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Choice Neighborhood Initiative: A Tale of St. Paul's Redevelopment Project, P.I.: Sharon T. Alston, Ph.D., School of Social Work

The purpose of this proposed project is to assess the impact the Choice Neighborhood Policy Initiative (CNPI) has and will have on the residents of Norfolk, VA. The proposed study is relevant significant, and timely. Over the next ten years, the city of Norfolk will continue to relocate residents from public housing through CNPI and similar initiatives. Ninety-eight percent of the residents in Norfolk public housing are people of color, and 70% are either at or below the federal poverty line (NHRA, 2018). The proposed project is a rapid review and analysis of empirical literature on housing policies from the last ten years (research reports, publish articles, and conference proceedings) to assess what is currently known about their impact on residents. In addition, survey a small sample of Norfolk housing residents and compare their experience with those in the published literature. The analysis of these data will help to generate additional research questions and gather preliminary data on the specific experiences of Norfolk residents.