



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. IX. AK
5/23/2023

The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

Resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the Oklahoma City Housing Authority in support of a Joint Application for a Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and authorizing execution of necessary documents. Ward 6.

Location:

Stockyard/Rotary Park neighborhood generally bounded by the Oklahoma River on the North, Agnew on the West, S. Douglas Avenue on the east, and SW 22nd Street on the south.

Purpose:

The purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to demonstrate a strong commitment by Oklahoma City Housing Authority (OCHA) and the CITY to the development of a Transformation Plan for the Stockyard/Rotary Park neighborhood to meet the requirements of the application process for a Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant.

Background:

On April 4, 2023 HUD issued the Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) under Funding Opportunity number FRN-6700-N-38 for fiscal year 2023. Choice Neighborhood Planning Grants are two-year grants designed to assist communities with severely distressed public and/or HUD-assisted housing in developing a successful neighborhood transformation plan, and building the support needed for successful transition from planning to implementation.

If awarded, the Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant will provide up to \$500,000 toward the development of a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy in support of a Transformation Plan for the redevelopment of the Will Rogers Courts Public Housing site. The proposed redevelopment is expected to serve as a catalyst for transformation and redevelopment of the surrounding neighborhood. If successful, these efforts will provide positive outcomes such as well-functioning services, high-quality public schools, public assets and transportation, and employment opportunities with access to jobs.

OCHA, as the City's partner in this joint venture, will assume all developmental, operational, financial, and administrative activities associated with the grant. The CITY's obligations under this agreement as the co-applicant is to provide additional administrative capacity and expertise in neighborhood planning and implementation practices. The CITY will assist OCHA with analysis

and coordination with other CITY planning documents including the ~~Plan~~**okc** Comprehensive Plan, and other relevant planning documents. The CITY will assist in the coordination of various departments as needed for consultation and informational sharing. The CITY will notify OCHA of any new plans or projects that may impact and influence the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative. Lastly, the CITY will review OCHA's analysis of data gathered during the creation of the Transformational Plan.

The proposed MOU will be terminated upon (the earlier of) the completion of all obligations of both parties, or following a thirty-six month grant period of the Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant, or if the grant application is not successful.

The joint application is due to HUD on or before June 6, 2023

Source of Funds:

Grant funds, if received will be received and administered by OCHA.

Review:

Planning

Recommendation: Resolution be adopted.