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**FORT WAYNE HOUSING AUTHORITY RECEIVES CHOICE  
NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING GRANT**

The unprecedented investment will improve the quality of life for  
FWHA public housing residents

FORT WAYNE, Ind. - The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Marcia L. Fudge announced that Fort Wayne Housing Authority has been selected to receive a \$500,000 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant. The grant will bring together local partners to create a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plan that will redevelop Tall Oaks Apartments and the surrounding southeast Fort Wayne community. The funds will provide neighborhood enhancements that will improve outcomes for education, health care, the workforce, the economy, and the overall quality of life for residents.

Tall Oaks Apartments is more than 50 years old and lacks the amenities and updates to reflect today's housing options. However, the neighborhood has assets to build upon, including community institutions, faith centers, academic facilities, and an engaged resident community. The funding will focus on equitably and holistically addressing the challenges within the area while uplifting and encouraging the potential assets of southeast Fort Wayne.

"This award will provide Fort Wayne Housing Authority, the City of Fort Wayne, residents, and stakeholders an opportunity to bring the community and planning partners together to create a viable and actionable Transformation Plan for southeast Fort Wayne," said George Guy, Fort Wayne Housing Authority president and CEO. "The board and staff of Fort Wayne Housing Authority see this as a unique once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to revitalize an important neighborhood in our community through housing investments, enhanced services for our residents, and physical neighborhood improvements," he added.

Since its founding, the Choice Neighborhoods program, along with the private and public leverage it attracts, has collectively invested more than \$5 billion into historically disinvested communities. To review descriptions of the awards and to see the full list of recipients and grant summaries, visit [https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/Main/documents/FY22\\_Planning\\_Grant\\_Summaries.pdf](https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/Main/documents/FY22_Planning_Grant_Summaries.pdf).

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### **About the Fort Wayne Housing Authority**

The mission of the Fort Wayne Housing Authority is to cultivate vibrant, inclusive neighborhoods throughout Fort Wayne, where all residents have safe, quality, affordable housing and a high standard of living built on economic self-sufficiency.