



April 27, 2012

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

Dear Mr. Cunningham:

On behalf of the Kingsport Area Transit Service (KATS), 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.

KATS is the public transportation agency that provides bus, paratransit, van, and other commuter services for the City of Kingsport. KATS also has a contract with the City of Kingsport to provide planning, marketing, and oversight for the operations of the local DATA public transportation system.

KATS commits to providing \$1,010 of in-kind resources for the cost of staff and consultant time to support your 2012 Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant for your Robert E. Lee Apartments housing development and surrounding Midtown Neighborhood for 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 applaud your leadership and remain committed to collaborating with the Kingsport Housing and Redevelopment Authority to provide staff time to ensure that public transit services and bus stop infrastructure investments support the other goals for this area.

Sincerely,

Jack Qualls  
Transit Coordinator  
(Attachment)

**Attachment to Letter of Support from KATS for KHRA**

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

Staff salary estimate (2 hours monthly x 24 months x \$19.04 per hour x 1 staff members)	\$ 914.00
Supplies (paper, pencils, time with computer, etc.)	\$
Staff Travel	\$ 50.00
Administrative Salary Estimate (5%)	\$ 46.00
Administrative supplies (copy service, postage, paper, computer usage, etc)	\$
Consulting	\$
Meeting Space	\$
Other material/financial donation (describe)	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,010.00</u></b>