



***New Choice Neighborhood Action Grant Opportunity  
Beecher Terrace Resident and  
Russell Community Meeting***

January 7, 2016

# Agenda

- Welcome
- **New** Choice Neighborhood Action Grant Opportunity
- Eligible and Ineligible “Action Activities”
- Project Time Line and Proposed Selection Process for Action Activities
- Next Steps and Upcoming Meetings
- Questions and Answers

# New Choice Neighborhood *Action Grants*

- Previously HUD has offered two types of Choice Neighborhood grants –
  - 1) **Planning**
  - 2) **Implementation**
- HUD just announced a new category of Choice Neighborhood grants –
  - 3) **Action Grants**

# New Choice Neighborhood *Action Grants*

- Because we currently have a **Planning** Grant, we are eligible and plan to apply for a **Action** Grant.
- Very competitive process – HUD expects to award only 4 Action Grants
- City will also be contributing \$375,000 to the effort if we are funded.

# New Choice Neighborhood *Action Grants*

- Communities who receive grant awards could get **up to \$1.5 million** for **“*Action Activities*”** that meet HUD’s eligibility guidelines.



Eligible  
***“Action  
Activities”***

- Making vacant lots and properties into community gardens, small parks, farmers markets, or cleaning them up for future use



- Neighborhood beautification projects such as murals, sculptures, creative signage or other ideas highlighting 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



- Gap financing for economic development projects





Ineligible  
***“Action  
Activities”***

# Action Grants cannot be used for:

- The demolition or redevelopment of Beecher Terrace.
- Relocation or supportive services
- Marketing
- Basic infrastructure or city services



# Proposed planning and selection process for *“Action Activities”*:

- Communities cannot list specific Action Activities in their grant application.
- Action Activities must come out of the community’s planning process.



# Draft Russell Transformation Plan

- **July 2016 –**

LMHA must submit the **draft Russell Transformation Plan** to HUD which will include recommendations and strategies from each of the four Choice Neighborhood Task Forces.

# Draft Russell Transformation Plan

- These recommendations and strategies will be based on:
  - Beecher Terrace and Neighborhood Survey results;
  - Task Force Meetings and Workshops;
  - Discussions at Community and Kitchen Conversations;
  - Input from the Russell community as relayed to the Neighborhood Outreach Workers (NOWs); and
  - Data from Census, Health Department and other sources.

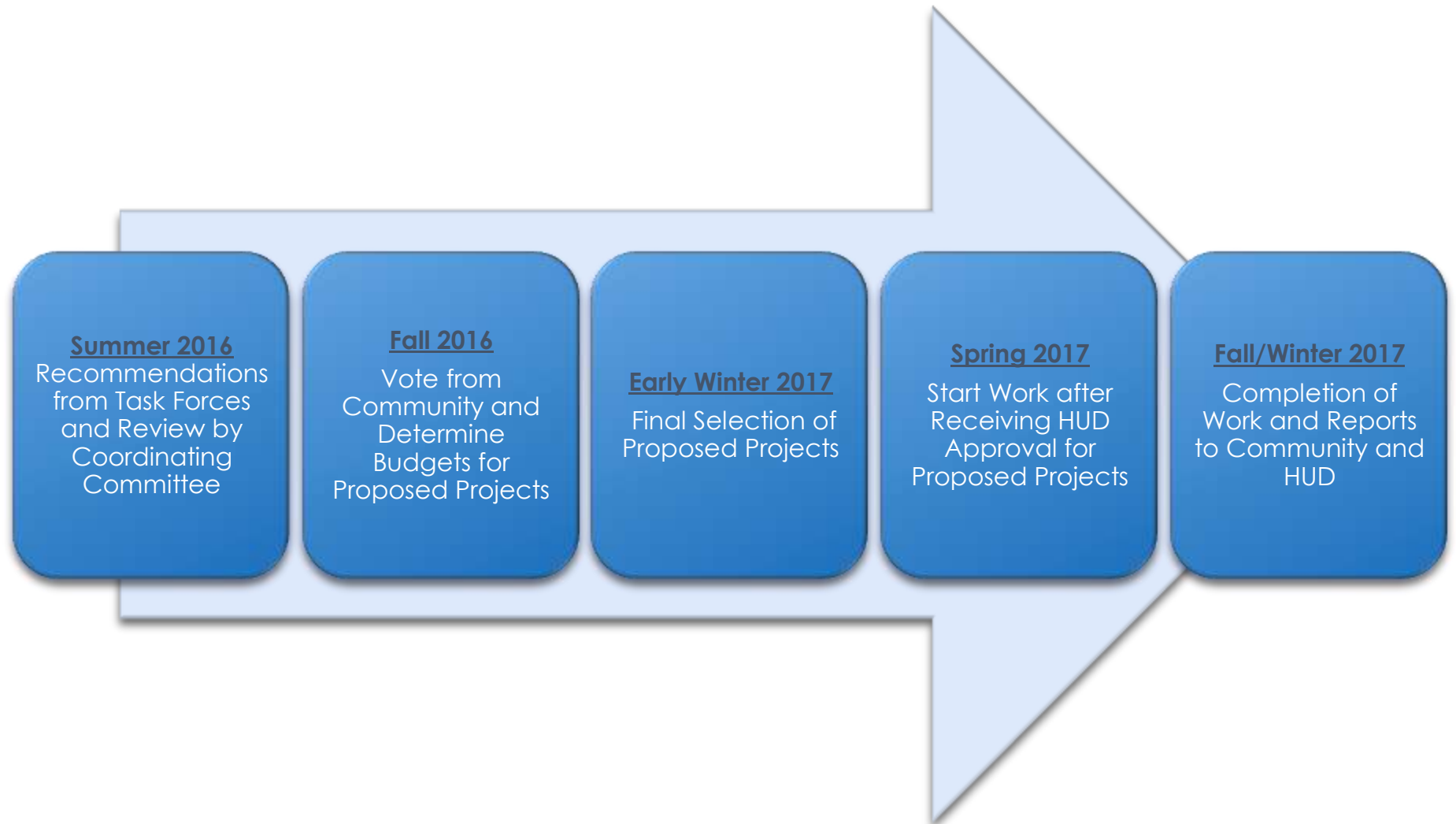
# How You Can Still Make Suggestions for the Draft Transformation Plan

- Attend Task Force Meetings
- Attend Workshops and Other Meetings
- Attend Community Conversations
- Take part in a Kitchen Conversation
- Talk with the Neighborhood Outreach Workers
- Talk to a Choice Neighborhood Partner

# Announcement of Action Grant Recipients

- HUD will announce the Choice Neighborhood Action Grant winners around **July 2016**

# Summarized Timeline and Selection Process for *Action Activities*



# Next Steps and Upcoming Meetings

## **January 12, 2016**

Neighborhood Task Force Meeting, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm  
Old Walnut Street (LCCC) - 1300 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd.

## **January 19, 2016**

People Task Force Meeting, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
St. Peter's United Church of Christ (temporary location) -  
Russell Plaza, 1407 W. Jefferson Street, Suite 120

## **January 26, 2016**

Neighborhood Task Force Meeting, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm  
Old Walnut Street (LCCC) - 1300 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd.

## **March 2016 – Date to be determined**

Community Workshop - a follow up design workshop and discussion on  
emerging strategies to transform the Russell neighborhood  
Old Walnut Street (LCCC) - 1300 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd.

For information about upcoming meetings see: [www.visionrussell.com](http://www.visionrussell.com)  
or go to: [www.lmha1.org](http://www.lmha1.org) and click on the HOPE VI/Choice tab

# Questions and Answers

