

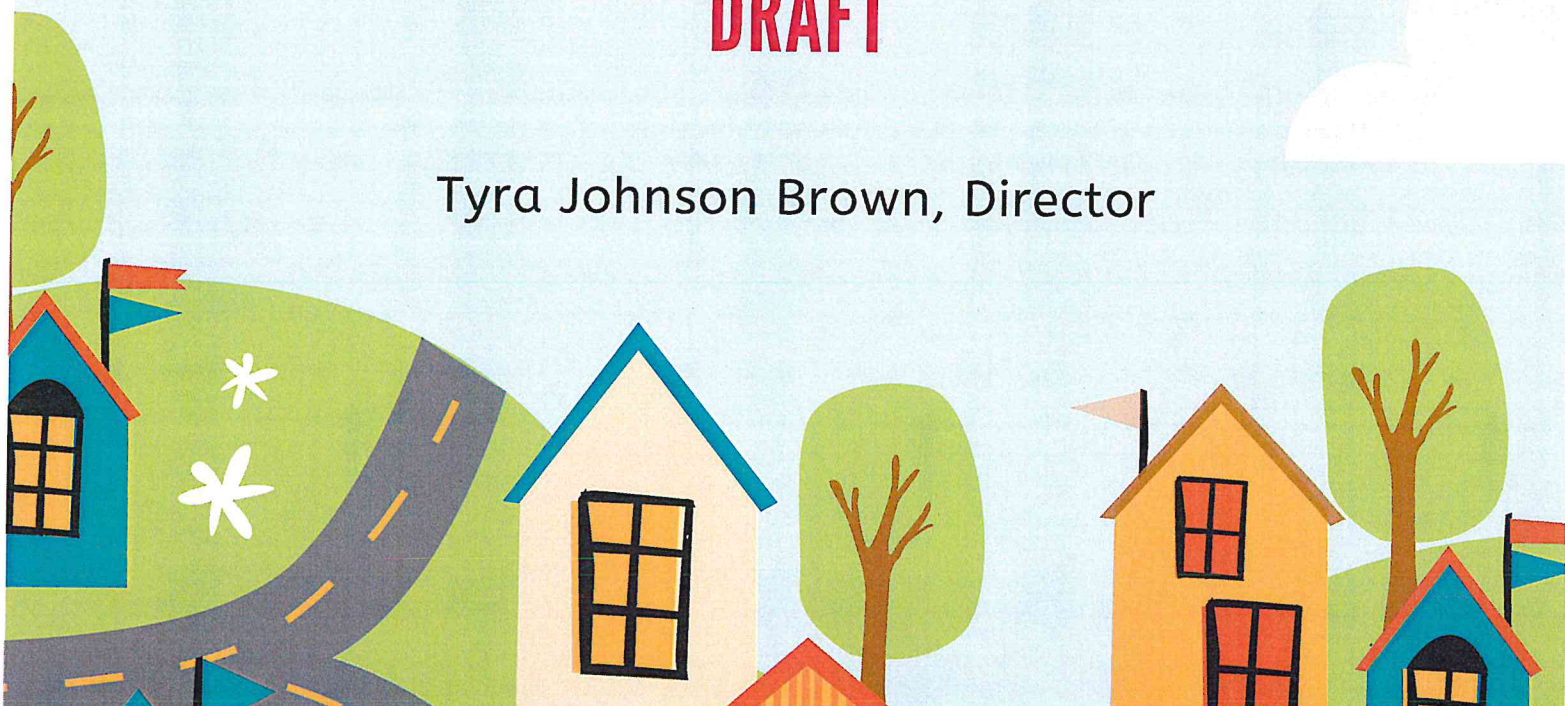
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

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2025 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN DRAFT

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Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

The mission of the Office of Housing Policy and Community Development (OCD) is to improve neighborhoods by providing decent housing options in suitable living environments, community development services, and economic opportunities to income-eligible individuals and families to improve their quality of life. OCD facilitates the development and preservation of quality housing options and community development services, through strategic investments and partnerships with public, private, philanthropic, non-profit, and resident stakeholders. The Consolidated Plan enables the City of New Orleans to utilize federal funds to improve its neighborhoods and create opportunities for its citizens. OCD's vision is where all New Orleans citizens live in vibrant neighborhoods with a range of safe, quality housing options, with access to jobs, services, and neighborhood amenities that support individuals' and families' well-being and quality of life. The Consolidated Plan is consistent with the City and HANO's 'Assessment of Fair Housing Plan (AFH) and works closely with housing and community development sub-recipients to achieve OCD's goals of building and preserving housing options initiatives and providing community development services to citizens. Mayor Cantrell has said from day one of her administration that providing quality Housing options & Community Development services and 'Meeting People Where They Are, Helping Get Them to Where They Want to Be' a Top Priority.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

The CNO-OCD continues addressing priorities, providing quality housing options and community development services to income-eligible individuals and families 2025. The goals achieved in 2024 will continue to be addressed in 2025. OCD has strengthened its partnership with housing partners that include HANO, Unity GNO, NORA, GNOHA, SLLS, FNO and Non-Profit Organizations, developing largescale quality housing option units citywide. New Orleans, like so many cities across the country continue to experience a housing option crisis, as rents continue to escalate.

To address the housing crisis, the CNO-OCD has extended the period of affordability for many projects ranging from 35 years up to 99 years. The extension of the affordability period creates neighborhood stability for residents. OCD is also working in collaboration with the Department of Safety & Permits and other CNO departments with the recent ordinance passed for the Healthy Homes Registry Program. The Healthy Homes Program will protect the health, safety and quality of life of the public, ensuring people who reside in Orleans Parish occupy safe and healthy housing.

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

The past performance evaluation of OCD's affordable housing and community development programs remained on track in 2024 and continues in 2025, providing quality housing options and community development services. OCD's Entitlement Programs remained on track in 2024 administering the following programs: Direct Homebuyer Soft-Second Mortgage Assistance Program serving 78 first-time homebuyers, Housing Options units produced 81 rental units & rental housing option units in the pipeline 1,200 for eligible-income individuals and families. In 2025, OCD will continue to review its past performance expanding a wider net to include additional organizations as Community Stakeholders.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) Process: The CNO-OCD has devised specific actions to encourage input and engagement in its housing options and community development programs. OCD's Citizen Participation Planning process is ongoing Outreach, Communication, Engagement & Input between our Community Stakeholders/Leaders and Citizens. Stakeholders and Citizens are encouraged to provide input into all aspects of the CNO's consolidated planning activities – including assessing and identifying community needs, setting priorities, establishing goals, and performance evaluations. The CNO provides a continuous platform for citizens and stakeholders to contribute information, ideas, opinions, feedback, and comments (verbal and or written) on how residents can benefit from the four (4) formula HUD grants programs. Through two (2) public hearings the City encourages citizen input on housing and community development services.

5. Summary of public comments Incomplete re-visit after 2nd Public Hearing

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

The CNO-OCD's 2025 AAP 1st Public Hearing was Tuesday April 8, 2025 - 5:30-6:30pm at the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority (NORA) 1409 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd. in the Central City neighborhood. There were 3 OCD staff members and 15 Community Stakeholders totaling 18 in attendance. A power point presentation was presented and discussion revolved around the need for more housing options, owner-occupied rehabilitation, and neighborhood economic development programs .

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

All comments and or views received are accepted and documented in detail in the 2022-2026 Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) Appendix A

7. Summary In IDIS

The CNO-OCD 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan's 'Citizen Participation Plan' (CPP) utilizes Outreach Action Items as a method for Citizen Participation as an accessible resource for Citizens to reference opportunities where they can provide input in the planning process. Citizens are provided the opportunity to participate and comment on the development of the following required plans: Consolidated Plan (Con Plan), Annual Action Plan (AAP) & Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER) reports submitted by the CNO's Office of Housing Policy and Community Development to the Federal - Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Department.

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	NEW ORLEANS	
CDBG Administrator		Office of Community Development
HOPWA Administrator		Office of Community Development
HOME Administrator		Office of Community Development
ESG Administrator		Office of Community Development
HOPWA-C Administrator		

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The City of New Orleans – Office of Housing Policy and Community Development provides housing options and community development services to income eligible individuals and families in Orleans Parish citywide.

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AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

1. Introduction

The mission of the Office of Housing Policy and Community Development (OCD) is to improve neighborhoods by providing decent housing options, suitable living environments, and community development services, particularly for income-eligible individuals and families to improve their quality of life. The Consolidated Plan enables the City of New Orleans to utilize federal funds to improve its neighborhoods, to provide housing options and community development services to citizens. OCD collaborates and coordinates continuously with an expanding list of public partners, assisted housing providers, housing options providers; private partners, governmental health, mental health, and services agencies (see 2022-2026 Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) for listed Community Stakeholders).

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction’s activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l))

The City of New Orleans (CNO) and the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) continues its collaboration and coordination efforts in addressing public, assisted housing, and housing options services with one another. OCD’s Consultation process undertakes several activities to broaden and encourage meaningful collaboration with our Stakeholders. The Consultation process provides the opportunity to cast a wide net in identifying numerous Stakeholders throughout the community as they work with OCD serving as messengers to Citizens, encouraging participation, engagement, input, and feedback in the Community Participation Plan (CPP) process. Community Stakeholders are listed in the 2022-2026 Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) (see - Appendix-A) serving as receivers throughout OCD’s Outreach Methodology Process utilized to encourage engagement, input, and feedback on how funds for the four (4) formula grants: HOME, CDBG, ESG & HOPWA should be prioritized (based on identified community need) to provide housing options and community development services to income-eligible individuals and families in the City of New Orleans. In addition OCD’s HOME Affordable Housing NOFA Application process has priority scoring for ‘Project Amenities’ which includes providing Broadband Wi-Fi to Individuals and Families addressing the narrowing digital divide. Through OCD’s NOFA process Outreach is provided to Non-Profit and For-Profit Organizations via e-mail announcing the availability of federal funding to provide affordable housing to Individual and Families. OCD does not independently consult with

broadband providers; however, OCD does participate with the provider selected by the “City” through their RFP process.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

The CNO-OCD continues its collaboration with Unity GNO and many of its sixty (60+) member agencies to determine the best means to allocate ESG funds. VIA Link continues to maintain data on the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). All providers use the same coordinated system. The homeless have access to the Community Resource and Referral Center (CRRC) which is a one-stop shop resource and day shelter that provides resource linkage based upon the homeless needs. Based on Unity of Greater New Orleans (Unity GNO) the Point -in - Time Count (PIT) for the unhoused continued to impact 1,454 unsheltered persons in 2024 and a lack of housing remains a barrier to the health, safety, well-being, employment, and education individuals and families. The Mayor’s Office of Homeless Services & Strategies (OHSS) was established to create solutions to assist the unhoused population by expanding resources, outreach methods and partnerships with Unity GNO and Travellers Aid.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

OCD’s Consultation process involves collaboration with Unity of Greater New Orleans (Unity GNO) and several of its sixty (60+) members providing unhoused individuals and families the chronically unhoused population through a Coordinated Entry System (CES). CES is a multi-step process that identifies appropriate housing and services outcome for unhoused persons in need. The goal of CES is to increase the efficiency of local response, improving fairness and ease of access to resources. This multi-faceted effort utilizing ESG funding is part of Unity’s Strategic Plan. In addition, OCD continues to collaborate with Unity of Greater New Orleans as the organization

reports data from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), designated by the Continuum of Care to comply with HUD's data collection, management, and reporting standards. The CNO-OCD releases a request for proposals through the competitive NOFA process to distribute the ESG allocation. It is publicized via advertisement in the Advocate/Times Picayune Newspaper, on City website, announced at New Orleans Interagency council meetings and emailed to all prior year sub-recipients, as well as any other agencies that express an interest.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities:

See Table - 2 All of Table – 2 in IDIS

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of New Orleans (CNO-OCD) and the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) collaborate to address the goals of providing housing options for income-eligible individuals & families. The CNO-OCD and HANO collaborate on a continuous basis through e-mails, meetings, and public hearings to work together to produce quality housing options for income-eligible individuals and families.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Unity of Greater New Orleans (Unity GNO)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-unhoused prevention
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Unhoused Needs - Chronically unhoused Unhoused Needs - Families with children

		Unhoused Needs - Veterans Unhoused Needs - Unaccompanied youth Unhoused Strategy Non-Unhoused Special Needs HOPWA Strategy Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of New Orleans (CNO-OCD) and Unity of Greater New Orleans is consulted through e-mails, public hearings, and meetings to address unhoused preventive services with added wrap-around supportive services including education, addressing unemployment, health, and social service needs, and services for special needs populations as well as, services for the Housing Opportunities for People Living with HIV/AIDS.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Louisiana Fair Housing Action Center (LaFHAC)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing Other government - State Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of New Orleans (CNO-OCD) consults the Louisiana Fair Housing Action Center (LaFHAC) through public hearings, e-mail, and meetings to address the need for quality housing options to income-eligible individuals and families in New Orleans.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (SLLS)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of New Orleans (CNO-OCD) consults Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (SLLS) through public hearings, e-mail, and meetings to address the need for quality housing options to income-eligible individuals and families in New Orleans.

5	Agency/Group/Organization	New Orleans Redevelopment Authority (NORA)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Blight Reduction
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of New Orleans (CNO-OCD) consults with the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority (NORA) through public hearings, e-mails, and meetings addressing the need for more quality housing options. NORA is a neighborhood revitalization catalyst creating opportunities to improve the lives of citizens through blight reduction, housing, and property investment, which is consistent with OCD's goals addressing neighborhood stabilization.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance (GNOHA)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of New Orleans (CNO-OCD) consults with the Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance through e-mails and public hearings to address the need for quality housing for income-eligible individuals and families in New Orleans.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

In IDIS

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care (CoC): Coordinate Entry System Policy & Procedures	Unity of Greater New Orleans Unity GNO	Unity GNO is a Non-Profit Organization coordinating community partnerships to end homelessness, leading a collaborative of over 60 Continuum of Care (CoC) agencies whose goal is to reduce and end homelessness. OCD's goal is consistent with Unity, providing CoC agencies with competitive funding to reduce and end homelessness for individuals and families.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional): The CNO-OCD collaborates with the listed Organizations throughout the year, working together to provide quality housing options and community development services to income-eligible individuals and families citywide.

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting: All Agencies are consulted.

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation
Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

Citizen Participation Plan & Outreach Methods:

The **Citizen Participation Planning** process is ongoing communication between the CNO-OCD, Citizens, Community Stakeholders, and interested groups are encouraged to provide input into all aspects of the CNO's consolidated planning activities – including assessing and identifying people/community needs, setting priorities & establishing goals, as well as, performance evaluation. The CNO provides a continuous platform for citizens to contribute information, ideas, opinions, feedback and comments (verbal and or written) on how residents can benefit from the four (4) formula HUD grants programs and provide input on how the funds can be utilized, to provide more housing and community development services.

Outreach techniques to engage citizens include public hearings (face-to-face or virtual), stakeholder meetings (face-to-face or virtual), as well as OCD's participation in the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Engagement Resource Community Fairs. OCD Outreach Methodology includes local newspaper advertisement, e-mail correspondence, individual citizen contact, and the CNO-OCD webpage:
Community Development - Home - City of New Orleans.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Or der	Mode of Outr each	Target of Outr each	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments recei ved	Summary of com ments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
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1	Public Hearing	<p>Citywide Citizens</p> <p>Minorities</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	<p>The 1st Public Hearing, was held Tuesday April 8, 2025 5:30pm-6:30pm at the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority – 1409 Oretha Castle Haley in the Central City neighborhood. There were 15 Community Stakeholders and 3 OCD staff totaling 18 people at the meeting. Community Stakeholders/Citizens in attendance, expressed their thoughts on the need for more rental assistance, due to high rent, owner-occupied rehabilitation, & economic development services</p>	<p>Comments at the 2025 AAP 1st Public Hearing revolved around high rent citywide, the need for more affordable housing, owner-occupied rehabilitation, especially for seniors, so they can remain in their homes, more economic development services, including small businesses like grocery stores in walking distance, and questions on why does it take so long to develop the largescale</p>	
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			<p>A 2nd Public Hearing will be held (Date TBA)</p> <p>Complete Summary of the 1st & 2nd 2025 AAP is included in Appendix A: Citizen Participation Plan.</p>	<p>affordable housing projects.</p> <p>All written comments are accepted and included in the Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) Appendix A.</p>		
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3	Internet Outreach	<p>Citywide Citizens</p> <p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	<p>The Draft 2025 Annual Action Plan was released June 3, 2025 for a 30 day review & comment period: June 3rd thru July 3rd 2025</p> <p>The public notice is advertised in the newspaper, CNO-OCD website, e-mailed to Community Stakeholders who act as messengers to citizens and the Main Library & Branch</p> <p>Locations and available at HANO, City Hall Lobby, OCD 10th floor lobby. Comment Forms are provided with the Draft for Citizen input: mailed to OCD-1340 Poydras St. 10th Floor NOLA 70112 or e-mailed to:</p>	<p>All comments are included in Appendix A : Citizen Participation</p>	<p>All comments are accepted.</p>	<p>Community Development - Home - City of New Orleans</p>
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Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction Narrative only in IDIS

The City will use prior year funding to support the 2025 HUD allocation amount of \$20, 656,345 to address the projects described in the AP-35 section of the Plan. The City understands the important role in providing housing options to promote stronger communities and the overall importance of creating a greater quality of life for individuals and families in Orleans parish. Through this plan, federal funding provides the City of New Orleans to build or preserve housing options that include: rental units, homeownership opportunities, owner-occupied rehabilitation, rental rehabilitation, special needs population services, unhoused prevention services, emergency

shelter services, public improvements, and job training to increase wealth and the overall quality of life in our communities in 2025

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1			Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$	
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	12,881,337	0	7,121,964	20,003,301	The City of New Orleans obligates no more than the statutory limit of 15 percent of its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds each fiscal year to public service activities and 20% to office operations and administration. The focus of CDBG funding is on youth employment, recreation, senior services, street and housing repair, and homeownership assistance. These funds will also provide the salaries for construction and Intake staff preparing work write-ups and performing property inspections and certifying program eligibility.
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance	2,727,608	0	13,516,948	16,244,556	The City in partnership with local nonprofit groups and developers - funds a wide range of activities

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		Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA							including building, buying, and/or rehabilitating affordable housing units for rent or homeownership or providing direct rental assistance to low-income residents. The 2023 Plan (ARP) \$9,474,585 are included in the expected amount of funds available during the 2022-2026 ConPlan period.
HOPWA	public - federal	Permanent housing in facilities Permanent housing placement Short term or transitional housing facilities STRMU Supportive services TBRA	3,918,651	0	3,998,734	7,917,385	0		The City utilizes these funds to assist persons affected/invested with HIV/AIDS. These services include facility-based housing, housing information services, permanent supportive housing, short term rental mortgage and utility assistance and tenant based rental assistance. The funding serves individuals/families in the Eligible Metropolitan Areas that include Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Tammany, Plaquemines, and St. John parishes
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing	1,128,749	0	1,427,671	2,556,420	0		The City serves over 1,300 individuals who are imminently homeless or living on the street by providing shelter operations, rapid rehousing

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		Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing							services, which move individuals living on the street or in emergency shelters into permanent housing, and unhoused prevention services that assist income-eligible individuals and/or families to remain housed and prevent them from living on the street.
Other	public - federal	Public Improvements	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Table 2 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied: N/A

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

Discussion: The CNO-OCD continues moving forward providing quality housing-options and community development services to income-eligible individuals and families citywide.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information 1 thru 7 in IDIS

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Public Facility	2022	2026	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Homeless Prevention Non-Housing Community Development Public Improvement and Infrastructure		Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1,875 Persons Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 1,338 Persons Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 285 Persons Assisted Jobs created/retained: 43 Jobs Businesses assisted: 0 Businesses Assisted Buildings Demolished: 87 Buildings
2	Development of New Rental Housing	2022	2026	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$14,076,328	Rental units constructed: 1,200 Household Housing Unit
3	Rehabilitate Existing Rental Housing Stock	2022	2026	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Affordable Housing		Rental units rehabilitated: 35 Household Housing Unit

4	Stabilize Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Housing Stock	202 2	202 6	Affordable Housing Homeless	Citywide	Homeless Prevention	CDBG: \$3,406,801	Owner-Occupied Rehabilitated Housing Stock: 46
5	Provide New Homebuyer Assistance	202 2	202 6	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Affordable Housing		Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 115 Households Assisted
6	Provide Homeless Prevention Assistance	202 2	202 6	Homeless	Citywide	Homeless Prevention	ESG: \$2,556,420	Homelessness Prevention: 1,623 Persons Assisted
7	Prevent Homelessness HIV/AIDS	202 2	202 6	Affordable Housing Homeless	Citywide		HOPWA: \$3,918	Housing for People with HIV/AIDS added: 285 Household Housing Unit
8	Code Enforcement Demolition	202 2	202 6	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Neighborhood Stabilization		Buildings Demolished: 87 Buildings
9	Job Training	202 2	202 6	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Job Training		Jobs created/retained: 43 Jobs
10	Public Service	202 2	202 6	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Public Service		Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 5,699 Households Assisted
11	Acquisition Rehabilitation of	202 2	202 6	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Neighborhood Stabilization	CDBG: \$1,000,000	Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 901 Household Housing Unit

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	Blighted Properties								
12	Economic Development	202	2	202	6		Citywide		

Table 2 -- Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Public Facility							
	Goal Description	The CNO-OCD continues in 2025 to provide homeless prevention, non-housing Community Development Public Improvement and Infrastructure services to individuals and families citywide.							
2	Goal Name	The CNO-OCD continues in 2025 to Develop New Rental Housing options to income-eligible individuals and families citywide, as identified in the 2016 Assessment of Fair Housing Plan.							
	Goal Description	The CNO-OCD in 2025 continues to provide quality rental housing options to individuals and families citywide, as identified as a goal in the 2016 Assessment of Fair Housing Plan'.							
3	Goal Name	The CNO-OCD in 2025 continues to Rehabilitate Existing Rental Housing Stock for income-eligible individuals and families citywide, as a goal identified in the 2016 Assessment of Fair Housing Plan.							
	Goal Description	The CNO-OCD in 2025 continues to rehabilitate existing rental housing stock for eligible individuals and families, as identified as a goal in the 2016 Assessment of Fair Housing Plan'.							

4	Goal Name	Stabilize Owner & Rental Occupied Housing Stock, as identified as a goal in the 20216 Assessment of Fair Housing Plan.
	Goal Description	The CNO-OCD in 2025 will continue to stabilize neighborhoods providing Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation and launch a small landlord Rental-Rehabilitation Program for 4-5 properties in exchange for quality housing-options rental units to rent to income-eligible individuals and families (funding availability).
5	Goal Name	Provide New Homebuyer Assistance
	Goal Description	Continue to provide in 2025, Direct Financial Assistance to First-Time Homebuyers through the CNO-OCD's Soft-Second Mortgage Program (SSMP).
6	Goal Name	Provide Homeless Prevention Assistance
	Goal Description	The CNO-OCD continues in 2025 to provide homeless prevention assistance, providing over 1,300 individuals and families citywide with Emergency Shelter, Rapid Rehousing and Homeless Prevention services.
7	Goal Name	Prevent Homelessness HIV/AIDS
	Goal Description	The CNO-OCD in 2025 continues to prevent homelessness to the HIV/AIDS population providing 285 individuals and families with housing information, tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA), permanent supportive housing (PSH), transitional housing and short-term-rental, mortgage & utilities assistance.
8	Goal Name	Code Enforcement Demolition
	Goal Description	The CNO-OCD in 2025 will continue through Code Enforcement the demolition of blighted properties in Community Development (CD) areas citywide to create neighborhood stabilization.
9	Goal Name	Job Training
	Goal Description	The CNO-OCD will continue in 2025, through Job-1 to create & retain jobs to income-eligible individuals, creating economic wealth.
10	Goal Name	Public Service
	Goal Description	The CNO-OCD in 2025 continues providing public services activities to Seniors and Youth benefiting over 5,000 people citywide.

11	Goal Name	Acquisition Rehabilitation of Blighted Properties
	Goal Description	The CNO-OCD in 2025 will continue through the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority (NORA) to maintain overgrown blighted lots, cutting grass to maintain neighborhood stabilization and create suitable living environments.
12	Goal Name	Economic Development
	Goal Description	The City of New Orleans generated program income from the programs administered as a direct result of the Katrina/Rita grant. The program income must be transferred from Community Development Block Grant- Disaster Recovery to Entitlement Community Development Block Grant. The transfer of \$5 million dollars in program income funding to the CDBG entitlement program will allow OCD to continue its mission of servicing the community based on need. Affordable housing and economic development will be the focus of the additional dollars. The funding will be utilized by OCD to dispose of Louisiana Land Trust properties through quality housing options programs such as housing reconstruction. Funds may also be utilized to stimulate economic growth with Special Economic Development programs and small business rehabilitation programs.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

The City will use prior year funding to support the 2025 HUD allocation amount of \$20, 656,345 to address the projects described in the AP-35 section of the Plan. The City understands the important role quality housing options and community development services plays in promoting vibrant neighborhoods, enhancing the quality of life for New Orleanians’ citywide. Through this plan, federal funding provides, the City of New Orleans to build and or preserve housing options rental units, homeownership opportunities, owner-occupied & rental-occupied rehabilitation services, special needs population services, homeless prevention, emergency shelter, public improvements, economic development services, assisting small businesses’, enhancing & stabilizing CD neighborhoods and provide job training to increase wealth and the overall quality of life in our communities in 2025.

(Projects 2024 AAP)

#	Project Name

Table 3 - Project Information

Projects

#	Project Name
1	OCD Program Administration and Operations
2	Public Service
3	Neighborhood Stabilization - Rehabilitation Activities
4	New Orleans Redevelopment Authority - NORA
5	Code Enforcement Activities
6	HOME Administration
7	HOME CHDO Set-Aside
8	HOME NOFA Activities
9	EGS23 New Orleans
10	2023-2026 City of New Orleans LAH23F001 (CNO):
11	2023-2026 HOPWA Brotherhood, Inc. LAH23F001(BH)
12	2023-2026 HOPWA Concerned Citizens for a Better Algiers, Inc. LAH23F001(CCFBA)
13	2023-2026 HOPWA Crescent Care LAH23F001(CC)
14	2023-2026 HOPWA Project Lazarus LAH23F001(PL)
15	Direct Homebuyer Soft Second Mortgage Program

16 2023-2026 HOPWA We Care About You

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs: Donna

Allocation priorities are based on provided HUD Tables identifying the large numbers for the need for Housing Options, as well as, input from our Community Stakeholders and Citizens from OCDs public hearings. The following are OCD's 2024 Affordable Housing Programs and Community Development Services to address these underserved needs:

Rental Housing Development: Rehabilitation/New Construction subsidies to non-profit, for-profit developers to provide affordable rental housing units citywide and targeted neighborhoods in New Orleans. Funds are awarded to non-profit organizations, qualified small and large affordable housing developers through a competitive Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) process for infill, new construction, rehabilitation, and adaptive re-use. (HOME-NHIF-CDBG).

Rental Rehabilitation Program (RRP): Consistent with the Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation's Health and Safety Program, pending funding availability a small landlords program (4-5 properties) will be implemented in exchange for housing options rental units to rent to low-moderate income individuals and families.

Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation (OOR): Assists low-income homeowners in making needed repairs to their homes to meet minimum safety standards, reduce health and safety standards and maintain independent living, to remain in their homes, providing neighborhood stabilization. (CDBG)

Homeownership Assistance: Provide Soft-Second Mortgage Assistance (SSMP) providing mortgage assistance up to \$55,000 and closing costs up to \$5,000 assistance to eligible applicants, administered through qualified lenders. (CDBG).

HOPWA Services: Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), Short-Term Rental, Mortgage & Utility Assistance (STRMU), Permanent Housing Placement, Shelter Plus Care and Assisted Living Facilities

ESG Homeless and Special Needs Populations Services: Homeless Prevention, Rapid Rehousing, Emergency Shelter (Overnight & Day), Low Barrier Shelter, Street Outreach to unsheltered providing housing information.

Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP): ERAP began in 2021 and is ongoing, continuing to assist eligible residents who are directly or indirectly affected by COVID-19.

In addition, the City utilizes both the four formula grants and the 2013 CDBG-DR funds to support

public improvement activities. The latter funds were designated for expenses related to disaster relief, recovery efforts, infrastructure, housing restoration, and economic revitalization in the areas most affected by major disasters. Below is a breakdown of the CDBG-DR Activities six (6) completed and one remaining. Allocated funding for the Hurricane Isaac Disaster: \$5,683,077 in remaining funds, with \$5,681,665 allocated for public improvements. Completed: Catch Basin Cleaning (LOW-MODERATE INCOME OBJECTIVE), Debris Removal and Monitoring (URGENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEED), City Infrastructure Permanent Work (URGENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEED), Public Services-Force Account Labor-URGENT NEED OBJECTIVE, Facility Emergency/Permanent Repairs (URGENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEED), Residential Demolitions (LOW TO MODERATE INCOME (32 UNITS) / URGENT NEED (9 UNITS) NATIONAL OBJECTIVE), IN PROGRESS: Drainage Point Repairs (LOW-MODERATE INCOME OBJECTIVE) Isaac Recovery Program Website: <https://www.nola.gov/community-development/programs-and-funding/isaac-recovery-program/>

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information from the 2024 Annual Action Plan

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AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed:

The CNO-OCD provides quality housing options and community development services citywide to income-eligible individuals and families citywide.

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Pontchartrain Park	
CENTRAL CITY	
Citywide	100%
Gerttown	
Seventh Ward	
Hollygrove	
Mid City	
BW Cooper	
St. Roch	
Lower Ninth Ward	
Riverview/Landry	
N.O. East	
Orleans Parish	
Bywater	
Treme	
New Marigny	

Table 4 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically:

The CNO-OCD continues to provide quality rental housing services Citywide, including the above Place-Based Areas (PBA), creating neighborhood stabilization & access to amenities. Many of the Place-Based Areas (PBA) are considered high Opportunity Zones (HOZ). OCD Affordable Housing NOFA has priority scoring for proposed quality rental housing options located in Place-Based Areas (PPA) & the High Opportunity Zones listed above. High Opportunity Zones (HOZ) create

quality housing options in high demand neighborhoods.

Discussion: In New Orleans, over 38,000 households of renters are cost-burdened. The City-OCD will continue its efforts to produce and preserve quality housing options through its Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) competitive process, funding Non-Profits and Developers as subrecipients, as we work together to provide quality housing services for income-eligible individuals and families citywide.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

There is a shortage of housing rental options available to income-eligible renters at or below 50% of the area median income (AMI). To address this gap a renter would need to make \$22.73 an hour to afford a two (2) bedroom housing unit at the Fair Market rate. The CNO-OCD continues to address the affordable housing crisis with the limited resources allocated and the unlimited need of individuals and families citywide.

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One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	1000
Non-Homeless	1000
Special-Needs	398
Total	2,398

Table 3 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	
The Production of New Units	1,200
Rehab of Existing Units	176
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	1,376

Table 4 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

OCD identifies housing and community development needs through a data driven process that includes statistics obtained through: The Data Center NOLA, Unity GNO, the Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance, the Louisiana Fair Housing Action Center (LAFHAC) Southeast Louisiana Legal Services, and the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority (NORA). The resources available through HUD's entitlement grants helps to address the rising rents, however there is still work to be done. The New Orleans City Council in 2023 voted unanimously to create a housing trust fund (HTF) to secure dedicated funding to bring relief to individuals' and families not able to pay the high cost of housing. The CNO-OCD will continue in 2025 to ensure access to and increase the

production of quality rental housing options for income-eligible individuals and families in Orleans parish.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) implements a variety of strategies addressing the shortage of affordable housing in the City of New Orleans (CNO) and is consistent with the CNO-OCD 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan (CP). HANO links many of the broader community affordable housing development strategies currently underway through ongoing collaboration with the CNO and Community Stakeholders. HANO's core strategies focus on maximizing housing opportunities for income-eligible individuals & families through continuous program improvements, facility management, and maintaining economic sustainability.

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

HANO has developed a Transformation Plan for the B.W. Cooper/Earhart neighborhood. This neighborhood is within close proximity to downtown and includes major thoroughfares of Earhart Boulevard, S. Carrollton Avenue, Broad Street, and M.L.K Boulevard. In the plan, HANO envisions better connectivity to downtown and the Biodistrict, as well as, additional amenities such as banks, restaurants, grocery stores, training centers, and green infrastructure, along with increased affordable, workforce, and market rate housing.

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

HANO's Resident Advisory Board (RAB) takes an active role in representing fellow tenants at established agency meetings. The RAB is involved with the review and consultation of any changes or revisions to the Agency Plan prior to HUD's approval, and implementation. The Client Services Department has a mission to promote, establish and implement programs to empower residents to become self-sufficient and to support them through opportunities for social services, education, job training, and employment. Client Services has established successful collaborations with partnering entities as well as community agencies, with the goal of assisting residents in entering the workforce, obtaining GED and college degrees, saving towards homeownership, developing entrepreneurship opportunities, as well as developing programs for prevention and awareness medical, and mental health issues that impact the community.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance: HANO is not designated as a troubled PHA

Discussion: HANO's Columbia Parc at the Bayou District Apartments, located at 1400 Milton Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70122, will be opening the waiting list for its low-income family public housing program at 9:00 a.m. (CT) on April 29, 2025, through June 30, 2025. Applications may ONLY be submitted by visiting www.columbiaparc.com/waitlist. HANO's communities include The Estates, New Florida, River Garden, William J. Fischer, Harmony Oaks, Marrero Commons, Guste Homes, Columbia Parc, Bienville Basin, and Faubourg Lafitte.

Consistent with the Data Center New Orleans, HANO reports that over 39,000 low-income persons are cost-burdened paying over 50% of their income on housing costs. The CNO-OCD continues its collaboration HANO providing Housing options and Community Development services to individuals and families in the City of New Orleans. The CNO-OCD and HANO will also continue to adhere to the Goals identified in the joint 2016 Assessment of Fair Housing Plan (AFH).

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i) Donna Put in IDIS

Introduction

Based on Unity of Greater New Orleans (Unity GNO), Homelessness in New Orleans and Jefferson Parish, 1,454 people were living on the street or sheltered during the January 2024 Point in Time Count (PiT). The CNO-OCD through its competitive NOFA process provides ESG funding to Unity of Greater New Orleans (Unity GNO) Continuum of Care (CoC) non-profit agencies to provide homeless prevention services. In addition, the Office of Housing Policy & Community Development works closely with the Office of Homeless Services & Strategies (OHSS) and Unity of Greater New Orleans (Unity GNO), closing two (2) major homeless encampments and housing 93 homeless individuals. Moving forward in 2025, OCD will continue working with OHSS and Unity GNO providing support and resources for those experiencing homelessness in the community, as well as, connecting individuals and families to help address their needs with dignity and compassion.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

The CNO-OCD and Unity of GNO, will utilize ESG Entitlement HUD grant funding, continuing to work tirelessly, placing the unhoused population from the streets into homeless preventative & supportive services. In addition, in 2023 the HOME Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP) provided funding in the amount of \$9, 474, 585 dollars to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability.

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs:

The CNO-OCD and Unity GNO's outreach process for the unhoused population continues to be conducted through the CoC Coordinated Entry System, assessing individual and family needs. Individuals and Families experiencing a housing crisis or homelessness, access the Coordinated Entry System (CES) at one of the entry points (Day Shelters & Overnight Shelters). Street Outreach conducted through ESG providers, meet the unhoused population living on the streets, providing information on the resources available to address their unhoused situation and enter an emergency shelter for further assessment. If eligible, individuals and families are prioritized for referral to CoC or ESG for Rapid Rehousing (RRH) and Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), based on length of time homeless, severity of service needs and status of required

documentation.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

With ESG funds, the CNO-OCD will continue maintaining the beds that are currently available. The overall goal is to provide a safe community environment where unhoused individuals can be engaged, connected to essential stabilization services, sheltered, and supported while they rapidly move to appropriate housing. Individuals and families with top priority are matched to CoC or ESG Rapid Rehousing (RRH) and Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) openings if available. The RRH & PSH programs then helps locate housing units and gets the individual or family within 14 days per CoC standard, resulting in Housing Success.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again:

The CNO-OCD continues its partnership with collaborating agencies to expand and or maintain emergency shelter capacity for unhoused families and other special populations. The CNO-OCD's priority is to re-house homeless individuals living on the streets or in shelters. Through HUD, the City of New Orleans provides Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and State Emergency Solutions Grant (SESG) funding to sub-recipients to provide case management services and outreach services to unhoused persons living on the streets of Orleans Parish. Through one of OCD's HOPWA sub-recipients, a staunch relationship with landlords has been established. These landlords let OCD know when openings occur for clients in need of housing. The sub-recipient, Crescent Care has a certified HQS housing specialist on staff and has all the internal processes for reviewing applications and completing payments to landlords or utility companies. Crescent Care has an array of HIV prevention programs, as well as a continuum of medical and social services including primary medical care and comprehensive supportive services such as case management, behavioral health, food programs, legal services, housing, and additional wrap-around services. OCD's HOPWA Housing Subsidy Assistance Programs include Permanent

Housing Facilities (with case managers and wrap-around services) Tenant-Based Rental Assistance, Transitional/Short-Term Facilities, and Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utility assistance. OCD's HOPWA programs improve clients' access to stable housing, healthcare, education, job readiness, mental health care, and other wrap-around services to improve their quality of life. The outreach worker and case managers develop Individual Service Plans for the homeless, which aid in meeting their needs and reaching the ultimate goal of obtaining permanent housing. ESG and SESG also fund the operation of shelters. The shelters provide case management services to their residents and assist the clients in meeting their needs (permanent housing and supportive services). Those clients who are threatened with homelessness due to an eviction or utility disconnect notices are also aided with ESG and SESG funds. These clients are eligible for homeless prevention services which include rent/utility assistance as well as legal intervention services.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

The CNO-OCD continues work with subrecipient ESG service providers utilizing the Coordinated Entry System (CES) through the Vulnerability Index Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT). VI-SPDAT is a pre-screening tool or triage, designed to be useful for the Continuum of Care's (CoC) Coordinated Entry System's and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to refer to housing options based on the individuals and families need. Moving forward with goal of economic security, the goal links homeless individuals and families with resources across local, state, and federal systems, with particular focus on locating housing and income-related benefits by developing capacity for job training among provider agencies via collaboration with the CNO's Office of Workforce Development Job-1, as well as, the private-business sector.

Discussion

The CNO-OCD continues to provide a holistic approach for ESG services to individuals and families experiencing a housing crisis or access to the CoC's Coordinated Entry System (CES) for all those seeking homeless services. Included in the CES: entry points, level of services, priority match, assessment, referral, the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and system

evaluation. Due to scarce resources, it is not guaranteed that an individual or family will be referred into a CoC program.

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

Introduction:

According to the Data Center New Orleans: <https://www.datacenterresearch.org> , many cities across the country are cost burdened due to the rising cost of rent. In New Orleans the average rent in New Orleans for a three bedroom apartment is \$1,296 a month. The CNO-OCD will continue its efforts to produce and preserve quality housing options through its Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) competitive process, funding Non-Profits and Developers as subrecipients, as we work together to provide housing options to income-eligible Individuals and Families.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

The CNO-OCD recognizes the importance of available quality housing options to assist income - eligible individuals' build financial stability and live in thriving communities with access to jobs, services, cultural activities and transportation. OCD's rental options, homeownership opportunities and owner-occupied rehabilitation programs provide income-eligible individuals with quality housing options. Through the development of the 2016 Assessment of Fair Housing Plan (AFH), the CNO and HANO addressed a multitude of barriers and have set goals in the AFH to continuing to remove these barriers.

Discussion:

The CNO-OCD will continue to remove or ameliorate the negative effects that serve as barriers to housing options. The CNO-OCD collaborated with HANO and developed the Assessment of Fair Housing Plan (AFH). Additional collaborators included: a task force of citizens, non-profit organizations, and community leaders to address the Fair Housing Act's AFFH Ruling. The New Orleans Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance (CZO) in the Master Plan, established guidelines for land use. The CNO-OCD also partnered in a broad-based initiative that produced a community-led 10-year housing plan that Housing NOLA released on December 10, 2016. This housing initiative established goals and strategies to create housing options to help strengthen investments, partnerships, and resources. The 10-year Housing NOLA Plan demonstrates how high-quality housing for individuals and families of all income levels can be provided throughout

the City <https://www.hoHousingNOLA-10-Year-Plan>

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The CNO-OCD will continue to address barriers to housing options, collaborating with non-profit organizations, for-profit developers, government agencies, semi-government agencies, foundations, and the private sector to identify additional resources to expand the availability of housing options services.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The CNO-OCD continues taking action to assist citizens seeking to become homeowners. For those seeking to purchase their first home, the Soft-Second Mortgage Program (SSMP), provides up to \$55,000 in a forgivable loan and \$5,000 to income-eligible and families. Affordable rental options will continue to produce quality rental option units for income-eligible individuals and families. In addition, the CNO-OCD will continue to provide owner-occupied rehabilitation to income-eligible individuals & families, creating neighborhood stabilization. The CNO-OCD will continue to invest and support quality housing options developments that 'meet people where they are' building a safe, healthy and sustainable community.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The CNO-OCD will continue to promote homeownership opportunities through its First-Time Homebuyer Program (Soft-Second Mortgage Program). Through the Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation (OOR) program, the CNO-OCD will continue assisting income-eligible homeowners make needed repairs to their homes to meet minimum safety standards, reduce health and safety standards and maintain independent living, to remain in their homes, providing neighborhood stabilization. Rehabilitation/New Construction subsidies to non-profit, for-profit developers to provide affordable rental housing units citywide and targeted neighborhoods in

New Orleans. Funds are awarded to non-profit organizations, qualified small and large affordable housing developers through a competitive Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) process for infill, new construction, rehabilitation, and adaptive re-use. (HOME-NHIF-CDBG). The CNO-OCD will continue to provide quality rental-options, geared towards those who are extremely low-income, ensuring that they have a place to live that is decent and affordable. In addition, OCD has plans to launch a Rental Rehabilitation Program (RRP) consistent with the Owner-Occupied Health and Safety Program. The RRP will provide grant funds to small landlords (4-5 properties), in exchange for quality rental options housing units for income-eligible individuals and families.

OCD's continued actions planned to foster & maintain affordable housing include: Lowering barriers to expanding affordable housing in high-opportunity areas through inclusive strategies, Reducing housing segregation and discrimination through education and enforcement, Advancing access and mobility for vulnerable populations, Place-Based Areas (PBA): Prioritizing public investments in transit, jobs, schools, affordable housing, parks; services and other neighborhood amenities to promote a holistic approach to quality neighborhoods for individuals & families to live, Housing that recognizes direct connections between healthy housing and quality of life, Stabilizing neighborhoods vulnerable to gentrification by preserving existing and developing; and providing reliable access to multiple transportation options for those without cars.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards:

The CNO-OCD ensures that all housing rehabilitation and repair work it administers meets the requirements of the City's Lead-Based Paint Ordinance, which is enforced by the Department of Safety and Permits and the Department of Health, and HUD's Lead-Safe Housing Regulation. OCD will continue its dialogue with the State Department of Environmental Quality which has been a resource in refining our various strategies to Lead Hazard reduction. In addition, the implementation of the Healthy Homes ordinance is one of many tools in the tool-box that will

assist in tracking the standards of rental properties. OCD housing inspectors have been trained on the New National Standards for Public Inspection of Real Estate (NSPIRE) inspections and best practice to ensure best results.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

OCD continues to address the number of poverty-level families in need of quality rental options. Material positive change of poverty-level families experiencing housing disparities and access to opportunity is addressed by providing quality housing options units in neighborhoods with access to services and amenities, transforming areas of poverty into neighborhoods of opportunity. In addition, empowering the youth, unemployed, and under-employed through the the CNO-OCD Job-1 initiatives providing valuable learning opportunities for people to gain valuable skills leading to employment, reducing the number of poverty-level families in our communities.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

Discussion:

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(l)(1,2,4)

Introduction:

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:
2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:
3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:
4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:
5. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of the preference for persons with special needs or disabilities. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(i) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).
6. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of how the preference for a specific category of individuals with disabilities (e.g. persons with HIV/AIDS or chronic mental illness) will narrow the gap in benefits and the preference is needed to narrow the gap in benefits and services received by such persons. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(ii) and 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).
7. If applicable, a description of any preference or limitation for rental housing projects. (See 24 CFR 92.253(d)(3) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)). Note: Preferences cannot be administered in a manner that limits the opportunities of persons on any basis prohibited by the laws listed under 24 CFR 5.105(a).

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

Reference 91.220(l)(4)

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)
2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.
3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).
4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR

576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

