

20 more communities chosen in 2011 for the Promise Neighborhoods Program, inspired by the Harlem Children's Zone®

In 2011, twenty communities were chosen for federal grants in conjunction with the Promise Neighborhoods program. Inspired by the Harlem Children's Zone model, this federal program recognizes the importance of leveling the playing field for children in under-resourced neighborhoods.

This second round of grantees stems from a 2007 campaign pledge by then-Senator Barack Obama, who launched the initiative through the U.S. Department of Education in 2010. Hundreds of communities from across the country applied for federal matching grants to plan and implement the Promise Neighborhoods model. One-year "planning grants" of up to \$500,000 were awarded to support the strategic planning process. Three- to five-year "implementation grants" were awarded, providing up to \$6 million for communities who had already demonstrated a sound strategy and the capacity to implement the plan.

To support the work of Promise Neighborhoods across the country, HCZ has partnered with PolicyLink and the Center for the Study of Social Policy to create the Promise Neighborhoods Institute at PolicyLink. Together we provide technical assistance and support to communities in building Promise Neighborhoods.

The 2011 recipients of Promise Neighborhoods implementation grants:

- Buffalo, New York (Westminster Foundation)
- Minneapolis, Minnesota (Northside Achievement Zone)
- Clay, Jackson and Owsley Counties, Kentucky (Berea College)
- San Antonio, Texas (United Way of San Antonio & Bexar County, Inc.)
- Hayward, California (California State University, East Bay)

The 2011 recipients of Promise Neighborhoods planning grants:

- San Francisco, California (Mission Economic Development Agency)
- Fresno, California (Reading and Beyond)
- Macon, Georgia (Mercer University)
- Tulsa, Oklahoma (Community Action Project of Tulsa)
- New York, New York (Elmezzzi Foundation)
- Chula Vista, California (South Bay Community Services)
- Detroit, Michigan (Black Family Development)
- Charlottesville, Virginia (Children Youth and Family Services)
- New York, New York (CAMBA)
- Chicago, Illinois (SGA Youth and Family Services)

- Glouster, Ohio (Ohio University)
- Meriden, Connecticut (Meriden Children's First)
- Nashville, Tennessee (Martha O'Bryan Ctr)
- Hudson, New York (Catholic Charities of Albany)
- Campo, California (Campo Band of Mission Indians)

The 2010 recipients of Promise Neighborhoods planning grants:

- New York, New York (Abyssinian Development Corporation)
- St. Paul, Minnesota (Amherst H. Wilder Foundation)
- Athens, Georgia (Athens Clarke County Family Connection Inc.)
- Clay, Jackson and Owsley Counties, Kentucky (Berea College)
- Northern Cheyenne Reservation, Montana (Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Cheyenne Nation)
- Hayward, California (California State University, East Bay)
- Washington, D.C. (Cesar Chavez Public Policy Charter HS)
- Lawrence, Massachusetts (Community Day Care Center of Lawrence, Inc.)
- Indianola, Mississippi (Delta Health Alliance, Inc.)
- Boston, Massachusetts (Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative)
- New York, New York (Lutheran Family Health Centers / Lutheran Medical Ctr)
- Atlanta, Georgia (Morehouse School of Medicine, Inc.)
- Houston, Texas (Neighborhood Centers Inc.)
- Los Angeles, California (Proyecto Pastoral at Dolores Mission)
- River Rouge, Michigan (The Guidance Center)
- Worcester, Massachusetts (United Way of Central Mass, Inc.)
- San Antonio, Texas (United Way of San Antonio & Bexar County, Inc.)
- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Universal Community Homes)
- Little Rock, Arkansas (University of Arkansas at Little Rock)
- Buffalo, New York (Westminster Foundation)
- Los Angeles, California (Youth Policy Institute)

Also in 2010, HCZ and the Promise Neighborhoods Institute at PolicyLink invited the following high-scoring applicants to be part of the Promise Neighborhood Network community:

- South Tucson, Arizona (Arizona Board of Regents)
- Detroit, Michigan (Black Family Development)
- Portland, Oregon (Self Enhancement, Inc.)
- Chicago, Illinois (SGA Youth & Family Services)
- Indianapolis, Indiana (Indianapolis Promise Neighborhood)
- Tulsa, Oklahoma (Community Action Project of Tulsa County)
- Cleveland, Ohio (Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland)
- Prince George, Maryland (Suitland Family and Life Development Corporation)
- Phillips County, Arizona (Southern Bancorp Capitol)
- Seattle, Washington (Neighborhood House)

- King County, Washington (Southwest Youth and Family Services/White Center)
- Savannah, Georgia (Chatham-Savannah Youth Futures Authority)
- Newark, New Jersey (Newark Promise Neighborhood Partnership)
- Salt Lake City, Utah (United Way of Salt Lake)
- St. Louis, Missouri (Grace Hill Settlement House)
- Davenport, Iowa (United Way of the Quad Cities Area)
- Tahlequah, Oklahoma (Cherokee Nation)

To learn more about the federal government's Promise Neighborhoods program and the Promise Neighborhoods Institute visit:

www.promiseneighborhoodsinstitute.org and

www2.ed.gov/programs/promiseneighborhoods/index.html