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**Augusta, Georgia and Augusta Housing Authority to host community meetings for update on the Choice Neighborhood Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Grant**

**AUGUSTA, Ga. (November 2, 2022)** – Augusta, Georgia, and the Augusta Housing Authority continue in their pursuit of a \$40 million Choice Neighborhood Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Grant from HUD with a presentation and update to the community on Thursday, November 3, 2022, at 5pm at the Tabernacle Baptist Church’s Family Life Center and Saturday, November 5, 2022, at 3pm at the HUB for Community Innovation.

“Augusta was fortunate to be one of the ten communities to be granted the initial \$450,000 planning grant last November, and that is offering us an opportunity to compete for the larger \$40 million grant,” said Jeff Pooser, Project Manager for Augusta. “We are excited to be able to update the community and share the results of the surveys we have done in the Laney Walker and Harrisburg communities and, more specifically, Allen Homes.”

According to HUD, 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.

This week's meetings will update residents and community members on where we are in the grant process, share the results of the surveys taken in the community and discuss affordable housing, public safety, neighborhood infrastructure, health, education, employment, and more.



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“This is a great opportunity for those who have an interest in improving our neighborhoods and the lives of the people who live there to contribute in a significant way,” said Takiyah A. Douse, Interim Administrator for Augusta, Georgia. “These meetings will allow everyone’s voice to be heard and have a seat at the table.”

For more information, visit [augustachoice.org](http://augustachoice.org) or contact Jeff Pooser at 706-821-4876. Media interested in covering this event should contact Public Information Manager Danielle Harris at 706-312-5511.

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