

CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING GRANT KUHIO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD



HUD CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT AWARDED TO THE KUHIO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD

OVERVIEW

The Michaels Development Company in partnership with the Hawaii Public Housing Authority and EJP Consulting Group were successful in their bid for a Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant. The \$300,000 award funds the development of a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plan for the area bordered by School Street, Middle Street, Kalihi Stream and Highway 1.

Task forces will be formed to look at four core areas: Housing, People, Neighborhoods, and Education. The task forces will determine the current assets and the current gaps in these areas to help them plot a revitalization strategy, or Transformation Plan for the Kuhio Park community.

POTENTIAL OUTCOMES

The efforts of the Task Forces will culminate in a comprehensive Transformation Plan that will set up the opportunity to seek a Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant that could help fund the identified initiatives.

Ultimately the Choice Neighborhoods planning process will result in a plan to provide residents with more transportation choices; enhance economic competitiveness for residents and businesses; and value the community by investing in healthy, safe and walkable neighborhoods.

The Choice Neighborhood Planning grant (\$300,000 from the Feds and \$600,000 from the State Capital Improvement Funds) allows us to work with a broad base individuals, non-profit organizations, schools, agencies, businesses, etc. that are vested in Kuhio Park Terrace and the surrounding Neighborhood and set an Implementation Plan for needed improvements—we can then apply for a \$30 million Implementation Grant to realize the Plan.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

(Initial Listing)

Faith Action for Community Equity (FACE)
Farrington School Complex
Hawaii Literacy
HOPE, Inc.
Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood Board
Susannah Wesley Community Center

Kokua Kalihi Valley (KKV)
Parents and Children Together (PACT)
Pioneering Healthier Communities
Tower Resident Association
Vitus Group

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TRANSFORMATION STEERING COMMITTEE

Chair: Sam Aiona,
YMCA Pioneering Healthier Communities

HOUSING TASK FORCE

Chair: Hakim Ouansafi,
Executive Director HPHA

Proposed Activities:

Housing Design
Site/building investigations
Financing plan/applications
Relocation planning
Management planning
Project due diligence
Environmental assessment

PEOPLE TASK FORCE

Chair: Suzanne Chung Oakland,
Senator, Hawaii State Senate

Proposed Activities:

Resident participation process
Resident needs assessment
Inventory services/programs in area
Develop gap analysis of services and programs to address resident needs
Develop metrics to measure change

NEIGHBORHOOD TASK FORCE

Chair: Joey Manahan,
Councilman, Honolulu City & County Council

Proposed Activities:

Inventory existing activities
Identify gaps in data collection on community need/assets/vision.
Fill gaps in baseline data
Develop communicating among efforts, collect baseline data, fill in gaps.
Create unified vision statement, strategies, scope of work, budgets

EDUCATION TASK FORCE

Chair: Jennifer Dang,
Special Projects Coordinator for Hawaii Child Nutrition Programs

Proposed Activities:

Inventory schools and programs serving residents cradle to college
Develop education reform strategy to improve educational outcomes for all ages
Develop metrics to measure change