

Community Development and Housing



HOPE VI

Subcommittee: Transportation – Housing Urban Development (HUD)
and Related Agencies

Request: Reauthorize and fund the HOPE VI Revitalization Program at \$800 million nationally.

Community Value:

Homeownership Opportunities for People Everywhere (HOPE) VI began as a demonstration program, the result of the 1992 Congressional Commission on Severely Distressed Public Housing. "Distressed housing" is uninhabitable because of poor siting or design, concentrated poverty, high rates of vandalism or criminal activity, or it contributes significantly to disinvestment in the surrounding community (section 535 Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 (QHWRA) or section 24 1937 Act).

The key goals of the HOPE VI project are to reconstruct public housing units and revitalize the surrounding community by creating mixed-income developments. The effort includes constructing high quality housing with community amenities; creating incentives for public and private partnerships and investments; developing job linkages, training and educational opportunities for public housing and surrounding community residents; and attracting commercial and retail enterprises.



The city of Phoenix has received two HOPE VI grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. A \$35 million grant was received in 2001 to demolish and rebuild the Matthew Henson public housing site. In 2008, a second grant in the amount of \$8.8 million was received to demolish and rebuild the Krohn West public housing site.

The HOPE VI funds were leveraged with other private, city, state and federal sources resulting in an estimated value of \$110 million for the Matthew Henson project. Now known as "Henson Village," the residential community is a mixed-income development of 549 market rate, affordable and public housing units. Amenities include an education and training center, youth center, resident club house, swimming pools and public parks. The Krohn West development is will consist of 83 mixed-income units with similar amenities. Located less than one-half mile from Henson Village, the Krohn West HOPE VI project will continue critical revitalization and sustainability efforts currently underway in the area.



The Community and Supportive Services (CSS) Program, which is a critical component of the HOPE VI Revitalization Program, provides case management and social services to public housing residents and the surrounding community. The CSS program helps residents move toward self-sufficiency and break the cycle of poverty. The HOPE VI program helps stop the deterioration of older neighborhoods; creates more affordable housing, training and educational opportunities; and develops healthy families, which strengthens and sustains communities.

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