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HANO Awarded \$468,000 Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency Grant to Provide Programs for Low Income Residents

Grant will continue to fund Service Coordinator positions to promote employment, education and health and wellness

New Orleans, LA (June 2024) –The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced that the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) received an award of \$468,000 for the Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) grant. The three-year ROSS grant will provide funding for Service Coordinators who will link residents to resources that eliminate educational, health and employment barriers and lead them to economic self-sufficiency.

HUD awarded a total of \$44 million to Public Housing Authorities (PHAs), public housing resident associations, Native American tribes, and nonprofit organizations across the nation to finance the hiring of ROSS Service Coordinators in this funding cycle. “At HUD, part of our work includes empowering people to navigate everyday challenges,” said HUD Acting Secretary Adrienne Todman. “The funding announced today provides a foundation for personal and financial growth that will help families achieve their families’ goals and attain economic justice.”

“The ROSS grant award has provided HANO with a tremendous opportunity to strengthen resident services provided through expanded personnel, which will aid in the continued development of community partnerships and programs offered,” said HANO Executive Director Evette Hester. “We will continue to use the ROSS initiative to equip HANO residents with additional tools, skills, and strategies to increase self-sufficiency, improve their overall quality of life, and create generational wealth.”

The ROSS Service Coordinator program provides funding to hire and maintain service coordinators. These coordinators assess the needs of residents in conventional public housing or Indian housing and coordinate available community resources to meet those needs. This place-based program targets the entire resident community, aiming to connect public and private resources to empower residents of public housing. The program aims to address the areas of need at both the community and individual level. HANO is among three PHA’s in Louisiana whose ROSS grant was renewed, and the agency plans to use this important resource to serve more than 3,300 residents in multiple housing communities in New Orleans. For more information on HANO’s community supportive services, visit www.hano.org/Tenants/ClientServices.

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About The Housing Authority of New Orleans

The Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) is focused on providing affordable housing opportunities for low-income residents of the city of New Orleans while laying the foundation for economic sustainability. HANO serves approximately 22,000 low-income families through a combination of their Housing Choice Voucher Program and public housing units. HANO also serves public housing needs for the elderly, disabled, and veterans. Visit hano.org to learn more.