



## Phoenix, Arizona

**Choice Neighborhoods Lead Grantee:** City of Phoenix  
**Target Public Housing Projects:** Sidney P. Osborn Homes, A.L. Krohn Homes, and Frank Luke Homes  
**Target Neighborhood:** Edison-Eastlake  
**Choice Neighborhoods Grant Amount:** \$1,500,000

### Key Partners:

Arizona Department of Housing | LISC Phoenix | Phoenix Revitalization Corporation | Phoenix Elementary School District #1 | St. Luke's Medical Center | Friendly House, Inc. | Public Transit | City Police | City Parks and Recreation | Industrial Development Authority | Maricopa County IDA | Global Green USA

### Project Summary:

Once a thriving center for health and industry, the Edison-Eastlake Community experienced steady decline after the Great Depression. As the economy faltered, businesses closed, and suburban flight and illegal dumping of industrial solvents led to decades of disinvestment. Within this landscape, four large public housing developments were constructed between 1942 and 1963. Three public housing developments – Sidney P. Osborn Homes, A.L. Krohn Homes, and Frank Luke Homes – still stand there today, totaling 577 units and suffering from mold, failing systems, and an isolating design. The neighborhood as a whole struggles with a violent crime rate that is three times that of the City, with 73 percent of residents living in poverty.

Despite these challenges, the Edison-Eastlake Community has the assets needed to generate change. The community is only located about a mile east of downtown Phoenix. St. Luke's Medical Center, and anchor institution in the community, has plans to expand their facilities. The City is redeveloping the fourth former public housing development site into a new mixed-income development and is investing in complete streets for a main commercial corridor. Additionally, in 2008, Valley Metro Light Rail started up in the region and, through an FY2011 HUD Sustainable Communities Grant, kicked off a regional planning process that included the neighborhood's district.

The award of a Choice Neighborhoods Planning and Action Grant will allow the City of Phoenix and its partners to ensure that the Edison-Eastlake neighborhood benefits from, and builds on, the local transit-oriented development opportunities. The City and its partners intend to concentrate on improving resident quality of life, especially in education and health. With the Transformation Plan as a blueprint, the Phoenix Choice Neighborhoods team will be able to use, \$1 million of the Planning and Action Grant to leverage and finance innovative community and economic development activities that will help kick start neighborhood change.