



Administrative Entity to the Northeast Tennessee Workforce Investment Board

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April 26, 2012

Terry W. Cunningham
Executive Director
Kingsport Housing and Redevelopment Authority
906 E. Sevier Avenue
P.O. Box 44
Kingsport, TN 37662

Dear Mr. Cunningham:

On behalf of the Alliance for Business & Training (AB&T) and the Northeast Tennessee Workforce Investment Board, I am pleased to submit this firm commitment letter in support of the Kingsport Housing and Redevelopment Authority's Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant application being submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Alliance for Business & Training, Inc (AB&T) is a community based not for profit corporation founded in 1985 with its administrative office located in Elizabethton, Tennessee. The mission is to create and sustain a workforce development system which promotes Economic Development; meets employer needs and is responsive to changing labor market demands, community economic growth and participants' job skills.


In 1999, AB&T was designated as the Administrative Entity and staff to the Northeast Tennessee Workforce Investment Board. Through partnerships with the Northeast Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development Career Center System, AB&T has provided employment and training services to residents of the Tennessee counties of Sullivan, Washington, Carter, Johnson and Unicoi. AB&T provides training, career development, career readiness certification, and employment placement activities designed to meet the needs of a constantly changing workforce.

AB&T commits to providing \$ 6,062.00 of in-kind resources to the planning effort for Robert E. Lee Apartments development and the Midtown Neighborhood for the two-year grant period. This commitment includes participating in the stakeholder planning committee and providing expertise and support of your focus group on Economic Development and Economic Self-Sufficiency. We will also assist in outreach and awareness of the Transformation Plan, and in identifying prospective employer partners to assist in planning and capacity building activities for residents and partners alike. (Refer to attached detailed list of in-kind support).

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The Choice Neighborhoods Planning program is intended to forge broad-based partnerships to transform neighborhoods and create viable communities. We are enthusiastic to have this opportunity to be a part of that partnership and strongly support your 2012 Planning Grant application. We are committed to participating in the planning and implementation process and look forward to the same. We applaud your leadership and remain committed to collaborating with the Kingsport Housing and Redevelopment Authority to planning programs and services that promote and encourage a strong, highly-skilled Kingsport workforce.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy J. Pierce".

Kathy Pierce
Executive Director

Attachment

Attachment to Letter of Support for KHRA

IN-KIND DONATION FOR 2012 CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING GRANT

Staff salary estimate for Planning Committee Participation. (2 hours monthly x 24 months x \$50. per hour x 2 staff members)	<u>\$ 4,800.00</u>
Supplies	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
Staff Travel	<u>\$ 812.00</u>
Meeting Space	<u>\$ 250.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 6,062.00</u>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy J. Pierce". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Kathy J. Pierce
Executive Director
Alliance for Business and Training