

Thrive in the 05 Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant

Application Summary

CNI GRANT AT A GLANCE

On July 26, 2023, the City of Tucson was selected to receive a \$50 million Choice Neighborhoods Implementation (CNI) grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

- Tucson was selected as one of eight grantees
- Mayor Regina Romero, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, the City's Housing & Community Development Department, and a variety of partners joined together to host HUD for a site visit on May 9, 2023
- CNI grant is an 8-year grant

HUD CNI PROGRAM & GRANT APPLICATION SUMMARY

HUD's CNI program is designed around three main focus areas:

The CNI grant application includes a plan to offer robust, on-site services for Tucson House residents and increase access to all neighborhood residents to high-quality health and educational services.

The CNI Target Housing Site is Tucson House; a 408-unit 17-story public housing apartment complex and the CNI grant application proposes to fully rehabilitate Tucson House and also develop mixed-income housing on three additional sites.

Neighborhood

People

CNI program recognizes that housing is one piece of a vibrant community and that public spaces and amenities that connect people with one another, jobs, services, the outdoors, and the community's cultural heritage through art, transit, and green infrastructure are also 'Critical Community Improvements' (CCIs). The grant application proposal includes five CCI projects for the Thrive in the 05 boundaries.

CNI PEOPLE STRATEGY (CNI FUNDS: ~\$10M)

- Robust case management provided by HCD/Peer Support Coaches
- Supportive services related to health, income and employment, and education
- Key partners: Pima County, United Way, Community Food Bank, Pima Council on Aging, ASU School of Social Work, Beacon Group, Sun Tran, and Tucson Unified School District.



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CNI HOUSING STRATEGY (CNI FUNDS: ~\$30M)



CNI NEIGHBORHOOD STRATEGY (CNI FUNDS: ~\$7M)

Project Name	Description
Homeowner Preservation Program	Pilot to bring together low-income homeowner programs to provide home repairs, energy, and water efficiency improvements under one seamless program. Partners: HCD, Tucson Water, Tucson Electric Power
Drachman Gateway	Improving Drachman Street and creating a public plaza. This project compliments Pima Community College's Community Hub project (at Tucson Inn). Partners: Pima Community College
15th Avenue Livability Enhancements	15th Avenue is a neighborhood backbone in Thrive and a priority for Old Pas- cua. Add traffic calming, public art, green stormwater infrastructure, shade over the basketball court at Richey, and more. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds will provide complete sidewalks.
Thrive Storefront Renovation	Support exterior improvements to retail clusters or multi-tenant strip malls. Partner: City of Tucson Economic Initiatives
Community Food Hub and Incubator	A new food hub is proposed to provide a commercial kitchen/food incubator space as well as a community kitchen. Partners: City of Tucson Economic Initiatives and Community Food Bank