



HUD Awards \$1,422,850 Jobs Plus Grant to Housing Authority of New Orleans for Harmony Oaks - Grant will increase earnings and employment of public housing residents

New Orleans, LA – The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has selected the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) to receive a Jobs Plus grant totaling \$1,422,850 to serve the Harmony Oaks community. This grant was awarded through a highly competitive national process, with only 14 awards given nationwide, and HANO being one of the distinguished recipients.

The Jobs Plus grant empowers Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) to develop localized, job-driven strategies to enhance earnings and improve employment outcomes for public housing residents. The place-based Jobs Plus program tackles poverty among public housing residents by incentivizing and enabling employment through earned income disregards for working residents, alongside a suite of services designed to support employment. These services include employer linkages, job placement and counseling, educational advancement, and financial counseling. The goal is to create a culture of work within the community by saturating the target developments with these incentives.

This is HANO's second Jobs Plus Grant. HANO Executive Director, Evette Hester, stated, "This grant will significantly impact the Harmony Oaks community by providing essential resources and support to improve employment prospects and economic outcomes for its residents."

HANO will continue to work tirelessly for its residents and strive to improve their quality of life via housing and employment opportunities.

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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 over 22,000 low-income families through its affordable housing programs. HANO also serves public housing needs for the elderly, disabled, and veterans. Visit www.hano.org to learn more.