RESOLUTION No. 2012-13

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) applied for and was awarded a Choice Neighborhoods Implementation (CNI) grant on August 30, 2011 by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the amount of $30.5 million for the redevelopment of the Iberville public housing site and revitalization of the surrounding CNI neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the CNI grant requires HANO to develop, rehabilitate or otherwise identify 821 replacement units for Iberville households; and

WHEREAS, HANO’s plan for these replacement units, as approved by HUD, includes 405 Project Based Vouchers (PBVs); and

WHEREAS, HANO is required to establish, implement and periodically update an Administrative Plan applicable to the Housing Choice Voucher Program which reflects HUD requirements and regulations and allowable HANO discretionary policies; and

WHEREAS, HANO’s Administrative Plan requires selection of projects through a competitive process in accordance with 24 CFR 983.51; and

WHEREAS, HANO submitted a waiver request to HUD on December 30, 2011 that, if approved, would waive the competitive selection requirements as outlined in 24 CFR 983.51, allowing HANO to award 405 PBVs to projects that will provide CNI replacement units; and

WHEREAS, On March 6, 2012, HUD approved this waiver request for 405 PBVs for the purpose of providing CNI replacement units, noting the unique and rare circumstances of CNI and the need for the facilitation of development and maintenance of long-term affordable housing for residents and the revitalization of Iberville/Treme', and

WHEREAS, HANO proposes amending the HANO HCVP Administrative Plan to reflect this waiver approval with the following language - “Where HUD has seen fit to waive the requirements of 24 CFR 983.51, HANO may select an owner to apply to be a PBV owner, notwithstanding, HANO’s normal PBV selection requirements. Final approval of the owner’s proposal is subject to further review as provided in HUD regulations and HANO’s Administrative Plan.”
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that HANO’s HCVP Administrative Plan be amended in accordance with HUD’s March 6, 2012 project based voucher waiver and authorization is provided to the Administrative Receiver or his designee to implement the policies and take any and all other necessary action relative to the March 6, 2012 HUD waiver in connection with the selection of owners for project based vouchers.

Executed this 17th day of April, 2012.

APPROVAL:

[Signature]

DAVID GILMORE
ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
April 17, 2012

MEMORANDUM

To: David Gilmore  
   Administrative Receiver  
   Board of Commissioners

From: Jonathan B. Campbell  
   Special Projects Manager

Re: Amendments to HANO HCVP Administrative Plan: Project-Based Owner Selection

This resolution requests approval of amendments to the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP) Administrative Plan to provide selection criteria for non-competitive award of project-based vouchers as a result of the Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant ("CNI") or other HUD waiver. HANO applied for and was awarded a Choice Neighborhoods Implementation (CNI) grant on August 30, 2011 by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the amount of $30.5 million for the redevelopment of the Iberville public housing site and revitalization of the surrounding CNI neighborhood. The CNI grant requires HANO to develop, rehabilitate or otherwise identify 821 replacement units for Iberville households. HANO’s plan for these replacement units, as approved by HUD, includes 405 Project Based Vouchers (PBVs).

HANO is required to establish, implement and periodically update an Administrative Plan applicable to the Housing Choice Voucher Program, including project based vouchers, which reflects HUD requirements and regulations and allowable HANO discretionary policies. HANO’s Administrative Plan requires selection of project based voucher properties through a competitive process in accordance with 24 CFR 983.51. HANO submitted a waiver request to HUD on December 30, 2011 requesting a waiver of the competitive selection requirements as outlined in 24 CFR 983.51, allowing HANO to award 405 PBVs to projects that will provide CNI replacement units. On March 6, 2012, HUD approved this waiver request for 405 PBVs for the purpose of providing CNI replacement units, noting the unique and rare circumstances of CNI and the need for the facilitation of development and maintenance of long-term affordable housing for residents and the revitalization of the Iberville/Treme’ neighborhood.
Approval is requested to amend the HANO HCVP Administrative Plan to reflect this project based waiver and to authorize the Administrative Receiver or his designee to implement the policies and take any and all other necessary action relative to the March 6, 2012 HUD waiver in connection with the selection of owners for project based vouchers.