

Presentation by: Joseph Walker, Executive Director Spalding Collaborative

Purpose: To request Griffin City Council (Unit of General Local Government) to partner with Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families & Children (lead applicant) for *HUD Second Round Promise Zone Designation*

Overview: The *Promise Zone Initiative (PZI)* seeks to revitalize high-poverty communities across the country by creating jobs, increasing economic activity, improving educational opportunities, reducing serious and violent crime, leveraging private capital, and assisting local leaders in navigating federal programs.

Twelve federal agencies are working in close collaboration to provide preferential access in 35 programs, resources and expertise for PZs to expand economic mobility and opportunity in their communities.

The first PZs (San Antonio, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Southeastern Kentucky, and the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma) were named in January 2014. HUD will designate 6 urban communities and USDA will designate at least one rural and one tribal community during the *Second Round PZ Designation* process.

Eligibility: Urban (population 10,000 - 200,000 residents)
Poverty rate at or above 33 percent
Demonstrate high need, a strong local commitment, and compelling strategy
Partnership with Unit of General Local Government

Benefits: AmeriCorps VISTA member deployed to PZ to build the capacity of the *PZ designees* to work with federal agencies, coordinate key stakeholders, and create programs that address community needs.

A federal liaison assigned to each *PZ* to help leaders and partners navigate the federal resources needed to accelerate efforts to revitalize their communities.

PZ designation extends for ten year term and may be extended as necessary to capture the full term of the availability of the *PZ* tax incentives if enacted by Congress.

Specific benefits will vary from year to year, and sometimes more often than annually, due to changes in agency policies and changes in appropriations and authorizations for relevant programs.

This is the second round of identifying qualifying communities as *Promise Zones*. HUD will designate 6 urban communities.

Tentative geography of proposed *Promise Zone*: Griffin, Spalding County Georgia census tracts 1603, 1604, 1608, and 1609 except the area bounded on the east by Macon Highway, on the south by Hudson Road, on the north by Hamilton Boulevard, and on the east by Wilson Road

Core Planning Team: Regina Abbott, Bob Dull, Theo Harris, Jeff Jordan, Toussaint Kirk, Joseph Walker, and Jewel Walker-Harps; seeking to engage representation from School System, Workforce Development, Economic Development, Flint River Baptist Association, and Intergovernmental Workgroup as well as support from the Partners for a Prosperous Griffin-Spalding County.

Deadline: November 21, 2014 by 5 pm EST

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