

**APPENDIX:
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
PLACE-BASED INITIATIVES**

INITIATIVES: PROMISE NEIGHBORHOODS AND OTHER NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION INITIATIVES



[Promise Neighborhoods \(PN\)](#): PN is a program housed within the Department of Education (ED) that seeks to significantly improve the educational and developmental outcomes of children and adults in the distressed communities. Planning and implementation grants and technical assistance are provided to nonprofits or institutions of higher education in order to transform communities in the areas of education, family, and community, measured through the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) indicators.

[Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program \(BCJI\)](#): BCJI, launched in 2012, is a program based out of the Department of Justice that aims to reduce crime and improve community safety as a part of a comprehensive strategy to advance neighborhood revitalization goals through site-based grants. Competitive grants are provided to a fiscal agent that works with a consortium of partners to employ data-driven, cross-sector approaches within target neighborhoods that have hot spots of violent and serious crime. Grant recipients work closely with a technical assistance provider to: complete a comprehensive planning process; collect data and conduct an analysis of local crime drivers; work with a research partner to assist with data analysis and selection of targeted crime prevention and reduction strategies; develop an implementation plan; coordinate alignment of performance and reporting metrics; and blend and braid federal, state, local, and private sector resources.



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[Choice Neighborhoods \(CN\)](#): CN is a program housed in the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that seeks to transform struggling neighborhoods with distressed public and other HUD-assisted housing into well-rounded, mixed-income housing that is financially viable long-term. CN also supports positive outcomes for residents in the areas of education, employment, and health, and creates conditions necessary for public and private investment to cultivate safety, good schools, jobs, transportation and economic stimulus. Support comes in the form of discretionary planning and implementation grants, as well as technical assistance. While the grants are focused primarily on housing planning or revitalization, up to 30% of the implementation grants may be equally invested in achieving the People (15%) and Neighborhood (15%) goals.

[HRSA Health Centers](#): Health centers have for more than five decades provided comprehensive high-quality preventive and primary health care to America's most medically underserved urban and rural communities. Health centers serve patients regardless of their ability to pay, making them the essential primary care provider for nearly 23 million people in need.



INITIATIVES: STRONG CITIES, STRONG COMMUNITIES



[Strong Cities Strong Communities \(SC2\)](#): SC2 is a program overseen by HUD and the White House Domestic Policy Council that provides technical assistance to “rounds” of fourteen communities throughout the country. Nineteen federal agencies and related contractors provide technical assistance to support locally driven economic development and job creation goals, and help to coordinate funds at the local, state, and federal levels. SC2 also features a National Resource Network with an eye toward ultimately working with more cities across the United States.



INITIATIVES: BUILDING NEIGHBORHOOD CAPACITY PROGRAM



[Building Neighborhood Capacity Program \(BNCP\)](#): Another key program of the White House’s Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative, BNCP launched in August 2012. BNCP is a collaboration between ED, HHS, HUD, and the Department of Justice to target neighborhoods in cities that have faced challenges such as poor private and public sector investments, high crime rates, low levels of success in education, isolation from anchor institutions like hospitals and universities, racial and economic segregation, and low economic growth. Federal departments currently provide technical assistance and resources to these twelve neighborhoods in four cities.



INITIATIVES CONTINUED



Promise Zones (PZ): PZ is a program that is carried out by HUD and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) that provides designated distressed communities a competitive priority to help them access certain federal discretionary grants, and provides in depth technical assistance including a federal staff person being “embedded” within the local community. In so doing, PZ provides federal capacity to local leaders in order to accelerate revitalization in distressed communities. Through PZ, the federal government partners with local leaders to increase economic activity, improve educational opportunities, leverage private investment, reduce violent crime, enhance public health and address other priorities identified by the community.



INITIATIVES: MY BROTHER'S KEEPER



[My Brother's Keeper \(MBK\)](#): President Obama launched the My Brother's Keeper initiative to address persistent opportunity gaps faced by boys and young men of color and ensure that all young people can reach their full potential. Through this initiative, the Administration is joining with cities and towns, businesses, and foundations who are taking important steps to connect young people to mentoring, support networks, and the skills they need to find a good job or go to college and work their way into the middle class.

My Brother's Keeper is focused on six milestones: getting a healthy start and entering school ready to learn, reading at grade level by third grade, graduating from high school ready for college and career, completing postsecondary education or training, successfully entering the workforce, keeping kids on track and giving them second chances.



INITIATIVES: PERFORMANCE PARTNERSHIP PILOTS



[Performance Partnership Pilots \(P3\)](#): Performance Partnership Pilots for Disconnected Youth offer a unique opportunity to test innovative, cost-effective, and outcome-focused strategies for improving results for disconnected youth. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014 (see p. 409 of the linked PDF) provides authority to the Departments of Education, Labor, and Health and Human Services along with the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and related agencies to enter into up to 10 Performance Partnership agreements with states, regions, localities, or tribal communities that give them additional flexibility in using discretionary funds across multiple Federal programs. Pilot sites will commit to achieve significant improvements for disconnected youth in educational, employment, and other key outcomes in exchange for this new flexibility. For P3, statute defines disconnected youth as individuals between the ages of 14 and 24 who are low income and either homeless, in foster care, involved in the juvenile justice system, unemployed, or not enrolled in or at risk of dropping out of an educational institution.



INITIATIVES: OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET PRIORITY SITES



- Baltimore
- Detroit
- Fresno
- New Orleans
- Pine Ridge
- Salt Lake
- Seattle
- SE Kentucky (including Berea)