

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NEW ORLEANS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 2020**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-05

WHEREAS, On August 31, 2011, The Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) and the City of New Orleans (the City) were awarded a \$30.5 million dollar Choice Neighborhoods Initiative (CNI) Implementation Grant, comprised of Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 and FY 2011 funds, by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

WHEREAS, HUD published a FY 2019 Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants NOFA on August 5, 2019, making available \$20 Million for Supplemental Grant funds to seven (7) identified Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grantees; and

WHEREAS, HANO and the City were eligible to apply for the HUD Supplemental Grant funds up to \$5 Million for the development of additional replacement housing units; and

WHEREAS; On November 4, 2019, HANO, Lead Applicant, and the City of New Orleans, Co-Applicant, submitted an application requesting \$5 Million in Choice Neighborhoods Supplemental Grant funds to ensure the completion of the Iberville/ Tremé Choice Neighborhoods housing component; and

WHEREAS, HANO and the City were notified by HUD on December 23, 2019 that they were awarded a \$4 Million Choice Neighborhoods Supplemental Grant; and

WHEREAS, HUD requires HANO to sign the grant agreement and other corresponding documents in order to receive the grant funds;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of New Orleans hereby authorizes the Executive Director to execute the FY 2019 Choice Neighborhoods Supplemental Grant Agreement, HUD – 1044 form and any other documents related to the receipt of the \$4 Million Supplemental Grant.

Executed this 27th day of February, 2020.

APPROVAL:



DEBRA JOSEPH
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



February 27, 2020

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Commissioners
President Debra Joseph, Vice President Isabel Barrios,
Commissioner Toni Hackett Antrum, Commissioner Sharon Jasper,
Commissioner Carol Johnson, Commissioner Monika McKay,
Commissioner Hyma Moore, Commissioner Kim Piper and
Commissioner Bill Rouselle

Through Evette Hester
Executive Director

From: April Kennedy
Special Programs Administrator

Re: Authorizing the Executive Director to execute the Choice Neighborhoods Supplemental Grant Agreement and HUD – 1044 Form

On August 31, 2011, The Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) and co-grantee, the City of New Orleans (the City) were awarded a \$30.5 million dollar Choice Neighborhoods Initiative (CNI) Implementation Grant, comprised of Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 and FY 2011 funds, by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to revitalize and transform the Iberville/ Tremé Neighborhood through a transformation plan that includes three core goals: Housing, People and Neighborhood.

As part of the CNI Implementation grant agreement, HANO and the City are to rebuild 821 one-for-one replacement housing units in the Choice Neighborhoods boundaries. To date, approximately 763 replacement housing units are in predevelopment, under construction or completed.

The CNI Implementation Grant funds associated with the construction of replacement housing units were expended by September 30, 2017.

In the FY 2019 Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants NOFA, published on August 5, 2019, HUD made available up to \$20 Million for Supplemental Grants to previously funded Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grantees. HUD identified seven (7) prior Choice Neighborhoods Implementation grantees, including HANO and the City of New Orleans as eligible applicants for these grant funds.

Therefore, on November 4, 2019 HANO, Lead Applicant, and the City of New Orleans, Co-Applicant, submitted an application for the Choice Neighborhoods Supplemental Grant funds in an amount of \$5 Million. The maximum award was set at \$5 Million and this funding can only be used for construction of replacement housing in mixed-income developments.

On December 23, 2019, HUD awarded HANO and the City of New Orleans a FY 2019 Choice Neighborhoods Supplemental Grant in the amount of \$4,000,000 to further support the development of replacement housing in conjunction with the Transformation Plan for the Iberville/Tremé Neighborhood. All supplemental grant funds must be expended by September 30, 2025.

Authorization is hereby requested for the Executive Director to execute the FY 2019 Choice Neighborhoods Supplemental Grant Agreement, HUD – 1044 form and any other documents related to the receipt of the \$4 Million Supplemental Grant.