacostia Avenue, Lower Level
 (include city, state and ZIP) Washington, DC 20019

Unit Information as of Application Date

Total Number of Units in Project	<u>132</u>	Number Occupied	<u>128</u>
Number of Public and/or Assisted Units in Project	<u>132</u>	Number Vacant	<u>4</u>

Project #3 (if applicable)

Project Name: _____

Type of Eligible Housing (check one)

<input type="checkbox"/> Public Housing (section 9)	<input type="checkbox"/> section 811
<input type="checkbox"/> Project-based section 8	<input type="checkbox"/> section 221(d)(3)
<input type="checkbox"/> section 202	<input type="checkbox"/> section 236

If Public Housing	PIC AMP Number: _____
	"old" Project Number: _____
If Assisted Housing	Contract Number: _____
	REMS Number: _____
	If FHA Insured, FHA #: _____

Physical Street Address _____
 (include city, state and ZIP) _____

Unit Information as of Application Date

Total Number of Units in Project	_____	Number Occupied	_____
Number of Public and/or Assisted Units in Project	_____	Number Vacant	_____

Project #4 (if applicable)

Project Name: _____

Type of Eligible Housing (check one)

<input type="checkbox"/> Public Housing (section 9)	<input type="checkbox"/> section 811
<input type="checkbox"/> Project-based section 8	<input type="checkbox"/> section 221(d)(3)
<input type="checkbox"/> section 202	<input type="checkbox"/> section 236

If Public Housing	PIC AMP Number: _____
	"old" Project Number: _____
If Assisted Housing	Contract Number: _____
	REMS Number: _____
	If FHA Insured, FHA #: _____

Physical Street Address _____
 (include city, state and ZIP) _____

Unit Information as of Application Date

Total Number of Units in Project	_____	Number Occupied	_____
Number of Public and/or Assisted Units in Project	_____	Number Vacant	_____

Attachment 2: Eligible Applicants Documentation

District of Columbia Housing Authority

File: "Att2 EligibleApplicantDoc"

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HOUSING AUTHORITY
AND THE
KENILWORTH PARKSIDE RESIDENT MANAGEMENT CORPORATION**

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (“MOU”) is entered into this *2nd* day of August, 2011, by and between the District of Columbia Housing Authority located at 1133 North Capitol Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002 (“DCHA”), and the Kenilworth Parkside Resident Management Corporation, a District of Columbia nonprofit corporation located at 1553 Anacostia Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20019 (“KPRMC”) (each individually a “Party,” and collectively, the “Parties”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, DCHA is responsible for governing public housing and implementing the Housing Act of 1937 in the District of Columbia (“District”) including the provision of decent, safe and sanitary dwellings and related facilities for persons of low and moderate income in the District; and

WHEREAS, KPRMC is a nonprofit corporation in the District (as defined under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code) that owns and manages approximately one hundred thirty-two (132) federally assisted dwelling units (the “KPRMC Property”); and

WHEREAS, DCHA owns and operates Kenilworth Courts, a public housing project which is adjacent to the KPRMC Property; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) established the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative program (“Choice Neighborhoods”) to support public housing authorities and other organizations in their efforts to transform neighborhoods by revitalizing severely distressed public and/or federally assisted housing and investing in services, public schools and education programs, public assets, public transportation and improved access to jobs; and

WHEREAS, HUD issued a Notice of Funding Availability (“NOFA”) for Fiscal Year 2011 for planning grants in furtherance of Choice Neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Kenilworth Courts and the KPRMC Property are “severely distressed” as that term is defined in the NOFA; and

WHEREAS, the interests, desires and objectives of the Parties are aligned in their mutual commitment to the transformation of the severely distressed public and assisted housing sites comprised of Kenilworth Courts and the KPRMC Property into energy efficient, mixed-income housing that is physically and financially viable over the long term; and

WHEREAS, the interests, desires and objectives of the Parties are also aligned in their mutual commitment to supporting positive outcomes for families who live in the target properties and transforming the surrounding Parkside/Kenilworth neighborhood into a viable, mixed-income neighborhood with access to quality services, public schools and education programs including early learning, public transportation and improved access to jobs; and

WHEREAS, DCHA is submitting an application for a Choice Neighborhoods planning grant in response to the 2011 HUD NOFA to fund the costs of developing a plan to accomplish the desires and objectives of the Parties to transform Kenilworth Courts, the KPRMC Property and the surrounding Parkside/Kenilworth neighborhood (the “Transformation Plan”).

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises herein and in furtherance of the shared goals and objectives of this MOU, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

I. RECITALS

The Recitals are incorporated in this MOU and made a part hereof as if fully set forth herein.

II. SCOPE OF SERVICES

A. RESPONSIBILITIES OF KPRMC

1. KPRMC shall serve as the Co-Applicant for the Choice Neighborhoods planning grant.
2. KPRMC shall collaborate with DCHA to develop a Transformation Plan aimed at accomplishing the housing, people and neighborhood objectives set forth by HUD in the NOFA.
3. KPRMC shall maintain the status of a nonprofit corporation in accordance with section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code during the term of this MOU.
4. KPRMC shall comply with all requirements included in the NOFA and, if awarded, the grant agreement, including any administrative requirements and other requirements for carrying out activities identified in the grant application.
5. KPRMC shall comply with limited management reviews of the KPRMC Property conducted by DCHA. Such reviews shall include the following:

- a. Annual Quality Control inspections of at least ten percent (10%) of all occupied units receiving project-based subsidies and one hundred percent (100%) of all vacant units receiving project-based subsidies;
- b. Monitoring of vacancy/utilization rates for units receiving project-based assistance; and
- c. Monitoring of the Waiting List for perspective residents at the KPRMC Property.

B. RESPONSIBILITIES OF DCHA

1. DCHA shall serve as the Lead Applicant for the Choice Neighborhoods planning grant and, if awarded, shall administer the grant funds received through HUD's Line of Credit Control System (LOCCS).
2. DCHA shall collaborate with KPRMC to develop a Transformation Plan aimed at accomplishing the housing, people and neighborhood objectives set forth by HUD in the NOFA.
3. DCHA shall comply with all requirements included in the NOFA and, if awarded, the grant agreement, including any administrative requirements and other requirements for carrying out activities identified in the grant application/agreement.
4. DCHA shall conduct limited management reviews as detailed in section A.5 of this Article.

III. DURATION OF MOU

This MOU shall become effective on the date provided above and shall expire on the date of expiration for the Choice Neighborhoods planning grant unless terminated earlier as provided herein.

IV. COMPLIANCE AND MONITORING

As the planning grant is funded by Federal funds, the Parties acknowledge that they may be subject to scheduled and unscheduled monitoring and reviews by HUD and/or DCHA to ensure compliance with all applicable requirements.

V. RECORDS AND REPORTS

The Parties shall maintain records for the expenditure of all funds from the planning grant for a period of no less than three (3) years from the date of expiration or termination of this MOU, and upon request by HUD or DCHA, make these documents available for inspection by any duly authorized HUD or DCHA representative. In

addition, records required to resolve an audit shall be maintained for a period of not less than three (3) years after resolution of the audit.

VI. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

The Parties to this MOU will use, restrict and safeguard all information related to services provided for in this MOU, in accordance with all relevant Federal and local statutes, regulations and policies.

VII. MODIFICATION

Any modification of this MOU, including any extension hereof, shall be valid only when reduced to writing and duly signed by both Parties.

VIII. TERMINATION

This MOU may be terminated by either Party in whole or in part by giving sixty (60) days notice to the other Party based on the following grounds:

- a. Changes in applicable law;
- b. Changes in DCHA or Federal policies that affect services to be rendered pursuant to this MOU;
- c. Failure of either or both Parties to abide by applicable laws, rules, or regulations, which govern the performance of this MOU; and
- d. Lack of funding.

In the event that the Parties are not awarded a Choice Neighborhoods planning grant for Fiscal Year 2011, this MOU shall automatically terminate as of the forty-fifth (45th) day following either Party's receipt of notification by HUD that the application submitted by the Parties was denied.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

The Parties shall comply with all applicable laws and rules, whether now in force or hereafter enacted or promulgated. If any term or provision of this MOU is held to be invalid or illegal, such term or provision shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining terms and provisions of this MOU. Meeting the terms of this MOU shall not excuse any failure to comply with all applicable laws, regulations and rules, whether or not these laws, regulations and rules are specifically listed in this MOU.

X. ANTI-DEFICIENCY ACT

KPRMC acknowledges and agrees that DCHA's obligations to fulfill financial obligations of any kind pursuant to any and all provisions of this MOU, or any subsequent agreement entered into by the Parties pursuant to this MOU, are and shall remain subject to the provisions of the Federal Anti-Deficiency Act, 31 U.S.C. §§ 1341, 1342, 1349, 1351 and D.C. Official Code § 47-105 (2011), as the foregoing statutes may be amended from time to time, regardless of whether a particular obligation has been expressly so conditioned.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this MOU as follows:

**District of Columbia
Housing Authority**



Adrienne Todman
Executive Director

**Kenilworth Parkside Resident
Management Corporation**



Sequona Houston
President

Approved for legal sufficiency for DCHA



Hans Froelicher
General Counsel

Washington, DC 20224

► Kenilworth Courts/Parkside Addition
Resident Management Corporation
4500 Quarles Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20019

Person to Contact: David Daume
Telephone Number: (202) 566-4524

Refer Reply to:
OP:E:EO:R:2

Date: OCT 10 1984

Employer Identification Number: 52-1253392
Key District: Baltimore, MD
Accounting Period Ending: September 30
Form 990 Required: /X/ Yes / / No

Dear Applicant:

Based on information supplied, and assuming your operations will be as stated in your application for recognition of exemption, we have determined you are exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

We have further determined that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of Code section 509(a), because you are an organization described in the sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) of the Code.

If your sources of support, or your purposes, character, or method of operation change, please let your key district know so that office can consider the effect of the change on your exempt status and foundation status. Also, you should inform your key District Director of all changes in your name and address.

Unless specifically excepted, beginning January 1, 1984, you must pay taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) for each employee who is paid \$100 or more in a calendar year. You are not required to pay tax under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

Since you are not a private foundation, you are not subject to the excise taxes under Chapter 42 of the Code. However, you are not automatically exempt from other federal excise taxes. If you have questions about excise, employment, or other federal taxes, contact your key District Director.

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in Code section 170. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522.

Kenilworth Courts/Parkside Addition
Resident Management Corporation

You are required to file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, only if your gross receipts each year are normally more than \$25,000. (For tax years ending before December 31, 1982, organizations whose gross receipts are not normally more than \$10,000 are excused from filing Form 990). For guidance in determining if your gross receipts are "normally" not more than the \$25,000 limit, see the instructions for the Form 990. If a return is required, it must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of your annual accounting period. There is a penalty of \$10 a day, up to a maximum of \$5,000, when a return is filed late unless there is reasonable cause for the delay.

You are not required to file federal income tax returns unless you are subject to the tax on unrelated business income under Code section 511. If you are subject to this tax, you must file an income tax return on Form 990-T, Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return. In this letter, we are not determining whether any of your present or proposed activities are unrelated trade or business as defined in section 513.

Please show your employer identification number on all returns you file and in all correspondence with the Internal Revenue Service.

We are informing your key District Director of this ruling. Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your exempt status and foundation status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

If you have any questions about this ruling, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in the heading of this letter. For other matters, including questions concerning reporting requirements, please contact your key District Director.

Sincerely yours,

J.E. Griffith
J.E. Griffith
Chief, Exempt Organizations
Rulings Branch

CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS – CERTIFICATION OF SEVERE PHYSICAL DISTRESS

I hereby certify that:

1. I am a licensed engineer architect (check one).
2. I am not an employee of the Lead Applicant, Co-Applicant (if any), Principal Team Member (if any), Planning Coordinator (if any) or unit of local government in which the housing project identified below is located.
3. The public and/or assisted housing development listed below meets (in the manner described in either subparagraph A or B below) the following definition of severe physical distress:

Requires major redesign, reconstruction or redevelopment, or partial or total demolition, to correct serious deficiencies in the original (including inappropriately high population density), deferred maintenance, physical deterioration or obsolescence of major systems, and other deficiencies in the physical plant of the project.

Check one:

A. The development currently meets the above definition of severe physical distress;

Or

B. The development has been legally demolished and HUD has not yet provided replacement housing assistance, other than tenant-based assistance, for the demolished units. However, the development satisfied the definition of severe physical distress (as defined above) as of the day the demolition was approved by HUD.

Name: Anil Bhatia, AIA, LEED, AP

Signature:  Date: 8.5.11

License number: 5617 State of Registration: VA

Lead Applicant: District of Columbia Housing Authority

Name of Targeted Public and/or Assisted Housing Site(s):

Kenilworth Courts Public Housing/ The KPRMC Property

Warning: HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in the imposition of criminal and civil penalties. (18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012, 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802)

Choice Neighborhood Data Sheet

Kenilworth Parkside Choice Planning Area

Target Area ID: 3694122

Email of User: jtolbert@dchousing.org

Name of Lead Applicant: jamila

Address of Lead Applicant: 1133 North Capital washington dc dc 20002

Email of Lead Applicant: jtolbert@dchousing.org

Name of Target Geography: Kenilworth Parkside Choice Planning Area

Name(s) of target Development(s), as submitted by user to the mapping tool:

Public Housing

Development-1: Kenilworth Courts

Development-2:

Development-3:

Multifamily Assisted

Development-1: Property of Kenilworth Parkside Resident Management Corporation (KPRMC)

Development-2:

Development-3:

Estimated number of All Housing Units in Target Area (HUD 2007): 2078

Is the Target Area County non-Metropolitan (OMB 2009): No

Eligible Neighborhood Threshold:

Section III.A.3.a of the NOFA describes four criteria used to determine whether the target neighborhood meets the Eligible Neighborhood Threshold. This tool provides information on two of the four criteria: (1) and (2b). If you are relying on data on crime, substandard housing, or inadequate schools in order to demonstrate compliance with the Eligible Neighborhoods criteria, you must provide it in the attachments section of your application as instructed in section IV of the NOFA. See Section III.C.2.b.3 of the NOFA for more information.

(1) at least 20 percent of the households estimated to be in poverty or have extremely low incomes

Target Neighborhood Poverty/ELI Rate (the greater of both rates): 64.35

(2b) high vacancy or substandard homes; defined as where either the most current rate within the last year of long-term vacant or substandard homes is at least 1.5 times higher than that of the city or, where no city data is available, county/parish as a whole; or the rate is greater than 4 percent

Target Neighborhood Vacancy Rate: 8.79

Vacancy Rate In Surrounding County: 6.14

Data for Rating Factor 2(b), parts 1-2 and Factor 2(c)

A total of 8 points is possible — see NOFA for awarding of points. Data sources are described at the end of this document.

Factor 2(b): Severe Distress of the Targeted Neighborhood

Subfactor(1):

Concentration of Households in Poverty in Target Area (ACS 2009): 50.79

Estimated Concentration of Extremely Low Income (ELI) Persons in Target Area (HUD estimate using ACS 2009): 64.35

Maximum of previous two criteria, poverty and ELI rate (estimated): **64.35**

Subfactor(2):

Long-term vacancy rate (greater of USPS Sept 2010 / ACS 2009)

In Target Area: **8.79**

In Surrounding City or County/Parish: **6.14**

Factor 2(c):Need for Affordable Housing in the community

Estimated Shortage Ratio of Units Affordable to VLI Renter Households (Census 2000)

Target Area County ratio: 1.22

National ratio: 1.52

Data sources and methods:

HUD's mapping tool overlays the locally defined neighborhood boundaries with data associated with that area and estimates the rates of certain indicators in that neighborhood using a proportional allocation methodology. The tool uses Census Block Group (as defined for Census 2000) as the smallest statistical boundary for the available data. If the locally defined neighborhood is partially within two different Census Block Groups, the poverty rate is calculated based on the portion of the neighborhood 2007 housing units located in each Block Group. The 2007 Housing Unit count is data available to HUD at the Block Level and thus can be used as the underlying data to apportion each Block Groups appropriate share of importance.

For example, based on a user defined geography, 80 percent of the housing units in the locally defined neighborhood are in a Block Group with a poverty rate of 40 percent and 20 percent of the units are in a Block Group with a poverty rate of 10 percent. The "neighborhood poverty rate" would be calculated as: $(80\% \times 40\%) + (20\% \times 10\%) = 34\%$.

The data are from a variety of sources:

ACS 2009 refers to the US Census American Community Survey 2005-2009 five-year estimates. These are the most recent nationally available data for small geographies, using a statistical technique that combines five years of data to create reliable estimates for small areas. In a small number of counties the Census Bureau incorrectly provided the ACS Block Group data with Census 2010 geographic identifiers rather than Census 2000 geographic identifiers. In those few cases, HUD uses the Census 2000 data for poverty and extremely low-income instead of data from the American Community Survey. See http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data_documentation/geography_notes/.

Concentration of Households in Poverty represents the percent of households within the target geography whose combined household income is below the poverty line. Estimated concentration of Extremely Low Income (ELI) persons represents an approximation of the percent of households within the specified area whose household combined income is below 30% of the HUD defined Area Median Income (AMI). HUD does not yet have special tabulation data on the number Extremely Low-Income Persons from 2005 to 2009. As such, the percent Extremely Low-Income used for Choice Neighborhoods is an approximation calculated as follows. The ACS 2005-9 provides a count of persons at 50% of the poverty line, 100% of the poverty line, 125% of the poverty line, 150% of the poverty line, 185% of the poverty line, and at 200% of the poverty line. To estimate the percent of persons extremely low-income, HUD compares the Census defined poverty line for a 4-person household in 2009 (\$21,954) to HUD's 4-person family income limit for the county and apportions the population from the ACS poverty ratio file accordingly. For example, if HUD's income limit for a 4-person household at 30% of Area Median Income in a county is \$17,300, then the ratio of HUD AMI to Poverty is 0.79. From the ACS, all persons that are less than 50% of the poverty line are included as ELI. In addition, 57.6% of the persons who are between 50 and 100% of poverty are included $((0.79-0.5)/(1-0.5))$. Another example. HUD's AMI is \$27,900. This produces a ratio of HUD AMI to Poverty as 1.27. From the ACS, all persons that are less than 125% of poverty are included along with 8.3% of persons between 125% and 150% of poverty $((1.27-1.25)/(1.5-1.25))$.

Note that both the Poverty Rate and ELI Rate used for this tool are adjusted to exclude of non-family college students in poverty using information from the Census 2000.

Long-term vacancy rates uses the greater of the United States Postal Service from September 30, 2010 and vacancy rate from the ACS 2009. For both sources vacancy rates are calculated at the Census Tract level (because this is the lowest level geography HUD is allowed to make USPS data publicly available).

For the USPS data, HUD calculates the percent of residential addresses that are vacant. In the USPS data, a "vacant" address is one that has not had mail pick up for 90 days or longer. The USPS Vacant addresses can also include vacation or migrant labor addresses so HUD uses ACS data to reduce vacancy counts in these cases.

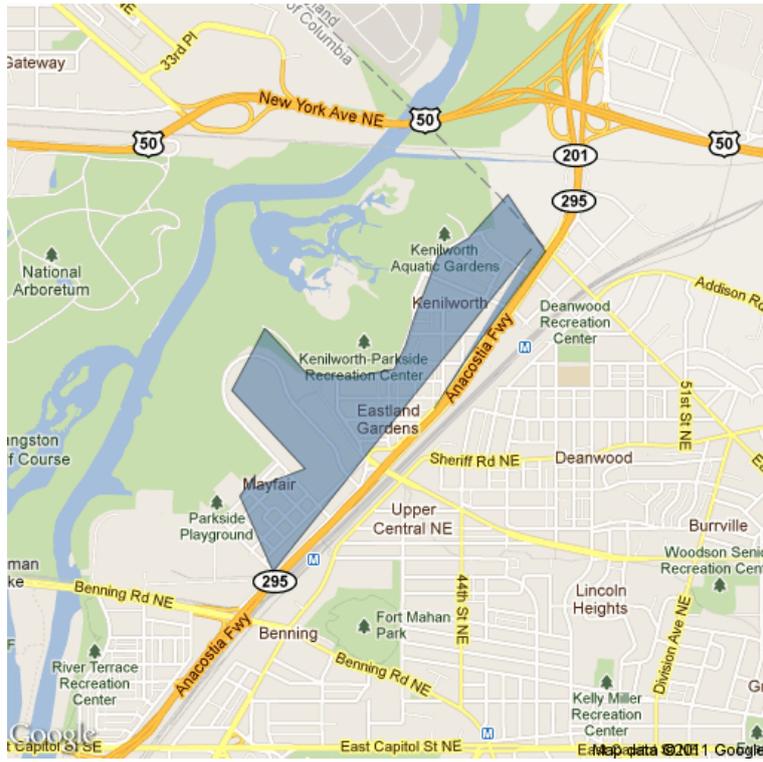
Using the ACS data, HUD calculates vacancy rate as the percent of housing units that are "other" vacant. These are units not for sale, for rent or vacant for seasonal or migrant housing. This is considered another proxy for long-term vacant housing.

In theory the USPS data should be a stronger measure of distress than the ACS data because they are for 100 percent of the units (ACS is a sample), are more current (ACS aggregates data over a 5 year period), and are intended specifically to capture addresses 90 or more days vacant. However, USPS data are particularly poor at capturing vacancy in rural areas. As such, we use the ACS as a check on the USPS data so that every location gets a vacancy rate based on the greater of their USPS vacancy rate or their ACS 2005-2009 rate. For more information on HUD's USPS dataset, see:

<http://www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/usps.html>.

Estimated Shortage Ratio of Units Affordable to VLI Renter Households is the ratio of very low-income (VLI) renter households (those with household incomes less than 50% of the Area Median Income calculated by HUD) to units affordable and available to these households. A unit is considered affordable if its rent is no greater than 30% of household incomes in this category, or in other words, 15% of the Area Median Income. A unit is considered available if it is vacant or occupied by a VLI renter household. Due to the complexity of this variable, HUD continues to use the special tabulation of Census 2000 data. A special tabulation of ACS 2009 data for this variable is not yet available.

Project Map Snapshot for 3694122



Attachment 6: Eligible Neighborhoods Documentation-Substandard Housing

District of Columbia Housing Authority

N/A

CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS

Inadequate Schools Form

Complete the following form, if necessary, in response to one of the criterion of the Eligible Neighborhoods threshold which pertains to Inadequate Schools (Section III.C.2 of the NOFA).

Lead Applicant: _____

Name of Targeted Public and/or Assisted Housing Site(s):

Name of School:

In accordance with the Department of Education's definitions (included in Section I.C of the NOFA), the school named above is a:

_____ Low-performing school

_____ Persistently lowest-achieving school

Indicate the school's relationship with the neighborhood:

_____ The school named above is located within the boundaries of the target neighborhood.

_____ At least 20% of children from the target public and/or assisted housing attend the school named above.

You must provide evidence from the State Education Agency that the identified school meets the relevant definition. Acceptable documentation includes a letter of certification, report, or printout from the website listing with URL.



Office of the



State Superintendent of Education

July 27, 2011

Ms. Adrienne Todman
Executive Director
District of Columbia Housing Authority
1133 North Capitol Street, NE
Washington DC 20002

Dear Ms. Todman:

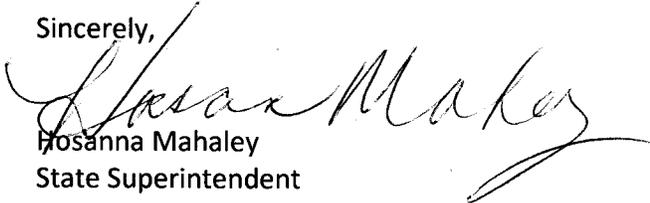
You recently requested information about the Office of the State Superintendent of Education's (OSSE's) list of the "persistently lowest-achieving" schools in the District of Columbia for the 2010-2011 school year. This list is created per a requirement of the U.S. Department of Education to identify schools with persistent levels of low achievement. OSSE identified objective criteria, following guidance provided by the U.S. Department of Education, to identify five percent of the lowest-achieving schools in the District of Columbia receiving federal Title I funds and identified for improvement as well as any school with graduation rates below 60 percent over multiple years.

Unfortunately, OSSE is not able to provide the data for 2010-2011, as it will be released in early November once we have the graduation rate data. Until then, you can the 2009-2010 data. The list is comprised the "Tier I" persistently lowest-achieving schools in the District of Columbia. There were ten such Tier I schools in the 2009-2010 school year. Kenilworth Elementary School was one of these schools.

The full definition for how OSSE identifies the District's persistently lowest-achieving schools, as well as the full list of identified schools for the 2009-2010 school year, can be found at: http://www.osse.dc.gov/seo/frames.asp?doc=/seo/lib/seo/stimulus_info/persistently_lowest_achieving_memo_may_17_2010_final.pdf and/or the documentation is attached.

I hope this information is of assistance. Please let us know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,


Rosanna Mahaley
State Superintendent

Cc: Irasema Salcido, CEO & Founder
Cesar Chavez Public Charter Schools for Public Policy

Attachment



May 6, 2010

Persistently Lowest-Achieving Schools in the District of Columbia

The U.S. Department of Education issued guidance that all state education agencies must define the “persistently lowest-achieving schools” using the following definition:

Persistently lowest-achieving schools means, as determined by the state:

- (i) Any Title I school in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring that
 - (a) Is among the lowest-achieving five percent of Title I schools in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring or the lowest-achieving five Title I schools in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring in the State, whichever number of schools is greater; or
 - (b) Is a high school that has had a graduation rate as defined in 34 CFR 200.19(b) that is less than 60 percent over a number of years; and
- (ii) Any secondary school that is eligible for, but does not receive, Title I funds that
 - (a) Is among the lowest-achieving five percent of secondary schools or the lowest-achieving five secondary schools in the State that are eligible for, but do not receive, Title I funds, whichever number of schools is greater; or
 - (b) Is a high school that has had a graduation rate as defined in 34 CFR 200.19(b) that is less than 60 percent over a number of years.

To identify the lowest-achieving schools, a state must take into account both

- (i) The academic achievement of the “all students” group in a school in terms of proficiency on the state’s assessments under section 1111(b)(3) of the ESEA in reading/language arts and mathematics combined; and
- (ii) The school’s lack of progress on those assessments over a number of years in the “all students” group.

For more information, see the U.S. Department of Education’s *Guidance on School Improvement Grants Under Section 1002(g) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965* (<http://www.ed.gov/programs/sif/guidance-20091218.doc>).

OSSE created a definition for the persistently-lowest achieving schools in the District of Columbia that assigns points to every school in the District based on its standing with the following three elements: current year improvement status; overall growth in the percentage of students scoring proficient or above in the school from 2007 to 2009 in both reading/language arts and mathematics; and whether the percentage of students overall in the school scoring proficient or above is more than half the distance from the annual measurable objective (AMO) over a two- or three-year period in both reading/language arts and mathematics. OSSE added the points assigned to each school based on these data elements and ranked school based on total points. Per federal requirements, OSSE defined a “Tier I” and “Tier II” based on the definition above.

Tier I Schools

In order to determine the number of schools that meet the definition of Tier I schools (as defined in (i) above), OSSE used the following method:

- There are 131 schools receiving Title I funds in the District of Columbia that are identified for improvement in the 2009-2010 school year.
- Five percent of that total is 7 schools. OSSE must identify the seven lowest-achieving Title I schools as the persistently lowest achieving.

- OSSE assigned points to every public school in the city based on the following three factors. Points are awarded to all schools (a total of 90 point are available) and then schools are ranked based on total points. In this definition, the worst-case scenario would mean a school has 90 points.
1. Improvement status. Schools were assigned points based on the current year’s improvement status, which is an indicator that factors in persistence: schools in restructuring have missed AYP for six years.
 - 10 points if they are in improvement year 1;
 - 20 points if they are in improvement year 2;
 - 30 points if they are corrective action;
 - 40 points if they are in restructuring planning; or
 - 50 points if they are in restructuring implementation.
 2. Overall growth. Schools were assigned points if the aggregate percentage of students scoring proficient or above did not increase over a period of years, in both reading and mathematics (*i.e.*, lack of growth). This indicator is intended to give credit for schools that may be identified for improvement, not making adequate yearly progress, but that are improving student achievement.
 - 10 points if there was a decrease in reading from 2007 to 2009; and
 - 10 points if there was a decrease in mathematics from 2007 to 2009.
 3. Distance from the annual measurable objective (AMO). This measure combines a school’s overall proficiency rate with a persistence factor. Schools were assigned points based on whether the school has repeatedly had an overall percentage of students scoring proficient or above in reading or mathematics that is less than half the state’s AMO for that year. The AMO is the target a school needs to reach in order to make adequate yearly progress.
 - 5 points if the percentage proficient or above in reading is less than half the AMO for 2008 and 2009;
 - 5 points if the percentage proficient or above in reading is less than half the AMO for 2007, 2008, and 2009;
 - 5 points if the percentage proficient or above in mathematics is less than half the AMO for 2008 and 2009; and
 - 5 points if the percentage proficient or above in mathematics is less than half the AMO for 2007, 2008, and 2009.
- OSSE also identified any high school with a graduation rate less than 60 percent in the two most recent years.

The following ten schools in the District of Columbia meet the definition of Tier I “persistently lowest-achieving” for the 2009-2010 school year, either for being one of the lowest-achieving five percent of Title I schools identified for improvement or for having a graduation rate below 60 percent in each of the two previous years:

Lowest achieving 5 percent

Browne JHS
 Dunbar SHS
 Hamilton Center
 Kenilworth ES
 Options Public Charter School
 Prospect LC
 Spingarn SHS

Low graduation rate

Anacostia SHS
 Eastern SHS
 Luke C. Moore Academy

Tier II Schools

Each state is also required to define its Tier II schools that meet the definition outlined above in (ii). Currently, there are no secondary schools in the District of Columbia that are eligible for, but do not receive, Title I funds. All secondary schools are currently receiving Title I funds. As a result, there are no Tier II schools, as defined by the U.S. Department of Education.

In future years, should there be any Tier II schools, OSSE will identify the persistently lowest achieving Tier II schools, using the same procedure as outlined above for Tier I schools. Thus, at this time, since there are no Tier II schools, none have been turned around, restarted, closed, or transformed.

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