



KINGSPORT

Tomorrow

*Citizens Together,
Shaping our Future*

April 25, 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 Kingsport Tomorrow, 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.

Kingsport Tomorrow is an open association of citizens. It was created on 1990 by a group of people who recognized the need to involve every citizen in the important decisions affecting the future of our community. Kingsport Tomorrow provides a way for citizens to meet, hear others' opinions, air differences, and create a plan of action to improve the quality of life in this community.

Kingsport Tomorrow initiates and facilitates citizen-led projects. It organizes task forces to study and act on issues. It serves the community as a vehicle for new ideas, encouraging citizens to seize opportunities that might otherwise be overlooked. Kingsport Tomorrow works to advance the shared vision of our citizens, which is to make Greater Kingsport "A Community of Excellence and Opportunity."

Kingsport Tomorrow commits to providing \$2,515 of in-kind resources to the planning effort for Robert E. Lee Apartments development and the Midtown Neighborhood. 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 the Authority's 2012 Planning Grant application for the Robert E. Lee Apartments site and the surrounding Midtown Neighborhood.

Consequently, we agree to assist in the planning process and commit to providing \$2,515 in in-kind resources for the two-year grant period. This commitment includes participating in the stakeholder planning committee and providing expertise and support of your Capacity Building policy focus. We will also assist in outreach and awareness of the Transformation Plan, and in identifying prospective partners to assist in planning and capacity building activities for residents and partners alike. (Refer to attached detailed list of in-kind support.)

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 engagement in a vibrant City of Kingsport for all residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan H. LaGuardia". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name.

Susan H. LaGuardia
Executive Director

Attachment

Attachment to Letter of Support

IN-KIND DONATION FOR 2012 CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING GRANT

Staff salary estimate for Planning Committee Participation. (3 hours monthly x 24 months x \$24 per hour x 1 staff member)	<u>\$1,728.00</u>
Supplies	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
Staff Travel	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
Administrative Salary Estimate (\$total above x 5%)	<u>\$ 87.00</u>
Administrative supplies (copy service, postage, paper, computer usage, etc)	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
Consulting	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Meeting Space	<u>\$ 600.00</u>
Other material/financial donation (describe)	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$2,515.00</u>