



HANO

Housing Authority of New Orleans

AGENCY PROFILE

MISSION STATEMENT



To provide affordable housing opportunities for low-income residents of the city of New Orleans, while laying the foundation for economic sustainability.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Executive Director - Evette Hester

Board of Commissioners

Carol George Johnson, President
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HANO PORTFOLIO



- **The Estates (formerly Desire)** - 425 Units (127 Public Housing)
- **Columbia Parc (formerly St. Bernard)** - 683 Units (229 Public Housing)
- **River Garden I and II (formerly St. Thomas)** - 606 Units (182 Public Housing)
- **Harmony Oaks (formerly C.J. Peete)** - 460 Units (193 Public Housing)
- **Faubourg Lafitte and Lafitte Senior** - 465 Units (171 Public Housing)
- **Guste Homes** - 596 Units (577 Public Housing)
- **Marrero Commons (formerly B.W. Cooper)** - 410 Units (143 Public Housing)
- **Bienville Basin (formerly Iberville)** - 682 Units (227 Public Housing)
- **New Florida** - 52 Units (51 Public Housing)
- **Scattered Sites** - 85 Units (85 Public Housing)
- **William J. Fischer** - 326 Units (201 Public Housing)

QUICK AGENCY FACTS



- HANO serves approximately 22,000 low-income families.
- As of 2020, the average annual gross income of a Housing Choice Voucher household is \$13,398.
- As of 2020, the average rent payment for a public housing family is \$257 monthly.
- As of 2020, HANO serves 1,047 public housing elderly and/or disabled households.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Most of New Orleans' public housing was initially developed with the passage of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937. By the 1970s, some of the public housing units had deteriorated and were in need of renovation.

In the early 1990s, HUD introduced HOPE VI, a grant program that funded the redevelopment of distressed public housing sites into traditionally designed neighborhoods. Between 1994 and 2007, Desire (The Estates), St. Thomas (River Gardens), Fischer and C.J. Peete (Harmony Oaks) received grant funding for revitalization.

Much of HANO's housing stock was destroyed in 2005 when Hurricane Katrina devastated the city. Since then and following much controversy on plans to reconstruct New Orleans public housing sites, HANO began a massive initiative to redevelop the "Big Four" - C.J. Peete, St. Bernard, Lafitte and B.W. Cooper - along with the continuation of previously started construction activities at Desire, Fischer, St. Thomas and Guste. Most recently, the agency began the redevelopment of the Florida community and began the transformation of Iberville as part of HUD's Choice Neighborhoods Initiative. The results include newly built, mixed-income and pedestrian-oriented, safer communities with larger, modern and energy-efficient units, and an expanded HCV program.

In 2002, HANO transitioned into federal receivership under HUD. After more than a decade of federal oversight, HANO was returned to local control as a standard performer in July 2014, hired its first Executive Director, and a new HANO Board of Commissioners was appointed by Mayor Mitchell J. Landrieu. For more information visit www.hano.org.

HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

The Housing Authority of New Orleans now serves roughly 22,000 households through its HCV Program.

HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAM

HANO's Homeownership program began in May 2001 and has assisted over 500 families to become first-time homebuyers. It is one of the largest homeownership programs in the nation.

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