Agency Overview

The majority of New Orleans’ public housing was originally developed with the passage of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937. By the 1970s, some of the public housing units had deteriorated and were in need of renovations.

In the early 1990s, HUD introduced HOPE VI, a grant program which funded the redevelopment of distressed public housing sites into traditionally designed neighborhoods. Between 1994 and 2007, Desire (The Estates), St. Thomas (River Gardens), Fischer and C.J. Peete (Harmony Oaks) received grant funding for revitalization.

Much of HANO’s housing stock was destroyed in 2005 when Hurricane Katrina devastated the city. Since then and following much controversy on plans to reconstruct New Orleans public housing sites, HANO began a massive initiative to redevelop the “Big Four” – C.J. Peete, St. Bernard, Lafitte and B.W. Cooper - along with the continuation of previously started construction activities at Desire, Fischer, St. Thomas and Guste. Most recently, the agency began the redevelopment of the Florida community, and began the transformation of Iberville as part of HUD’s Choice Neighborhoods Initiative. The results include newly built, mixed-income and pedestrian-oriented, safer communities with larger, modern and energy efficient units, and an expanded HCV program.

In 2002 HANO transitioned into federal receivership under HUD due to several years of mismanagement. After more than a decade of federal oversight, HANO was returned to local control as a standard performer in July 2014, hired its first Executive Director, and a new HANO Board of Commissioners was appointed by Mayor Mitchell J. Landrieu.

For more information visit www.hano.org.

Mission

The mission of the Housing Authority of New Orleans is to provide affordable housing opportunities for low-income residents of the city of New Orleans, while laying the foundation for economic sustainability.

Board of Commissioners

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Executive Director

Evette Hester

Number of Employees

172 employees

Portfolio (As of Spring 2020)

The Estates (Desire) - 425 Units / 127 Public Housing
Columbia Parc (St. Bernard) - 683 Units / 229 Public Housing
River Garden (St. Thomas) - 606 Units / 182 Public Housing
William J. Fischer - 326 Units / 201 Public Housing
Harmony Oaks (C.J. Peete) - 460 Units / 193 Public Housing
Faubourg Lafitte - 465 Units / 171 Public Housing
Guste Homes - 638 Units / 577 Public Housing
Marrero Commons (B.W. Cooper) - 410 Units / 143 Public Housing
Bienville Basin (Iberville) - 682 Units/227 Public Housing
New Florida - 52 Units/51 Public Housing
Scattered Sites - 85 Units / 85 Public Housing
HANO Total Portfolio Count - 4,832

Housing Choice Rental Vouchers

The Housing Authority of New Orleans now serves roughly 18,000 households through its Section 8 rental-assistance program.

Homeownership

HANO’s homeownership program began in May 2001 and has assisted 469 families to become first time homebuyers. This number includes 347 HCVP and 31 PHA families as well as 91 other affordable families who purchased units through other HANO homeownership or development programs.

Quick Facts

- HANO serves approximately 30,000 low-income families
- As of 2020, the average annual gross income of a section 8 household is $16,095.
- As of 2020, the average rent payment for a public housing family is $257 monthly.
- As of 2020, HANO serves 1,080 Public Housing elderly and/or disabled households.
The Estates
- 2906 Desire Parkway (Desire)
- Completed in 2011
- Developer: Michaels Development
- Site Management: Interstate Realty Management Co. (IRM)

Columbia Parc
- 1400 Milton Street (St. Bernard)
- Redevelopment completed in 2012
- Developer & Site Management: Columbia Residential

River Garden
- 913 Felicity Street (St. Thomas)
- Completed in 2009
- Developer: HRI Properties
- Site Management: HRI Management

William J. Fischer
- 1915 L.B. Landry Drive
- Completed in 2011
- Developer: Cypress & HANO (Fischer IV & IVA)
- Site Management: HANO

Harmony Oaks
- 3320 Clara Street (C.J. Peete)
- Completed in 2011
- Developer: McCormack Baron Salazar
- Site Management: McCormack Baron Management Services

Faubourg Lafitte
- 2200 Orleans Avenue
- All phases completed in 2015
- Developer: Providence, Enterprise, and L+M
- Site Management: McCormack Baron Management Services

Guste Homes
- 1301 Simon Bolivar Avenue
- All phases completed in 2018
- Developer: HANO
- Site Management: Guste Homes Resident Management Corp.

Marrero Commons
- 1100 South Tonti Street (Marrero Commons)
- Completed in 2015
- Developer: KBK/McCormack Baron Salazar
- Site Management: McCormack Baron Management Services

New Florida
- 2515 Independence Street
- Completed in 2017
- Developer: HANO
- Site Management: HANO

Bienville Basin
- 215 Treme Street (Iberville)
- All on-site phases completed by 2019
- Developer: HRI Properties
- Site Management: HRI Management

Scattered Sites
- 2521 Independence Street
- Located on the East Bank and West Bank of New Orleans
- 85 occupiable units rehabilitated in 2011