

**Please come to a
Beecher Terrace Resident
and Russell Community
Meeting on the new
Choice Neighborhood Action
Grant Opportunity**

WHEN: Thursday, January 7th, 2016, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
WHERE: Baxter Community Center
1125 Cedar Court, Louisville, KY 40203

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has made an exciting grant opportunity available to communities who have received a Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant. Please come to this meeting to learn more about LMHA's plans to apply for these funds for the Russell area.

This meeting is open to all Louisville community members including Beecher Terrace residents, community interest groups, and anyone who lives, works or worships in Russell. Maay Maay/Somali interpretation will be offered.

For further information or to arrange transportation, call (502) 569-3420 or TTY/TDD (502) 587-0831.



**PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH
YOUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS.
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

The Louisville Metro Housing Authority intends to apply for a new Choice Neighborhood Initiative **Action** Grant opportunity.

If HUD selects our application, the grant would provide up to \$1.5 million for “Action Activities” that have been listed as top priorities within Russell’s Transformation Plan and that meet HUD’s guidelines.

Eligible action activities include:

- Making vacant lots and properties into community gardens, small parks, farmers markets, or cleaning them up and “banking” them for further use;
- Neighborhood beautification projects such murals, sculptures, creative signage or other ideas that highlight 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; and
- “Gap” financing for economic development projects.

Action Grant funds cannot be used for the demolition or redevelopment of the Beecher Terrace community. However, LMHA intends to apply for a Choice Neighborhood **Implementation** Grant to revitalize Beecher Terrace in the future when HUD announces they are accepting applications for those grant funds.

The **Action** Grant application is due in early February, and awards are expected to be announced in June 2016. Communities who receive grants will have six months to develop and submit their proposed list of action activities to HUD for final approval.