

April 27, 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 Boys & Girls Club of Greater Kingsport, I am pleased to submit this firm commitment letter in support of the Kingsport Housing and Redevelopment Authority's 2012 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant application being submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Kingsport is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the educational, vocational and character development of youth in a safe, caring environment. We serve youth in kindergarten through 12th grade and are open after school and provide care all day during the summer months, school holidays and in-service days. Young people, especially those at greatest risk, need responsible adult guidance. They need to know that someone cares about them and that there are concerned and capable adults to whom they can turn, and our Boys & Girls Club provides this guidance.

As an organization which cares for children from the Robert E. Lee Apartments, the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Kingsport commits to providing \$601.20 of in-kind financial resources to cover our staff participation on the stakeholder planning committee, and in facilitating a focus group which may be focused on the Youth over the two year grant period. (Refer to attached detailed list).

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 wish you success with your grant application, and look forward to continuing our collaboration and supporting the educational opportunities planning component of the 2012 CNI Transformation Planning effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Beilharz-Tyler".

Lisa Beilharz-Tyler  
Chief Professional Officer

Attachment

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Lisa Beilharz-Tyler



**Attachment to Letter of Support for KHRA – Boys & Girls Club of Greater Kingsport**

**IN-KIND DONATION FOR 2012 CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING GRANT**

Staff salary estimate (1.67 hours monthly x 24 months x 15.00 per hour x 1 staff member)	\$ 601.20
Supplies (paper, pencils, time with computer, etc.)	\$
Staff Travel	\$
Administrative Salary Estimate (5%)	\$
Administrative supplies (copy service, postage, paper, computer usage, etc)	\$
Consulting	\$
Meeting Space	\$
Other material/financial donation (describe)	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 601.20</b>