# EMPOWERING THE NEIGHBORHOODS LESSONS FROM 3 US CITIES

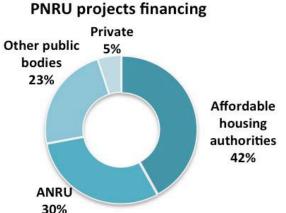
MARCH 5TH FRENCH EMBASSY

### SITUATION AND CHALLENGES IN FRANCE: AN OVERVIEW

- 30 years of national public policy towards disadvantaged neighborhoods
- Time for an assessment after a massive urban revitalization program





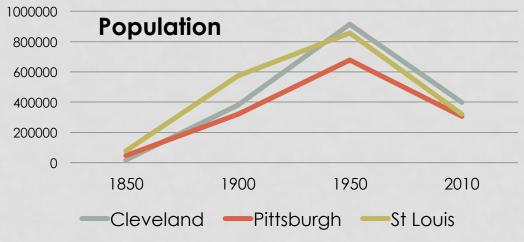


### FOCUSING ON AMERICAN LEGACY CITIES, WHY AND HOW

 The US: a natural example for empowerment and community-driven approaches



 Legacy cities: looking for unconventional strategies and non-traditional actors







### **2 EXAMPLES OF PLACE-BASED ACTORS**

- Community
   Development
   Corporations (CDC)
  - A role of community's representation
  - Operational stakeholders
  - Autonomous from political power

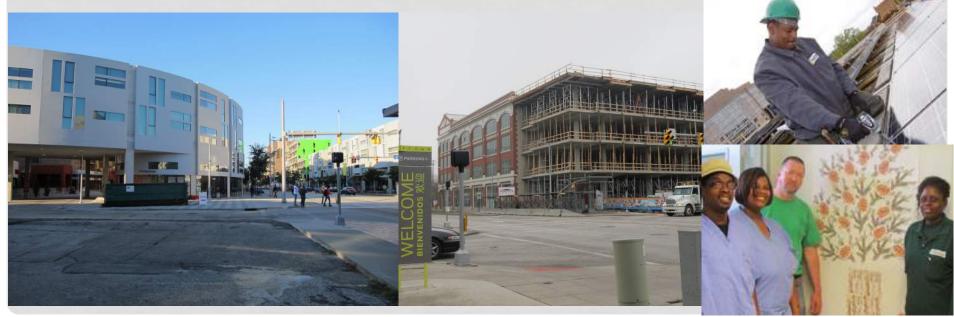
### Anchor Districts

- Economic actors and employers turned into committed neighbors
- Developing multi-actors place-based strategies
- Combining economic redevelopment and physical revitalization



## PROJECTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS - EX OF GREATER UNIVERSITY CIRCLE CLEVELAND

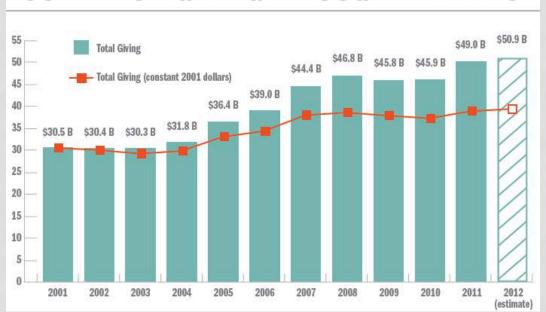




### MAIN STEPS LEADING TO AREA-BASED ACTORS INTERVENTION

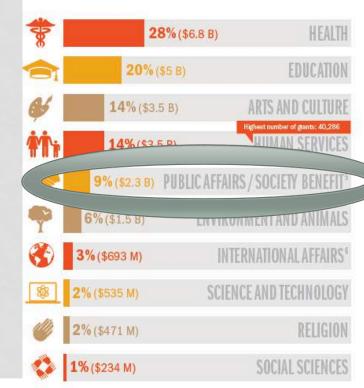
- Awareness
- Professionalization
- Resources
- The major role of the Philanthropic sector

### FOUNDATION GIVING THROUGH THE YEARS



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### WHAT SOURCES OF INSPIRATION FOR FRANCE

- Strengthening community groups
- Developing multi-actors place-based strategies
- Developing philanthropic action towards neighborhoods





HOW TO BUILD

### LIMITS AND INTERROGATIONS

- Legacy Cities often remain with poor citywide social and economic indicators
- Opening up the system can seem risky

### SAFEGUARDS AND FACTORS OF SUCCESS

- An independent professional sector as a support
- Legal tools to channel private money to the relevant targets
- The importance of preserving citywide strategy: the role of municipalities

