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HANO and City of New Orleans Awarded \$4M HUD Choice Neighborhoods Supplemental Grant

New Orleans, LA (January 24, 2019) – The Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) and the City of New Orleans are recipients of a \$4 million Choice Neighborhoods Supplemental Grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HANO and the City will utilize the additional funding to further support the development of replacement housing units in the Iberville/Tremé community as part of the HUD Choice Neighborhoods Initiative (CNI).

"New Orleans is facing an affordability crisis that is impacting the very fabric of our community, people are being priced out of neighborhoods they have long called home, and we have been working hard to turn that tide," said Mayor LaToya Cantrell. "With this grant, we're not only creating more housing opportunities, we are investing in a historical neighborhood and a strong and thriving community. I want to commend the hard work of the City's Office of Community Development and HANO for securing this grant that will increase the City's housing stock and provide residents access to quality, affordable housing."

"This \$4 million supplemental grant provides us with an opportunity to expand upon the success of HUD's CNI Program which continues to be instrumental in providing hundreds of new housing units in the Tremé community," said HANO Executive Director Evette Hester. "We are excited to gain access to this additional funding to build upon the \$208 million CNI investment in our city and continue transformation of the historic Tremé neighborhood."

Recently, HUD announced availability of FY19 Choice Neighborhoods Supplemental Grants to assist previously funded agencies in accomplishing ongoing revitalization goals. Eligible applicants must have been awarded a CNI Implementation Grant during fiscal years 2010-2016; targeted at least 300 units at the time of their original application; initiated construction on at least one phase of replacement housing; and demonstrated progress in developing their respective housing plans. HUD received seven applications for the Supplemental Grant and awarded a total of \$20 million to New Orleans and four other cities.

In 2011, HANO and the City of New Orleans were awarded a \$30.5 million CNI Grant from HUD to transform the Iberville Public Housing Development and revitalize the historic Tremé

neighborhood focusing on three core objectives – housing, people, and neighborhood. During that inaugural round of the program, New Orleans was among the first five cities in the nation to receive a CNI Implementation Grant.

The New Orleans CNI Transformation Plan requires one-for-one replacement of 821 dwelling units located at the original Iberville Public Housing Development. To date, 682 mixed-income units have been redeveloped within the new Bienville Basin Community. A grand total of 1,268 mixed-income housing units have been completed, of which 731 are counted as replacement units under the Transformation Plan.

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