



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**From the Office of Mayor Garnett L. Johnson**

## **Office of Mayor Garnett L. Johnson offers an update on the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative**

**CONTACT:** Brennan Meagher, 706-993-7961, [bmeagher@augustaga.gov](mailto:bmeagher@augustaga.gov)

**AUGUSTA, GA (August 4, 2023)** – The Office of Mayor Garnett L. Johnson is providing the following update regarding the Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant. As we prepare to make our final submission for the Choice Neighborhoods plan in November and move forward to pursue the implementation phase of the process, we are realigning the team to include the Office of Mayor Garnett L. Johnson, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Augusta Housing Authority, the Department of Planning and Development, and our community partners.

“This comes at a pivotal time in our community as many residents navigate a difficult housing market,” said Mayor Garnett L. Johnson. “The Choice Neighborhoods Initiative will enable us to create affordable, sustainable housing while honoring the rich history and culture of our city and its neighborhoods.”

In 2021, HUD selected the City of Augusta to receive a \$450,000 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant. This federal funding was for a two-year planning grant aimed at supporting the development of comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plans, which focus on directing resources to address housing, people, and neighborhoods.

“As we conclude our planning efforts, I’m excited to prepare to submit the implementation grant,” Johnson said. “This grant has the potential to impact so many members of our community.”

Media interested in covering this topic should contact Brennan Meagher at [bmeagher@augustaga.gov](mailto:bmeagher@augustaga.gov) or 706-993-7961.

###