



SEFW CNI Town Hall Visioning Session Frequently Asked Questions



What is the Choice Neighborhoods program?

The Choice Neighborhoods program leverages significant public and private dollars to support locally driven strategies that address struggling neighborhoods with distressed public or HUD-assisted housing through a comprehensive approach to neighborhood transformation. Local leaders, residents, and stakeholders, such as public housing authorities, cities, schools, police, business owners, nonprofits, and private developers, come together to create and implement a plan that revitalizes distressed HUD housing and addresses the challenges in the surrounding neighborhood. The program helps communities transform neighborhoods by revitalizing severely distressed public and/or assisted housing and catalyzing critical improvements in the neighborhood, including vacant property, housing, businesses, services and schools.

What are the Choice Neighborhood program goals?

Choice Neighborhoods is focused on three core goals:

1. **Housing:** Replace distressed public and assisted housing with high-quality mixed-income housing that is well-managed and responsive to the needs of the surrounding neighborhood;
2. **People:** Improve outcomes of households living in the target housing related to employment and income, health, and children's education; and
3. **Neighborhood:** Create the conditions necessary for public and private reinvestment in distressed neighborhoods to offer the kinds of amenities and assets, including safety, good schools, and commercial activity, that are important to families' choices about their community.

Are there different kinds of Choice Neighborhoods grants?

There are two types: a Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant and an Implementation Grant.

- The Planning Grant is used for the purpose of developing a comprehensive Neighborhood Transformation Plan for the targeted distressed public or HUD-assisted housing and the surrounding neighborhood(s) over a 24-month period (2 years).
- The Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant provides funding to support communities that have undergone a comprehensive local planning process and are ready to implement their Transformation Plan over a 96-month period (8 years).

Both grant opportunities require applicants to leverage other financial and in-kind resources to further support the Transformation Plan.

Who is eligible to apply for a Choice Neighborhoods Grant?

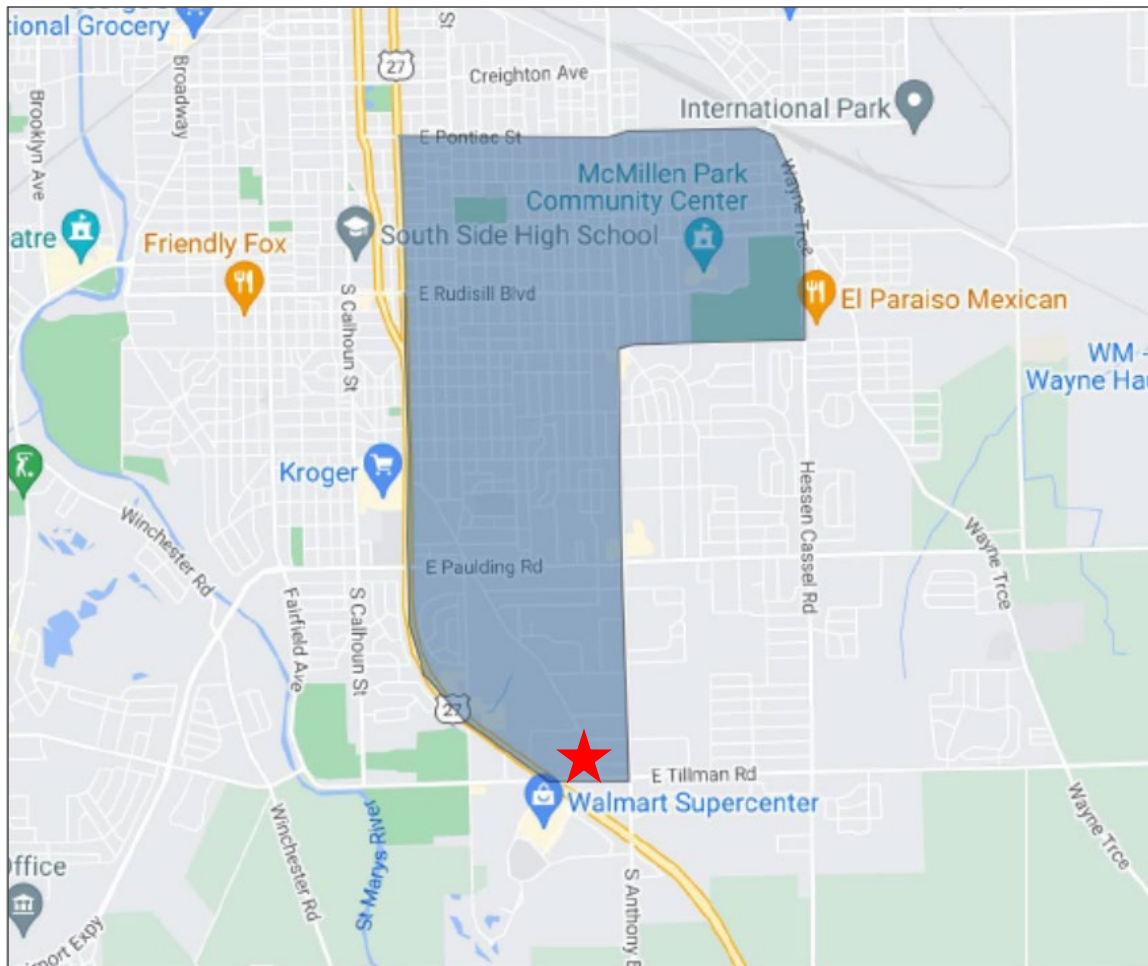
Local governments, public housing authorities, for-profit entities, nonprofit entities and tribal entities.

What is Fort Wayne’s Choice Neighborhoods Program called?

Fort Wayne’s Choice Neighborhoods Program is called Southeast Fort Wayne Tall Oaks CNI. Fort Wayne Housing Authority (FWHA) was awarded a 2022 Choice Neighborhoods Planning grant to develop a Transformation Plan for the redevelopment of Tall Oaks Apartments and the surrounding SEFW neighborhood.

What is the boundary for the Fort Wayne’s Choice Neighborhoods Program?

The boundary was selected by the long-term vacancy, poverty and affordable housing need criteria required for the Planning Grant Application. The boundary must include a distressed public housing site, which, in this case, is Tall Oaks Apartments (indicated by a star). The revitalization efforts will be centered in the boundary but will include the surrounding areas to ensure an inclusive revitalization effort.



The boundary consists of the following roads:

North: E Pontiac St

West: Lafayette St (US Hwy 27)

East: Wayne Trce/Hessen Cassel Rd & S Anthony Blvd

South: E Tillman Rd & McKinnie Ave

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