



The Honorable Mitch Colvin
Mayor
City of Fayetteville
433 Hay Street
Fayetteville, NC 28301

January 9, 2024
The Honorable Marcia Fudge
Secretary
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 7th Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20410

Dear Secretary Fudge:

On behalf of the City of Fayetteville, I am pleased to submit this commitment letter in support of the 2023 Choice Neighborhood Initiative Implementation Grant to implement the Murchison Choice Neighborhood Transformation Plan and revitalize and transform the targeted public housing community called Murchison Townhomes as a part of the Murchison Transformation Plan.

As Lead Applicant the City of Fayetteville commits to being a catalyst of positive development as evidenced by the quality-of-life improvements the City plans to complete, all of which will impact residents within the revitalized targeted area. The City of Fayetteville is actively involved with major development projects, as well as infrastructure improvements that will bring new life and energy into the Murchison Choice Neighborhood, an area of historic, cultural, and economic significance. The below commitments build upon COVID Recovery programs that saw a public/private investment of over \$1,000,000 for small businesses in the area.

The City of Fayetteville commits to providing \$44,000,000 in funds for upgrading the public infrastructure, place making, housing development, small business support, youth gun violence and mental health programming, workforce development, and recreation opportunities over the life of the FY 2023 Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant for the Murchison Transformation Plan. Specifically, the City's public investments within the Murchison boundary include the following:

- Stormwater Upgrades (Infrastructure) – \$700,000
- Fayetteville-Cumberland Regional Entrepreneurial and Business HUB (Small Business) – \$250,000
- Murchison Choice Youth Center (Youth) – \$1,000,000
- Smith Recreation Center Track (Recreation) – \$20,000
- Umoja Wall (Place making) – \$330,000
- Tennis Center (Recreation) – \$11,500,000
- Senior Center (Recreation/Wellness) – \$9,200,000
- MLK Park Renovation (Recreation and Justice) – \$6,000,000
- Glenville Lake Walking Trail (Recreation and Justice) – \$420,000 match to \$1,680,000 grant
- Homeownership (Housing) – \$3,000,000
- Residential Improvements (Housing/Neighborhoods) – \$2,000,000
- Housing Development (Housing) – \$5,500,000
- Commercial Corridor Improvements – \$400,000
- Youth Engagement from Parks and Police (Youth) – \$500,000

Furthermore, the City has committed an additional **\$1,500,000 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) toward the Murchison Transformation Plan and our HUD approved Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area over the life of the FY 2023 Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant. Funding will be utilized for activities outlined within the Neighborhood Strategy.**

With the opportunity to implement the 2023 Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant, the City has a clear strategy for the revitalization of the Murchison Choice Neighborhood. In addition to our commitment of the resources described above, the City will continue to explore opportunities to support and fund projects designed to enhance the quality-of-life for neighborhood.

If you have questions about this letter, please contact myself or my staff lead on this effort Mr. Christopher Cauley at ChristopherCauley@fayettevillenc.gov (910) 433-1590.

Sincerely,

Mitch Colvin
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