



## KINGSPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Terry W. Cunningham, Executive Director  
Kingsport Housing and Redevelopment Authority  
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Dear Mr. Cunningham:

On behalf of the Kingsport Police Department, I am submitting this commitment letter to support 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 Kingsport Police Department continually seeks to reduce crime and increase the safety of all Kingsport residents. We have implemented a multi-tiered approach to achieve this. Our current internal staffing and funding efforts include committing resources such as a Directed Patrol Team, Neighborhood Watch programs, Community Information and Awareness Forums (which have proven to be hugely successful) and utilizing data driven and evidence based techniques such as traditional community policing strategies to reduce crime. Additionally, we have committed external grant funding to supplement these efforts. Grant funds have been utilized for crime reduction efforts in targeted areas, and have also been used to purchase equipment to enhance enforcement and prosecution.

In light of our long history of collaboration with KHRA, the KPD is committed to the revitalization effort for Robert E. Lee and Midtown neighborhoods. Resources will be dedicated from the Department of Justice's Targeted Community Crime Reduction Grant; as you know, the Lee Apartments/Midtown neighborhood is an area already identified in this successful Byrne grant award. In addition, we intend to provide a department representative who is familiar with the Midtown Neighborhood and with crime and data analysis, to serve on the Stakeholder Planning Committee over the two year period. KPD also commits to developing a crime reduction plan for the Lee Apartments neighborhood, and contributing evidence based data to the Transformation Plan.

We look forward to identifying needs for our community and participating in the planning and implementation process. We remain committed to collaborating with local community and faith based organizations to develop research supported strategies that reduce violent crime and that promote and enhance public safety.

Sincerely,

Gale Osborne, Chief of Police

**Attachment to Letter of Support for KHRA**

CASH CONTRIBUTION FOR 2012 CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING GRANT

Byrne Grant – Lee Apartments neighborhood focus	\$Xxxx
Training	\$xxxxx
Consultants	\$xxxxx
Evaluation/Reporting	\$xxxxx
<b>TOTAL</b>	

IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION FOR 2012 CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING GRANT

Staff salary estimate to participate in CNI Safety Focus Group & Stakeholder Meetings. (1.75 hours monthly x 24 months x \$25.00 per hour x 1 staff members)	\$ 1,050.00
Supplies	\$ .....00
Staff Travel	\$ .....00
Administrative Salary Estimate (total of above x 5%)	\$ .....00
Administrative supplies (copy service, postage, paper, computer usage, etc)	\$ .....00
Consulting	\$ .....00
Meeting Space	\$ .....00
Other material/financial donation (describe)	\$ .....00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,050.00</b>