

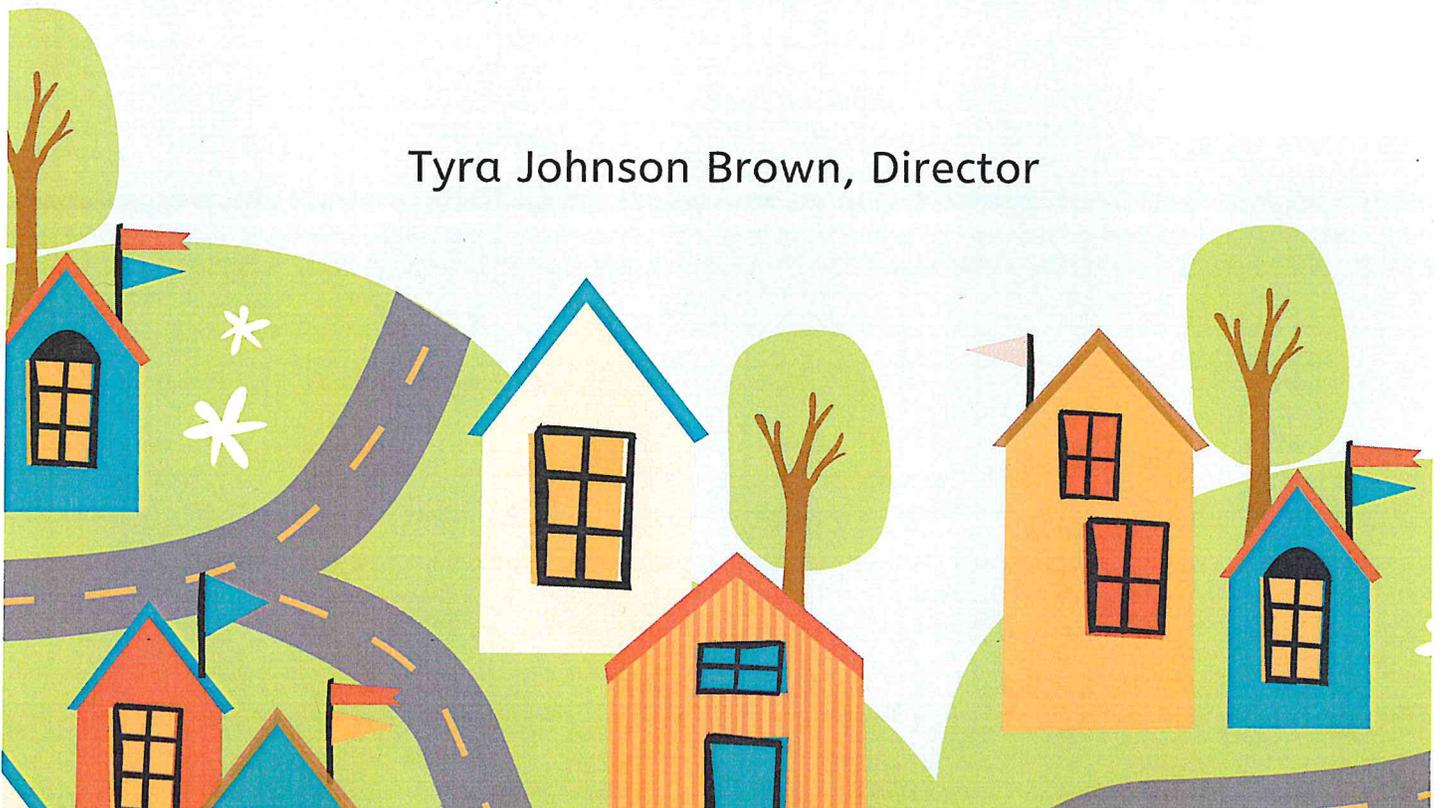
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

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2025 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

Tyra Johnson Brown, Director



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, suitable living environments, community development services, and economic opportunities for income-eligible individuals and families to improve their quality of life. The Consolidated Plan/Annual Action 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/Annual Action 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 option initiatives and community development services to citizens. Mayor Cantrell has said from day one of her administration that providing quality Housing options and Community Development services as well as, 'Meeting People Where They Are, Helping Get Them to Where They Want to Be' is 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 in 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 options 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 housing options 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 needs on how federal funds will be expended.

5. Summary of public comments

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 . The 2nd Public Hearing was June 16, 2025 was held at NORA - 1409 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd.- 5:30-6:30pm. There were 4 OCD staff and 7 Community Stakeholder totaling 11 attendance. Discussion revolved around the need for more housing options services, economic development programs, addressing the unhoused population, and tenants rights regarding evictions. A detailed summary of the 1st & 2nd public hearing comments from those in attendance are in the CPP Appendix - A.

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

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. A detailed summary of the two public hearing are placed in the Citizen Participation Plan - Appendix - A.

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)

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

City of New Orleans

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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 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 housing options 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 Travelers Aid. The 2025 Point in Time is conducted at the beginning of 2026.

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 on next page

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Housing Authority of New Orleans
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Other government - Federal Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs 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 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
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless

<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs</p>
<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>3 Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>Louisiana Fair Housing Action Center</p>
<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Housing Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Planning organization</p>
<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis</p>
<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>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.</p>

4	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p> <p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p> <p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p> <p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY</p> <p>Housing Services - Housing Planning organization</p> <p>Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Blight Reduction</p> <p>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.</p>
5	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p> <p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p> <p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p> <p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance</p> <p>Housing Planning organization</p> <p>Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis</p> <p>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.</p>
6	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>Southeast Louisiana Legal Services</p>

<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Services - Housing Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Other government - State</p>
<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis</p>
<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>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.</p>

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

The CNO-OCD consults primarily with housing & homeless prevention agencies driven by the priorities identified in the City's Consolidated Plan (CP): The CNO-OCD mission facilitates the development & preservation of quality housing and suitable living environments for eligible income persons, as well as, homeless prevention services. Other publicly funded institutions/agencies, private sector businesses are not consulted.

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Unity of Greater New Orleans	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 affordable housing and community development services to eligible individuals and families citywide. 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 housing options 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. In addition, NOLA does Consultation and Outreach via e-mail and on the website to Resilience specific agencies announcing RFP's and Public Hearings.

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

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 quality housing and community development services.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
1	Public Hearing OMB Control Nb: 2506-0117 (exp. 09/30/2021)	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish</p> <p>Persons with ...</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, & 2025 Annual Act economic development services. The 2nd</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</p>	<p>All comments are accepted and included in Appendix-</p>	

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				<p>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 . The 2nd Public Hearing was June 16, 2025 was held at NORA - 1409 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd.- 5:30-6:30pm. There were 4 OCD staff and 7 Community Stakeholder totaling 11 attendance.</p> <p>Annual Action Plan 2025 Discussion revolved around the need for more housing options services, economic development programs,</p>	16	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
3	Internet Outreach	<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 Locations and available at HANO, City Hall Lobby, OCD 10th floor lobby.Comment Forms are provided with the Draft for Citizen input: Annual Action Plan mailed to OCD-1340-2025 Poydras St. 10th Floor NOLA 70112 or e-mailed to:</p>	<p>The draft 2025 AAP is out for the 30 day review & comment period. Comments are due by July 7, 2025 and will be e-mailed to: dmpearson@nola.gov or mailed to OCD-1340 Poydras-10th Floor - NOLA 70112</p> <p>One (1) comment was received via e-mail from the LaFHAC focusing on continued resources be made available for affordable housing citywide.</p>	<p>all comments are accepted and included in the Appendix A of the Citizen Participation Plan</p> <p>17</p>	<p>Community Development - Home - City of New Orleans</p>
OMB Control Nb: 2506-0117 (exp. 09/30/2021)						

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The City will use prior year funding to support the 2025 HUD allocation amount of \$19,926,902.44 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.

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: \$		
						\$	

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: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	2,332,586.44	0.00	8,317,947.07	10,650,533.51	1,982,698.47	The City in partnership with local nonprofit groups and developers - funds a wide range of activities including building, buying, and/or rehabilitating affordable housing units for rent or homeownership or providing direct rental assistance to low-income residents.

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: \$		
HOPWA	public - federal	Permanent housing in facilities Permanent housing placement Short term or transitional housing facilities STRMU Supportive services TBRA	3,902,773.00	0.00	3,954,607.12 Annual Action Plan 2025	7,857,380.12	3,785,689.81	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

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: \$		
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	1,123,080.00	0.00	1,265,774.42	2,388,854.42	1,038,849.00	The City serves over 1,300 individuals who are imminently homeless or living on the street by providing shelter operations, rapid rehousing services, which move individuals living on the street or in emergency shelters into permanent housing, and unsheltered and unsheltered prevention services that assist income-eligible individuals and/or families to remain housed and prevent them from living on the street.

Table 5 - 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

In implementing match requirements, the HOME Program stresses the importance of leveraging Federal money with external sources, which may be private, foundation, nonprofit, and/or local dollars. OCD's Match obligation for HOME amounts to 12.5%. For HOME, the City's NHIF & Go-Bonds funds are used as a match requirement. In addition, the following can be used as a HOME Match: Cash or cash equivalents from non-Federal sources; Value of waived taxes, fees, or charges associated with HOME projects; Value of donated land or real property; Cost of infrastructure improvements associated with HOME projects; A percentage of the proceeds of single- or multifamily housing bonds issued by state, state instrumentality or local government; Value of donated materials, equipment, labor, and professional services; Sweat equity; Direct costs of supportive services to residents of HOME projects, and Direct costs of homebuyer counseling to families purchasing homes with HOME assistance.

ESG Matching funds: Sub-Recipients are required to secure matching funds in an amount equal to its ESG funding amount unless exempted on grounds of severe incapacity to provide matching funds based on information submitted in grant application. Additional points are provided to agencies contributing matching funds in excess of the required dollar for dollar match. Matching contributions may be obtained from any source, including any federal source other than the ESG program, such as CDBG, as well as State, local, and private sources.

The release of the competitive HOME & ESG Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) application includes a Match requirement. Part of the scoring criteria for NOFA applicants include: Match/Leveraging of non-federal funds, capacity & financial accountability is measured, by OCD's NOFA Technical Review Team.

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

N/A

Discussion

OCD will continue to move forward providing affordable housing and community development services to low-to-moderate-income individuals and families Citywide.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

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 Orleans Parish	Homeless Prevention Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$2,635,885.23	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 1000 Persons Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 1000 Persons Assisted
2	Development New Rental Housing	2022	2026	Affordable Housing	Citywide Orleans Parish	Affordable Rental Housing	CDBG: \$1,692,175.52	Rental units constructed: 500 Household Housing Unit Rental units rehabilitated: 500 Household Housing Unit
3	Rehabilitate Existing Rental Housing Stock	2022	2026	Affordable Housing	Citywide Orleans Parish	Affordable Rental Housing	CDBG: \$7,500,000.00	Rental units rehabilitated: 200 Household Housing Unit
4	Stabilize Rental & Owner Occupied Housing Stock	2022	2024	Affordable Housing	Citywide Orleans Parish	Neighborhood Stabilization	CDBG: \$1,000,000.00	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 200 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Provide New Homebuyer Assistance	2022	2026	Affordable Housing	Citywide Orleans Parish	Neighborhood Stabilization	CDBG: \$5,500,000.00	Homeowner Housing Added: 120 Household Housing Unit
6	Provide Homeless Prevention Assistance	2022	2026	Homeless	Citywide	Homeless Prevention Chronic Homeless	ESG: \$2,388,854.42	Homelessness Prevention: 1000 Persons Assisted
7	Prevent Homelessness HIV/AIDS	2022	2026	Homeless	Citywide Orleans Parish	Homeless Prevention	HOPWA: \$7,857,380.12	Housing for People with HIV/AIDS added: 240 Household Housing Unit
8	Code Enforcement Demolition	2022	2026	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide Orleans Parish	Neighborhood Stabilization	CDBG: \$1,000,000.00	Buildings Demolished: 240 Buildings
9	Job Training	2022	2026		Citywide Orleans Parish	Job Training	CDBG: \$50,000.00	Jobs created/retained: 160 Jobs
10	Public Service	2022	2026	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide Orleans Parish	Non-Housing Community Development Public Service	CDBG: \$2,636,885.23	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 5000 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
11	Acquisition Rehabilitation of Blighted Properties	2022	2026	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide Orleans Parish	Neighborhood Stabilization	CDBG: \$50,000.00	Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 750 Household Housing Unit
12	Economic Development	2022	2026		Citywide Orleans Parish	Affordable Rental Housing Neighborhood Stabilization	CDBG: \$250,000.00	Businesses assisted: 0 Businesses Assisted

Table 6 – 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	Development New Rental Housing
	Goal Description	The CNO-OCD in 2025 continues to provide quality rental housing options to individuals and families citywide, as identified in the CNO-HANO 2016 Assessment of Fair Housing Plan (AFH).
3	Goal Name	Rehabilitate Existing Rental Housing Stock

	Goal Description	The CNO-OCD in 2025 continues to rehabilitate existing rental housing stock for eligible individuals and families, as identified in the CNO-HANO 2016 Assessment of Fair Housing Plan (AFH).
4	Goal Name	Stabilize Rental & Owner Occupied Housing Stock
	Goal Description	The CNO-OCD continues in 2025 to provide Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation: Assisting income-eligible 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). The Rental Rehabilitation Program is to assist rental property owners in addressing substandard housing issues that may lead to displacement of at-risk populations. The program will be managed by the City of New Orleans Office of Housing Policy and Community Development.
5	Goal Name	Provide New Homebuyer Assistance
	Goal Description	The CNO-OCD continues in 2025 to provide Homeownership Assistance: 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, as identified in the CNO-HANO 2016 Assessment of Fair Housing Plan (AFH).
6	Goal Name	Provide Homeless Prevention Assistance
	Goal Description	The CNO-OCD continues in 2025 to provide homeless prevention assistance, to individuals and families citywide
7	Goal Name	Prevent Homelessness HIV/AIDS
	Goal Description	The CNO-OCD in 2025 continues to prevent homelessness to the HIV/AIDS population providing 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

	<p>The CNO-OCD in 2025 will continue through Code Enforcement demolition of blighted properties in Community Development (CD) areas citywide to create neighborhood stabilization.</p>
9	<p>Goal Name Job Training</p>
	<p>Goal Description The CNO-OCD in 2025 continues through NORD to employ youth ages 13-15 years or older for summer employment. CDBG funds will provide salaries for youth to participate in the 'Junior Camp Counselors' program. Summer youth 16-21 will participate in the 'Work and Learn' Program which includes half day working with local professionals and employers and half day vocational learning. In addition, the CNO-OCD's Job-1 creates & retains jobs for individuals to create economic wealth.</p>
10	<p>Goal Name Public Service</p>
	<p>Goal Description The CNO_OCD in 2025 continues to provide funding to the Council on Aging in Orleans Parish, a non-profit agency serving senior citizens with services that include promoting well-being, self-esteem and generating opportunity for self-reliance and independence to enhance their quality of life. In addition, NORD recreation programs for youth, including reading and math instruction, interpersonal skills training, athletic programs such as swimming, creative arts, craft sessions, and educational and cultural field trip experiences.</p>
11	<p>Goal Name Acquisition Rehabilitation of Blighted Properties</p>
	<p>Goal Description The CNO-OCD in 2025 continues through the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority (NORA) to maintain overgrown blighted lots, cutting grass to maintain neighborhood stabilization and create suitable living environments.</p>
12	<p>Goal Name Economic Development</p>
	<p>Goal Description The CNO-OCD in 2025 continues its mission of servicing the community based on need. Affordable housing and economic development will be the focus to dispose of Louisiana Land Trust properties through 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.</p>

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The City understands the important role housing plays in promoting fair housing options and the overall importance of helping low- and moderate-income New Orleanians live healthy quality lives. Through this plan, federal funding provides, the City of New Orleans to build or preserve affordable housing rental units, homeownership opportunities, owner-occupied and rental-occupied rehabilitation services, special needs population services, homeless prevention, emergency shelter, public improvements, economic development services, assisting small businesses', enhancing and stabilizing neighborhoods and provide job training to increase wealth and the overall quality of life in our communities in 2025.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	OCD Program Administration and Operations
2	Public Service
3	Neighborhood Stabilization - Rehabilitation Activities
4	New Orleans Redevelopment Authority - NORA
5	Direct Homebuyer Soft Second Mortgage Program
6	Public Facilities Improvements
7	Multifamily New Construction - Rental Units
8	HOME Administration
9	HOME CHDO Set-Aside
10	HOME NOFA Activities
11	2025-2028 City of New Orleans LAH25F001 (CNO)
12	2025-2028 HOPWA Brotherhood, Inc. LAH25F001(BH)
13	2025-2028 HOPWA Concerned Citizens for a Better Algiers, Inc. LAH25F001(CCFBA)
14	2025-2028 HOPWA CrescentCare LAH25F001(CC)

#	Project Name
15	2025-2028 HOPWA Project Lazarus LAH25F001(PL)
16	2025-2028 HOPWA We Care About You LAH24F001 (WCAY)
17	ESG25 New Orleans

Table 7 - Project Information

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

Allocation priorities are based on the 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.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

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1	Project Name	OCD Program Administration and Operations
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Job Training Public Service
	Needs Addressed	Public Service
	Funding	CDBG: \$3,514,513.84
	Description	The salaries for the administrative staff and operations of OCD.
	Target Date	12/31/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	This budget covers the Planning Unit Staff, including the personnel responsible for Financial & Fiscal Affairs, Neighborhood Services, and Facilities.
2	Project Name	Public Service
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Public Service
	Needs Addressed	Public Service
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,885,269.45
	Description	Public Service for Low to moderate income residents of New Orleans.
	Target Date	12/31/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	We will provide public services up to 5,000 low-income families and individuals.

	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Providing youth and senior citizens public service activities.
3	Project Name	Neighborhood Stabilization - Rehabilitation Activities
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Stabilize Rental & Owner Occupied Housing Stock
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Stabilization
	Funding	CDBG: \$8,500,000.00
	Description	Funding provides financial assistance to low to moderate-income individuals and families who need home repairs to meet NSPIRE's improved Housing Quality Standards. These repairs will help program participants stay in their homes and avoid displacement.
	Target Date	12/31/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Up to 300 low income individuals and families will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Health & Safety Owner - Occupied Program: will provide up to \$35,000 in assistance to qualified low-income homeowners unable to make needed repairs to their homes that maintain health and safety standards for habitation. The goal of this program is to ensure that homeowners remain in their homes and prevent displacement. The Health & Safety Owner-Occupied Program will be a collaborative effort between the Office of Community Development (OCD) and Non-Profit Partners, to better serve the citizens of New Orleans to provide quality service and satisfaction through the accuracy of work and timely delivery of completed repair.
4	Project Name	New Orleans Redevelopment Authority - NORA
	Target Area	Citywide

	Goals Supported	Code Enforcement Demolition Acquisition Rehabilitation of Blighted Properties Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Public Service
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,700,000.00
	Description	The New Orleans Redevelopment Authority (NORA), created by the State of Louisiana in 1968 as the Community Improvement Agency (CIA), is a public agency charged with blight reduction, housing, property investment, and revitalization of underinvested areas in the City of New Orleans. This is consistent with the goals of OCD addressing neighborhood stabilization and economic development.
	Target Date	12/31/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Up to 750 housing units.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	These funds will be used to implement strategies for the disposition of properties that were acquired through blight reduction efforts, neighborhood stabilization , and economic development.
5	Project Name	Direct Homebuyer Soft Second Mortgage Program
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Provide New Homebuyer Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Stabilization
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,500,000.00
	Description	This project for a First-Time Homebuyers Program is a multi-year project. First-Time Homebuyer Eligibility requirements apply.
	Target Date	12/31/2025

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Up to 200 individuals and families not exceeding 80% of the Median Family Income.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Providing soft second mortgage assistance to individuals and families who want to become first-time homebuyers.
6	Project Name	Public Facilities Improvements
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Public Facility
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvement Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,000,000.00
	Description	Public Facilities Improvements. Improvements for parks and community centers through NORDC.
	Target Date	12/31/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This activity will benefit persons who live in Orleans parish.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Improvements for parks and community center through NORDC and YWCA.
7	Project Name	Multifamily New Construction - Rental Units
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Development New Rental Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Rental Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$2,442,792.30

	Description	CDBG funds to develop senior apartments. 42 multifamily rental units for income eligible individuals/families.
	Target Date	12/31/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	42 multifamily rental units for income eligible individuals/families.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	CDBG funds to develop senior apartments. 42 multifamily rental units for income eligible individuals/families.
8	Project Name	HOME Administration
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Development New Rental Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Rental Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$233,258.64
	Description	Salaries for Staff administering the HOME-funded Housing Programs.
	Target Date	12/31/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Staff salaries
9	Project Name	HOME CHDO Set-Aside
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Development New Rental Housing Rehabilitate Existing Rental Housing Stock

	Needs Addressed	Affordable Rental Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$1,624,407.28
	Description	The HUD required HOME program CHDO set aside to address affordable rental housing and homeownership development.
	Target Date	12/31/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	12 low income individuals/families will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	To address rental housing and homeownership development.
10	Project Name	HOME NOFA Activities
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Development New Rental Housing Rehabilitate Existing Rental Housing Stock
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Rental Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$8,792,867.59
	Description	HOME funds will be used for the development of housing options in targeted neighborhoods and citywide. Eligible projects may involve the acquisition, rehabilitation, and/or new construction of rental housing units for eligible individuals/families.
	Target Date	12/31/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Citywide

	Planned Activities	HOME funds will be used for the development of housing options in targeted neighborhoods and citywide. Eligible projects may involve the acquisition, rehabilitation, and/or new construction of rental housing units for eligible individuals/families.
11	Project Name	2025-2028 City of New Orleans LAH25F001 (CNO)
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Prevent Homelessness HIV/AIDS
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention
	Funding	HOPWA: \$117,083.00
	Description	The City has determined to fund the following categories: TBRA, Facility-Based Housing Subsidy Assistance (Operating), STRMU, Permanent Housing Placement, Supportive Services, Housing Information Services, and Administration. The City is going to allocate no more than 3% of the FY2025 allocation for admin
	Target Date	12/31/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	This activity is used to fund allowable administrative costs for the project; 3% Admin
12	Project Name	2025-2028 HOPWA Brotherhood, Inc. LAH25F001(BH)
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Prevent Homelessness HIV/AIDS
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention
	Funding	HOPWA: \$2,000,000.00

	Description	The Project Sponsor contracted with the City of New Orleans to provide transitional housing and supportive services to Persons Living with HIV. The residents are low to moderate-income
	Target Date	12/31/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	low income households.
	Location Description	The 7 Eligible Metropolitan Area parishes: Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, and Plaquemines.
	Planned Activities	The city has determined to fund the following categories: TBRA, Facility-Based Housing Subsidy Assistance (Operating), STRMU, Permanent Housing Placement, Supportive Services, Housing Information Services, and Administration.
13	Project Name	2025-2028 HOPWA Concerned Citizens for a Better Algiers, Inc. LAH25F001(CCFBA)
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Prevent Homelessness HIV/AIDS
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention
	Funding	HOPWA: \$2,000,000.00
	Description	The Project Sponsor contracted with the City of New Orleans to provide transitional housing and supportive services to at least ten (10) Persons Living with HIV (PLWH), Tenant-based Rental Assistance (TBRA) for 45 PLWH, and supportive services for 55 PLWH as per the project entitled, HOPWA29, Concerned Citizens for a Better Algiers. The residents are low to moderate-income and reside in one of the 7 Eligible Metropolitan Area parishes: Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, and Plaquemines.
	Target Date	12/31/2025

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Income eligible persons
	Location Description	The 7 Eligible Metropolitan Area parishes: Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, and Plaquemines.
	Planned Activities	The Project Sponsor contracted with the City of New Orleans to provide transitional housing and supportive services to Persons Living with HIV (PLWH), Tenant-based Rental Assistance (TBRA) , and supportive services for PLWH
14	Project Name	2025-2028 HOPWA CrescentCare LAH25F001(CC)
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Prevent Homelessness HIV/AIDS
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention
	Funding	HOPWA: \$1,736,118.52
	Description	The Project Sponsor contracted with the City of New Orleans to provide Short-term Rental, Mortgage & Utility (STRMU) assistance for 75 PLWH, Permanent Housing Placement for 100 PLWH, Tenant-based Rental Assistance (TBRA) for 105 PLWH, Housing Information services, and Supportive Services for Persons Living with HIV (PLWH) as per the project entitled, NO/AIDS Task Force dba CrescentCare. The residents are low to moderate-income and reside in one of the 7 Eligible Metropolitan Area parishes: Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, and Plaquemines.
	Target Date	12/31/2025

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The Project Sponsor contracted with the City of New Orleans to provide Short-term Rental, Mortgage & Utility (STRMU) assistance for 75 PLWH, Permanent Housing Placement for 100 PLWH, Tenant-based Rental Assistance (TBRA) for 105 PLWH, Housing Information services, and Supportive Services for Persons Living with HIV (PLWH) as per the project entitled, NO/AIDS Task Force dba CrescentCare. The residents are low to moderate-income and reside in one of the 7 Eligible Metropolitan Area parishes: Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, and Plaquemines.
	Location Description	The 7 Eligible Metropolitan Area parishes: Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, and Plaquemines.
	Planned Activities	The city has determined to fund the following categories: TBRA, Facility-Based Housing Subsidy Assistance (Operating), STRMU, Permanent Housing Placement, Supportive Services, Housing Information Services, and Administration.
15	Project Name	2025-2028 HOPWA Project Lazarus LAH25F001(PL)
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Prevent Homelessness HIV/AIDS
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention
	Funding	HOPWA: \$1,684,178.60
	Description	The Project Sponsor contracted with the City of New Orleans to provide transitional housing and supportive services to at least fifty (50) Persons Living with HIV (PLWH) at Project Lazarus as per the project entitled, HOPWA30, Project Lazarus The residents are low to moderate-income and reside in one of the 7 Eligible Metropolitan Area parishes: Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, and Plaquemines.
	Target Date	12/31/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Income eligible

	Location Description	The 7 Eligible Metropolitan Area parishes: Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, and Plaquemines.
	Planned Activities	The Project Sponsor contracted with the City of New Orleans to provide transitional housing and supportive services to at least twelve (12) Persons Living with HIV (PLWH) at Project Lazarus.
16	Project Name	2025-2028 HOPWA We Care About You LAH24F001 (WCAY)
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Prevent Homelessness HIV/AIDS
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention
	Funding	HOPWA: \$320,000.00
	Description	We Care About You, LLC agrees to provide permanent housing placement (PHP) supportive services which includes, but is not limited to, receiving referrals, verifying eligibility, performing housing quality standards (HQS) inspections, making direct payments to landlords or relevant third parties for at least twenty-five (25) Persons Living with HIV (PLWH) and direct payments to utility companies for at least twenty (20) PLWH as per the project entitled, HOPWA30, We Care About You, LLC. The residents are low to moderate income and reside in one of the 7 Eligible Metropolitan Area parishes: Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, and Plaquemines.
	Target Date	12/31/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Income eligible
	Location Description	7 Eligible Metropolitan Area parishes: Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, and Plaquemines.
	Planned Activities	Provide permanent housing placement supportive services
17	Project Name	ESG25 New Orleans

Target Area	Citywide
Goals Supported	Provide Homeless Prevention Assistance
Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention
Funding	ESG: \$2,388,854.42
Description	The FY 2025 ESG allocation is utilizing no more than 60% for Emergency Shelters, Rapid Re-Housing, and Homeless Prevention. The 7.5% admin cap is \$84,231.
Target Date	12/31/2025
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activities	Engage unsheltered individuals and families living on the street, and help operate shelters

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.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Citywide	100
Orleans Parish	100

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The CNO-OCD continues to provide quality rental housing options 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 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 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 resources allocated and the need of individuals and families citywide.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	1,300
Non-Homeless	390
Special-Needs	398
Total	2,088

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	398
The Production of New Units	390
Rehab of Existing Units	362
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	1,150

Table 10 - 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 Business District, 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 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.columbiare.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.

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 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 Homeless Services & Strategies (OHSS) works closely with the Office of Community Development (OCD) 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

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

The CNO-OCD and Unity GNO's outreach process for the homeless 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 homeless population living on the streets, providing information on the resources available to address their homeless 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 and will use other resources such as private philanthropic dollars to bring additional beds to existing shelters. The overall goal is to provide a safe community environment where homeless 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 help locate housing units and get 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 homeless 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 the 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-70 HOPWA Goals

One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for:	
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family	75
Tenant-based rental assistance	150
Units provided in permanent housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	145
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	150
Total	520

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.

Discussion:

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.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The CNO-OCD will continue to address barriers to Affordable Housing, 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 affordable housing services.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Obstacles addressing the underserved needs continues in 2025: CNO-OCD's ongoing Soft-Second Mortgage has provided assistance to income-eligible new homeowners and provides affordable housing to income-eligible individuals and families through the competitive NOFA process. The CNO-OCD will continue to invest and support developments that 'meet people where they are' building a safe, healthy and sustainable community.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

OCD will continue to promote and preserve homeownership through its homebuyer development and owner-occupied housing rehabilitation program. The affordable rental program is geared toward those who are extremely low-income thus ensuring that they have a place to live that is decent and affordable. 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 affordable housing units to rent to low-to-moderate income 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

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 affordable housing. Material positive change of poverty-level families experiencing housing disparities and access to opportunity is addressed by providing affordable housing 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 Job initiatives will provide valuable learning opportunities for people to gain valuable skills which aid reducing the number of poverty-level families in our communities.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

OCD will continue striving to ensure that all entities that receive funding utilize best practices and make cost-effective development decisions in its institutional structure, which will be monitored by OCD Staff throughout the contract period. OCD will stress in all its communications the goals that the Fundamentals, Leveraging, and Outcomes measures of each project will be weighed not only during the

application and selection process but after funds are awarded. Any organization that cannot fulfill its contractual duties will lose its funding. It is also incumbent upon OCD to ensure that organizations completely comprehend what is expected of them and must make agencies aware of any training opportunities that may arise in addition to providing training on either a one-on-one basis or in periodic group sessions.

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

The CNO-OCD Citizen Participation Process (CPP) continues an open dialogue between OCD, its non-profit partners, financial institutions, for-profit organizations, other governmental entities, community stakeholders/leaders and residents by allowing everyone to understand the rationale behind the formation of priority needs, goals, and objectives to provide quality affordable housing and community development services to eligible individuals and families citywide. The limitations of city government, both financial and legal are discussed on a continuous basis. The obstacles faced by agencies charged with addressing the problems of residents will be considered when developing NOFAs and Plans. Organizations will receive training to expand their capacity and specific initiatives such as the Assessment of Fair Housing and the Housing First Approach will ensure eligible individuals and families will have access to: quality affordable housing and community development services in neighborhoods with access to services, transportation, cultural activities, jobs, recreation, grocery stores, churches, schools and other amenities.

Discussion:

The CNO-OCD will continue to address the needs of our eligible individuals and families, with quality housing options and community development services investing in and supporting developments that meet people where they are, building strong communities.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

The following information is the specific requirements for the four (4) Formula HUD Entitlement Grants: Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). The City will use 95% of HUD's New and existing homes HOME Unadjusted Median Value data for Orleans when determining subsidies for eligible first-time homebuyers. website: HOME Homeownership Value Limits-HUD Exchange

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)

A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:

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:

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:

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:

NA

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(I)(2)(vii)).

NA

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)).

NA

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).

NA

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

Reference 91.220(l)(4)

Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)

Standard policies and procedures for evaluating individuals' and families' eligibility for assistance under ESG. The City of New Orleans will contract for re-housing services aimed at households which fit the Category 1 definition of homelessness under the HEARTH Act. Providers will be expected to first target families with dependents and youth (ages 18-24) who are living on the streets of Orleans Parish. Providers are be asked to obtain required documentation, by first attempting to get third-party verification of homelessness status; the second option for verification would be a case manager verification of homelessness status; and the third option would be a self-report verification of homelessness along with a justification of the efforts made and the reasons for a lack of success in obtaining third-party or case manager verification of homelessness status, Verification of resources will also be required to determine the level of need of service applications. Households with income that are at or below 30 percent of area median income will be the primary targets for these re-housing services. Eligibility determination will take place during the intake process of the homeless service providers awarded funds to administer this program on prescribed forms developed by OCD.

If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

The Coordinated Entry System (Coordinated Entry) is a multi-step process that identifies an appropriate housing and services outcome for unhoused persons in need. The goal of Coordinated Entry 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.

Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

The City of New Orleans releases a request for proposals through the Super NOFA process for the second ESG allocation. It will be publicized via advertisement in the 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. Prospective sub-recipients will have approximately 1 month after notification to apply. The General Packet for the NOFA will include all the pertinent information contained in the new ESG guidelines and regulations, the definition, type of services and target population to be served with the funds. Copies of the proposal will be provided to the ESG review committee, who will review and score all applications. The ESG committee will forward the award recommendation to the Selection Committee who will approve the awardees based upon Staff recommendations, experience, and capacity to administer the services according to the Emergency Solutions Grant Interim Rule.

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.

Sub-recipients will be required to meet the participation requirement in § 576.405(a) which maybe a formerly homeless person on their board of directors or currently working within the organization. Sub-recipients must show proof of the participation requirement. Also, formerly homeless participation is achieved through the New Orleans Interagency Council on Homelessness Governance Committee. The NOICH has two seats for formerly homeless people.

Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

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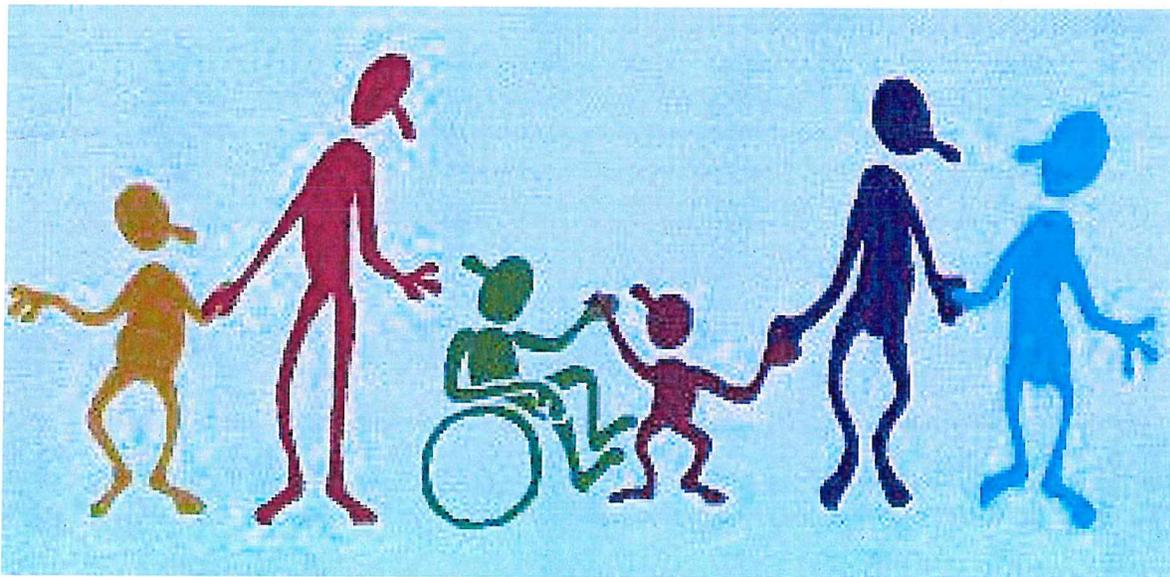
Discussion:

OCD releases the HOPWA NOFA through publishing a Public Notice in the Advocate Times-Picayune Newspaper, announcing the release of the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), for a competitive funding activity for HOPWA. The NOFA Public Notice, NOFA General Information Packet (GIP) and HOPWA Application are placed on the CNO's Website (<https://nola.gov/community-development/>) for interested HOPWA service providers, grassroots faith-based organizations and other organizations for full access to the HOPWA NOFA process. OCD holds a Technical Assistance Workshop for NOFA applicants and trains staff on how to evaluate proposals. Agencies submit applications to OCD and reviewed by OCD staff's Technical Review Team. The Technical Review Teams' evaluation and scores are submitted to OCD's Selection Committee for further review and makes their recommendation for funding to the Mayor. HOPWA Award Letters are drafted for the Mayor's signature for the awarded HOPWA service providers.

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**2022-2026 Citizen Participation Plan (CPP)
2025 Annual Action Plan**

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Introduction: The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires local government grantees to adopt a Citizen Participation Plan (CPP). The CPP reflects the City of New Orleans (CNO) compliance with HUD regulations for citizen participation in all appropriate HUD programs. The City of New Orleans - Office of Community Development (OCD), along with the engagement and input of citizens, community-based organizations, financial institutions, social service providers, and more, is developing the City's 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan (CP). The CP is a five-year (5) housing and community development plan which serves as: a planning document; an application for the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) formula grants; the 2025 Annual Action Plan (AAP) strategy used to implement HUD programs; and a Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER) that provides a basis for assessing performance. Each year, the CNO receives funding for four (4) formula grants. As a condition of receiving these allocations, the City of New Orleans must satisfy annual planning and reporting requirements outlined in HUD's federal regulations at 24 CFR Part 91.105(b). The four (4) formula grants include: the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnership Grant (HOME), the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and the Housing Opportunities for People Living with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA). The Citizen Participation Plan outlines the CNO's policies and procedures for obtaining public input in the planning and decision-making process associated with these HUD grants.

Citizen Participation Plan & Outreach Methods: The City of New Orleans (CNO) has devised specific actions to encourage participation in its affordable housing and community development programs. The **Citizen Participation Planning** process is ongoing communication between Citizens and the CNO. Stakeholders, interested groups and individuals 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, and 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. Outreach techniques to engage citizens include public hearings (face-to-face or virtual), stakeholder meetings (face-to-face or virtual), as well as OCD participation in the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Engagement Meetings. OCD Outreach Methodology includes local newspaper advertisement, e-mail correspondence, radio & television announcements, individual citizen contact, website presence including social media (Facebook, twitter, Instagram) and the CNO-OCD webpage <http://www.nola.gov/community-development/>. The **Citizen Participation Planning** process encourages all citizens to engage, provide input and feedback to the CNO's Office of Community Development. Under the guidance of HUD, federal programs are designed to **primarily** benefit "low-to-moderate income" persons, who are defined as those earning less than 80% of the area median income, requiring the CNO's Office of Community Development (OCD) to focus on obtaining maximum input and feedback from this population. Furthermore, these federal programs designed to **primarily** benefit specific populations, also identified by HUD includes minorities, limited English proficiency (LEP) (Non-English-speaking persons), Persons with disabilities, and Public Housing residents, and other low-income residents of targeted revitalization areas are **encouraged** to participate in the CPP process.

Consultation Process: In addition to the Citizen Participation Planning process requirements, HUD regulations requires the CNO to identify **Consultation** partners (categories of organizations) to **consult** with during the Consolidated Plan's (CP) development. The CNO through its **Consultation** process consults the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) regarding the process of developing and implementing the Consolidated Plan (CP), Annual Action Plan (AAP), & Consolidated Annual Evaluation & Performance Report (CAPER). Through **Consultation**, HANO is aware of activities related to the Consolidated Plan's (CP) development, as well as makes available the CNO's Consolidated Plan (CP) at their annual public hearing for the Housing Authority New Orleans (HANO) plan. Other collaborators are consulted through e-mail, telephone, and stakeholder meetings in the Consolidated Planning Process includes the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority (NORA), Louisiana Fair Housing Action Center (LAFHAC), Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance (GNOHA), Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (SLLS), Unity of Greater New Orleans (Unity GNO) and Finance New Orleans (FNO).

In addition, the City of New Orleans (CNO) and the **Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO)** enhanced its **Consultation & Coordination** efforts in addressing public housing, assisted housing, in **jointly** completing the **2016 Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH)** to HUD November 17, 2016 <http://www.nola.gov/community-development/>. In order to lay the foundation for efforts to 'Affirmatively Further Fair Housing' (AFFH), the AFH Plan addresses more than affordable housing and discrimination on the basis of race and national origin. The CNO and HANO identified barriers to access opportunity, as well as, addressing factors contributing to those disparities and these goals are consistent with OCD's Consolidated Planning process.

OCD's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) and **Consultation** process addressing affordable housing and community development needs in the CNO includes the importance of the continued collaboration of the expanding list of partners.

Ongoing collaboration through phone calls, e-mails and meetings (face-to-face & Virtual) create continued dialogue between OCD and other City departments, non-profits, service agencies, community stakeholders/leaders and citizens to discuss shared planning initiatives, addressing ways to improve upon past performance. OCD provides and obtains information from, includes, but not limited to: CNO Departments & Collaborating Agencies: The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Engagement, CNO's City Planning Commission (CPC) 'Master Plan' which provides awareness of the range of community-focused planning and development activities citywide, Code Enforcement, Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO), Louisiana Fair Housing Action Center (LAFHAC), New Orleans Redevelopment Authority (NORA), Finance Authority of New Orleans (FANO), Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (SLLS), Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC), Unity of Greater New Orleans (60+ Continuum of Care Agencies), Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance (GNOHA), CHANGE Coalition, as well as, Non-Profits and Community Development Organizations. Overall, the CNO's **Citizen Participation Plan (CPP)** and **Consultation** process is ongoing, inclusive, transparent, expansive, and fluid as a direct way to engage with Citizens, encouraging participation. Providing a wide net to include all Citizens and Stakeholders, the **Citizen Participation Plan** and **Consultation** process provides a wealth of information on community resources, encouraging engagement and input from Citizens that is incorporated in the CNO's 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan (CP), this year's 2025 Annual Action Plan (AAP), CAPER and Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) Plan (2022-2026 CPP Stakeholders & Resources List).

Outreach Action Item Methods for Citizen Participation Plan Process

The City of New Orleans (CNO) – Office of Housing Policy & Community Development (OCD) takes the following **Actions to Encourage Citizen Input**, as an integral part of the **Citizen Participation Planning**, process:

- **Draft 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan (CP)**
Stakeholder Consultation Meeting cast a wide net to the Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) Process. HUD Requirement: two (2) Public Hearings for Citizen Input & Engagement
Thirty-Day (30) Review and Comments for draft plan, at OCD, HANO, & Libraries

- **Draft 2025 Annual Action Plan (AAP)**
HUD Requirement: two (2) Public Hearings for Citizen Input & Engagement
Thirty-Day (30) review and comments for draft plan, at OCD, HANO & libraries

- **Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)**
Public Notice in local newspaper & CNO website announcing NOFA activities, requirements and application release & deadlines.

- **Draft Consolidated Application Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER)**
HUD Requirement: Fifteen-Day (15) Review Period for Citizen Input. Document is available upon request – 1340 Poydras Street – Suite 1000 – NOLA 70112

- **Public Hearings:** OCD receives **Citizen Input & Comments** during the thirty-day (30) public review and comment period for the Consolidated Plan (CP) and Annual Action Plan (AAP). A fifteen-day (15) public review and comment period for the CAPER. Public Hearing Notices are advertised in the local newspaper and placed on the CNO's OCD website for the CP and AAP: <http://www.nola.gov/community-development/>. Comments received at the public hearings are included in the final plans. Citizens requiring special assistance or in need of additional information should contact OCD at (504)658-4200. The Consolidated Plan (CP), Annual Action Plan (AAP) and Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER) are available in English, Spanish and Vietnamese upon request. Final plans are submitted to HUD and placed on the CNO website. HUD has granted waivers to perform virtual public hearings due to the outbreak of COVID-19, with 5-day comment review period to adhere to social distancing to prevent the spread of the virus.

The City of New Orleans – Office of Community Development extracts these **Outreach Action Items Methods for Citizen Participation** as an accessible resource for **Citizens** to reference opportunities where they can provide input in the planning process.

Plans & Reports Requiring the Citizen Participation Plan & Consultation Process: The City of New Orleans - Office of Community Development (OCD) provides Citizens the opportunity to participate and comment on the development of the following required plans and reports submitted to Housing and Urban Development (HUD):

The Consolidated Plan (CP): The Consolidated Plan describes the CNO's affordable housing, community and economic development priorities and multi-year goals based on an assessment of housing & community development needs, an assessment of housing & economic market condition, in addition to the availability of identified resources throughout the community. The CNO describes the housing and community development needs of the low-to-moderate income residents, outline strategies to meet these needs, listing resources available to implement those strategies. Citizens are encouraged to engage and provide input in the development of the CP, identifying priorities of affordable housing, community and economic development that is incorporated into the plan. The CP also contains five-year (5) goals based upon the CNO's needs and strategies identified; serving as the benchmark which HUD evaluates the CNO's programs performance.

The Annual Action Plan (AAP): The Annual Action Plan is the (1) one-year plan of the Consolidated Plan (CP) that serves as the CNO's annual application to HUD to receive Community Planning Development (CPD) grant funding. The AAP sets forth annual priorities, strategies, goals and project activities in support and consistent with the Consolidated Plan (CP). The AAP includes the amount of assistance the CNO receives in the form of four (4) HUD formula grants. The AAP describing specific activities and projects to be implemented during the fiscal year, as well as actions to be undertaken to achieve goals identified in the CP. OCD sets up all housing and community development activities in HUD's nationwide database, the Integrated Disbursement Information System (IDIS). IDIS provides HUD with the CNO's current information regarding program activities and funding data. OCD utilizes IDIS as a reporting system of the four (4) HUD formula grant

programs (HOME, CDBG, ESG & HOPWA), as well as, to draw down funding on all affordable housing, community and economic development activities consistent with the Consolidated Plan (CP) five-year (5) plan.

The Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER): The Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report describes the accomplishments of each project and activity undertaken during a single fiscal year; how funds were actually used and the extent to which these funds were used for activities that benefited minorities, limited English proficiency (LEP) persons, and the special-needs population, who are identified, based on HUD's income eligibility scale as being low-to-moderate income residents. The CAPER provides information on how the CNO is carrying out and meeting the performance benchmarks of housing, community and economic development strategies, projects, and activities consistent with the Consolidated Plan (CP).

The Assessment of Fair Housing Plan (AFH): The CNO and HANO's 2016 **Assessment of Fair Housing Plan** was submitted and accepted by HUD as a requirement that federal agencies and federal grantees '*Affirmatively Further Fair Housing (AFFH)*', as part of the **Fair Housing Act of 1968**. The joint effort of the CNO and HANO in developing the AFH set goals and established meaningful actions, to address combating discrimination, as well as, overcome patterns of segregation. The AFH addresses disparities in housing, transportation, education, opportunity, health, economics, as well as the quality of life for persons identified in the protected class: minorities, national origin, gender, special-needs population, sex, religion, and or limited English proficiency (LEP) persons. The CNO and HANO's AFH plan envelopes the AFFH rule which emphasizes expected reasonable material positive change in disparities of housing needs and in access to opportunity; replacing segregated living patterns with truly integrated and balanced living patterns; transforming racially or ethnically areas of poverty into areas of opportunity; fostering and maintaining compliance with civil rights and fair housing laws; as well as, access the contributing factors that limit choice and access for the CNO's low-income communities and communities of color to develop goals and strategies to overcome these factors.

Consolidated Plan Consistency: The City of New Orleans - Office of Housing Policy and Community Development provides HUD with required planning reports that are **consistent** with goals established in the Consolidated Plan. Any organization applying for funding through OCD's Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) process or applying directly to HUD for affordable housing and or community development activities funding is required to demonstrate those activities are **consistent** with the CNO's current 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan and this year's 2025 Annual Action Plan. The certification process ensures all proposed affordable housing and community development activities are **consistent** with OCD's mission statement to "*facilitate the development and preservation of quality housing, suitable living environments for persons of low-to-moderate income through strategic investments and partnerships with public, private, philanthropic, non-profit, and resident stakeholders and citizens*". The CNO's OCD plans, & reports OCD website: <http://www.nola.gov/community-development/>, and OCD – 1340 Poydras St., 10th Floor – NOLA 70112 – (504)658-4200.

Amendments to the Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan:

The CNO's Office of Community Development (OCD) will amend its 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan (CP) and or the 2025 Annual Action Plan (AAP) either **Substantial or Non-Substantial**) based on the HUD regulation (24 CFR 91.505) when:

Substantial Amendment:

1. Allocation or re-allocation of \$500,000 or greater, either Increase/ Decrease.
2. To carry out an activity not previously described in the Action Plan or deletion on an activity described in the Action Plan; and or

3. To substantially change the priorities, purpose, scope, location, eligibility criteria or beneficiaries of an activity.

Non-Substantial (Minor) Amendments:

Are changes to the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan (CP) and or this year's 2025 Annual Action Plan that do not meet criteria for substantial amendments and do not require the Citizen Participation Plan process; these changes are defined as administrative amendments. Examples of administrative amendments include grammatical and or structural edits that do not substantially change the scope or meaning of an activity and or changes in the coding and or eligibility determination of a project that does not change the scope or location of an activity.

Substantial Amendment Time Frame for Public Notice & CPP Process: A public notice announcing a proposed Substantial Amendment to the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan (CP) and or the 2025 Annual Action Plan (AAP) for a substantial change will be advertised with reasonable notice of two (2) weeks in the local newspaper and placed on the CNO's website. The public notice will include a brief description of the proposed substantial amendment and dates indicating a thirty-day (30) public comment period. Information regarding the proposed Substantial Amendment's will be made available in a format accessible to persons with disabilities, as well as, limited English proficiency (LEP) persons, upon request. Citizens are encouraged to provide input and comments written or verbal during the specified thirty (30) day public review period. OCD considers all comments or views of citizens received in writing in preparing a Substantial Amendment for the CP and or AAP. A summary of Citizens comments concerning the Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Plan and or Annual Action Plan will be summarized and attached to the amendment submitted to HUD and posted on the CNO website. All comments are accepted. In the case of any views not accepted the reasons not accepted by the CNO's OCD department will also be attached.

CPD Funds - Disaster Response & Recovery: The City of New Orleans (CNO) will address the use of grant funds in the event of a disaster to carry out recovery activities faster and reduce the amount of time needed to revise the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan, as regulated by HUD.

Disaster Response & Recovery Public Notice & Comment Period: April 9, 2020, HUD provided alternative requirements and waivers for submissions of Consolidated Plan and Action Plan substantial amendments. The City of New Orleans in responding to COVID-19, commonly known as the coronavirus has expedited procedures to include notice and reasonable opportunity to comment of no less than five (5) days. The five (5) day period can run concurrently for comments on the action plan amendments and amended citizen participation plans. A public notice with a brief description announcing a proposed Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Plan (CP) and or Annual Action Plan (AAP) for a substantial change will be advertised in the local newspaper and placed on the CNO's website. Information regarding the proposed Substantial Amendment's will be made available in a format accessible to persons with disabilities, as well as, limited English proficiency (LEP) persons, upon request. Citizens are encouraged to provide written comments during the specified five (5) day public review period. OCD considers all comments or views of citizens received in writing regarding a Substantial Amendment. A summary of Citizens comments concerning the Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Plan and or Annual Action Plan will be summarized and attached to the amendment submitted to HUD and posted on the CNO website. In the case of any views not accepted the reasons not accepted by the CNO's OCD department will also be attached.

In accordance with CDBG-DR requirements, the CNO has developed and maintains a comprehensive website regarding all disaster recovery activities, assisted with these funds. The CNO is currently posting one (1) CDBG-DR Action Plan (AP) and amendments to the CNO's website: <https://www.nola.gov/community-development/programs-and-funding/isaac-recovery-program/>, providing citizens, the opportunity to read the plan and submit comments. The website is featured prominently on and is easily navigable from the CNO's Office of Community Development Homepage: <https://www.nola.gov/community-development/>. A paper copy of the CDBG-DR Action Plan is available in English and upon request in other languages for "Individuals with Limited English Proficiency (LEP)), as well as access of the document to persons with disabilities: Office of Community Development – 1340 Poydras St., 10th Floor – NOLA 70112. A Public Notice is placed in the local CNO newspaper and website, advertised for a thirty (30) day period and comment period of at least seven (15) days as required for review of the AP and or subsequent amendments. Citizens are provided with names and addresses of the person (s) authorized to receive and respond to citizen questions and complaints concerning proposed and funded activities. A timely written response must be made to every citizen complaint, within fifteen (15) days of receipt, based on practicability.

Relocation Assistance: Affordable housing program activities funded or assisted with Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG), and/or the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, that result in the permanent displacement of low/moderate income persons through demolished or converted use other than low-income housing, will result in relocation assistance. The CNO will provide relocation services and monetary assistance to the displaced resident as identified under the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act of 1970 (amended 1974 re-named Community Development).

Access to Citizen Participation Plan, Local Meetings, and Records & Information: The Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) is available on the CNO website, OCD's office, as well as, e-mailed to Community

Stakeholders, Community Organizations, Non-Profit Organizations, Affordable Housing Developers Businesses, Faith-Based Organizations, Foundations, Philanthropic Organizations, Educational Institutions, Healthcare Agencies, Advocacy Groups, Transportation, Citizens and others. The CPP is available in a format accessible to persons with disabilities, as well as, limited English proficiency (LEP), upon request. The CPP provides citizens with information on all OCD's affordable housing and community development programs (CPP Stakeholders & Resource List Appendix A).

Public Hearings: The City of New Orleans - Office of Housing Policy and Community Development (OCD) provides citizens with reasonable notice of at least two (2) weeks, encouraging citizen attendance, engagement and input at public hearings. Notice of public hearings are publicized (date, time, & location) in the local newspaper, the CNO's website, as well as, e-mailed to a high volume of community stakeholders and the general public. At least two (2) public hearings are conducted with a thirty (30) day public comment period for the required Draft (5) five-year Consolidated Plan (CP) and Draft Annual Action Plan (AAP). In addition, OCD provides citizens with reasonable notice in the local newspaper, of at least two (2) weeks, announcing the availability to review and comment over a fifteen (15) period on the Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER). The CAPER is made available at the front desk of OCD or e-mailed to citizens upon request. Planning documents and reports are available in a format accessible to persons with disabilities, as well as, limited English proficiency (LEP) persons, upon request. HUD has granted waivers to perform virtual public hearings due to the outbreak of COVID-19, with 5-day comment review period to adhere to social distancing to prevent the spread of the virus. The CNO's Consolidated Plan (CP), Annual Action Plan (AAP), and Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER) provides citizens, public agencies, stakeholders and other interested parties a reasonable opportunity to examine its contents and to submit comments. In addition, OCD has a summary of the Consolidated Plan (CP), a Stakeholders Consolidated Plan Resource list, as well as a CP Power Point presented at public hearings for the general public to review and provide comments. The draft Consolidated Plan is also made available at the CNO's Main and Branch Libraries during the thirty (30) day comment period.

In addition, OCD announces its availability of funding for affordable housing and community development programs through its competitive Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) process. A public notice advertised in the local newspaper, in addition to the CNO's website over a thirty (30) day span announcing affordable housing and community development funded activities with information on NOFA application requirements. The NOFA is released to the public with deadline submission of applications within thirty (30) days of the first run date in the local newspaper.

To ensure public access to all records, the City of New Orleans will make the following documents available for review:

Current and previous versions of the CNO's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), Current and previous versions of the Consolidated Plan (CP), Current and previous versions of the Annual Action Plan (AAP), Current and previous versions of the Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER), and Current and previous versions of the Fair Housing Assessment Plan (AFH) (formally identified as the Analysis of Impediments Plan).

Contact the Office Housing Policy and Community Development (OCD) – Planning & Resource Development Unit – 1340 Poydras St., 10th Floor – NOLA 70112 – Monday thru Friday 9:00am-5:00pm – (504)658-4200. Requests should be made in writing to OCD or e-mailed to the attention of dmpearson@nola.gov. Allow OCD staff at least three (3) business days to respond. Information for OCD can also be found at the CNO’s website: <http://www.nola.gov/community-development/>. Additional records related to OCD’s four (4) formula HUD grant programs may be available for public review; however, it is the CNO’s duty to protect any personal information of beneficiaries. Requests for records other than those listed above will be subject to the CNO’s approval, requiring the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA): City Attorney’s Office Public Records Request.

Technical Assistance: The City of New Orleans - Office of Housing Policy and Community Development provides technical assistance to Non-profit organizations, faith-based organizations, and others, serving the very-low, low, and low-to-moderate income population of the City of New Orleans. For-profit organizations, businesses, developers, and others who state in their by-laws, an affordable housing and community development component, serving very-low, low and low-to-moderate income persons can also request technical assistance. OCD staff schedules technical assistance meetings during normal business hours. OCD staff provides technical assistance that includes discussing the criteria of the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) application. Specific technical assistance meeting request related to affordable housing, community development services and the special needs population is provided by OCD staff, in those respective departments. NOFA workshops are scheduled by OCD staff, for HOME, CDBG, ESG and HOPWA Program applicants to provide technical assistance and to answer programmatic questions during an application period. **OCD’s technical assistance process does not result in grant funding.**

Questions or technical assistance meeting request should be directed to OCD staff: (504)658-4200 or e-mail dmpearson@nola.gov. Additional information is available on the CNO website: <http://www.nola.gov/community-development/>

Non-Discrimination Policy & Complaint Review Process: The City of New Orleans – Office of Housing Policy and Community Development provides equal opportunity for services without regard to race, color, sex, national origin, gender, religion, political affiliation, disability, and or familial status. Persons who feel that they have been discriminated against by OCD staff or contracted affiliates, and or have a complaint, during the NOFA process, can contact OCD staff at (504)658-4200, e-mail dmpearson@nola.gov, or write Office of Housing Policy and Community Development- Attention Planning & Resource Development Unit – New Orleans, Louisiana 70112. All complaints must include the name and address of the person(s) filing the complaint; a description of the act or acts considered to be in violation, along with other pertinent information which will assist in the review and resolution of the complaint. Such complaints should be filed within thirty (30) days of the alleged discriminatory act. A written response issued by the Office of Community Development’s Director no later than fifteen (15) working days following the receipt of the complaint. A person who is dissatisfied with the response to the complaint, or if the response is delayed more than fifteen (15) working days, may appeal in writing to: City of New Orleans – Mayors Office – 1300 Perdido Street – 2nd Floor City Hall – New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

A written response on the disposition of the complaint will be issued by the Mayor's Office within thirty (30) days following the receipt of the complaint. If the complainant is dissatisfied with the response of the mayor, he/she may submit the complaint, in writing to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development – New Orleans Field Office - Community Planning and Development - Ms. Cheryl Breaux, Director CPD – New Orleans, Louisiana 70130 (504)671-3007

No person shall intimidate, threaten, coerce, or discriminate against any person because he/she has made a complaint, testified, assisted, or participated in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing to a complaint. Identity of complainant(s) is kept confidential, except to the extent to carry out the investigations, hearings, or judicial proceedings. The City of New Orleans – Office of Community Development makes every effort to provide courteous service to everyone, providing accurate information, along with current information on affordable housing and community development services available in the CNO.

Concluding Remarks: The City of New Orleans – Office of Housing Policy and Community Development's 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan- 2025 Annual Action Plan's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) is a pathway for all Citizens to exercise their voice and influence decisions that affect their neighborhoods in New Orleans. The Citizen Participation Planning process is more than words on paper, it is representative of New Orleans residents' expressing one vision for everyone to live in a vibrant community with a range of safe, quality housing options that are affordable, access to jobs, as well as neighborhood amenities that support everyone's quality of life.

2022-2026 Consolidated Plan – 2025 Annual Action Plan Citizen Participation Plan Stakeholders & Resource List

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- **Office of Economic Development**
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2924 St. Bernard Avenue – NOLA 70119
Vaughn Fauria, President/Executive Director
(504)615-1900 vrfauria@newcorpinc.com www.newcorpinc.com

- **HOPE Credit Union (CDFI)**
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2372 St. Claude Avenue – Suite 122 – NOLA 70117
Tsremail@asifcu.com www.asicreditunion.com
- **Whitney Bank**
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Appendix A

2022-2026 Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) 2025 Annual Action Plan (AAP)



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- ◆ Public Notice Release of the Draft 2025 AAP
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AP-12 Citizen Participation Comments

- **Documentation of the 2025 AAP 1st & 2nd Public Hearings:**
Proof of Publication: Times Picayune Newspaper 1st & 2nd Public Hearings
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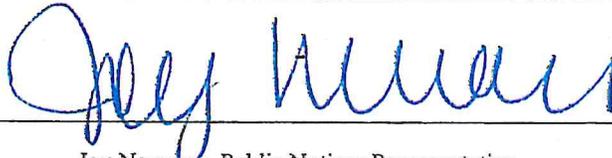
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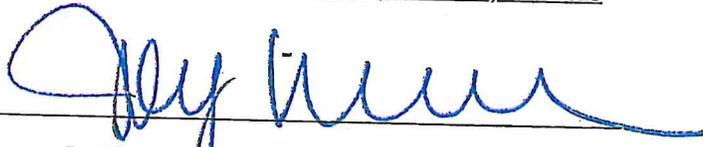
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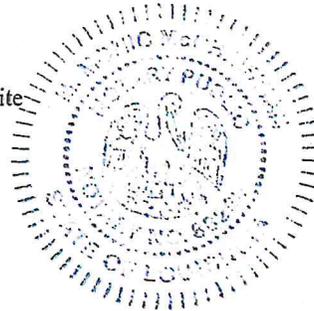


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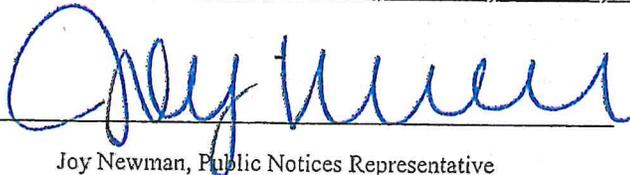
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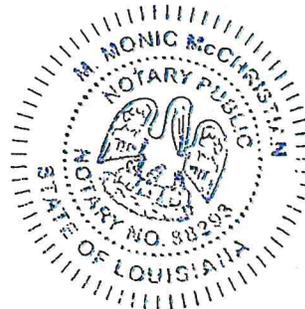


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2025 Annual Action Plan (AAP) 1st Public Hearing: Summary of public comments:

The CNO-Office of Housing Policy and Community Development conducted its 2025 AAP 1st Public Hearing, Tuesday, April 8th 2025 at the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority (NORA) 1409 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd. from 5:30-6:30pm in the Central City neighborhood. Attendance at the public hearing included fifteen (15) Community Stakeholders/Citizens and three (3) OCD staff members totaling eighteen (18) in attendance at the 1st 2025 AAP Public hearing. Ms. Angelle P. Noel, Director of Planning & Resource Development welcomed everyone and asked everyone in attendance to introduce and share information about themselves as an ice-breaker. Ms. Noel moved forward on the agenda, introducing Donna Jones Pearson, Urban Planner in the Planning & Resource Development Unit to present the 2025 AAP Power-Point Presentation. Ms. Pearson proceeded to go through the presentation sharing the mission statement that OCD facilitates the development and preservation of quality housing and suitable living environments for income eligible persons citywide. In addition, Ms. Pearson stated that OCD's vision is one where all New Orleanians live in vibrant neighborhoods with a range of safe, quality housing options, community development services with access to jobs, services and neighborhood amenities that support individuals and families' well-being and quality of life. The presentation continued with a description of the components of the Consolidated Plan(Con Plan)/Annual Action Plan (AAP) process, as well as, how the goals to provide quality affordable housing and community development services are carried out through HUD's annual funding awarded to the CNO-OCD to implement the four (4) formula grants: HUD 2025 Allocation amounts: CDBG (\$12,568,463), HOME (\$2,332,586.44), ESG (\$1,123,080) & (HOPWA \$3 Ms. Pearson emphasized the importance of citizen participation through engagement and input to add a voice in the Con Plan/AAP process on how the federal funding is spent to provide much needed quality affordable housing and community development services.

Ms. Pearson continued the power point presentation going through the 2022-2026 Con Plan/2025 AAP goals/programs which includes:

- **Rental Housing Development:** Rehabilitation New construction subsidies to non-profit and housing developers.
- **Owner Occupied Rehabilitation (OOR):** Substantial Rehabilitation, Health & Safety, Aging in Place rehabilitation subsidies to non-profits to create neighborhood stabilization.
- **Homeownership Assistance:** Soft Second Mortgage providing mortgage and closing cost assistance to eligible applicants, administered through qualified lenders – up to 55K down payment & 5K closing cost assistance.
- **Rental Assistance:** Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) for Special Needs Populations (HOPWA & Shelter-Plus Care).
- **Unhoused & Special Needs Population:** Low-Barrier Shelter, Emergency Solutions Grant, Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids, and Unhoused Prevention.

Ms. Pearson concluded her remarks informing everyone that the power point presentation with a comment form would be e-mailed for an opportunity to provide written comments to be included in the Citizen Participation Plan (Appendix- A) of the final 2025 AAP submitted to HUD. Comments for the 2025 AAP Public Hearing were due by April 22, 2025 by C.O.B to dmpearson@nola.gov. No written comments were received.

Ms. Pearson proceeded to turn the meeting over to Ms. Tyra Johnson Brown, Executive Director of Housing Policy and Community Development for a round-table questions & answers (Q&A) citizen-participation discussion on the 2025 Annual Action Plan (AAP). Ms. Brown led the discussion letting all in attendance know how vital their engagement and input is as we move forward together participating in the AAP process. The first question from a Community Stakeholder why does the HUD funding come out in 2025 instead of 2024 for the 2025 AAP. Ms. Brown addressed the question, stating that Congress releases the funds the same year as the release of 2025 AAP due date of August 16, 2025 and municipalities/jurisdictions can use previous year funds to move forward with affordable housing and community development projects. Input and engagement continued when a Community Stakeholder remarked that the funding allocations provided by HUD is not enough to address the rental housing crisis here in New Orleans. This remark sparked others in attendance to comment how it is impossible for so many people to afford rent and how some people are living in crowded conditions with family members. Ms. Brown addressed the concerns, stating that OCD has 1,200 affordable

rental units in the pipeline and that projects are held up, waiting on tax credit approvals. Discussion moved on to the need for more owner-occupied rehabilitation (OOR). Ms. Brown addressed this concern, stating that two (2) of OCD's Non-Profit organizations receive rehabilitation subsidies and are working tirelessly to complete a long waiting list of eligible applicants that have already passed the intake/property feasibility phase.

Another Community Stakeholder asked why OCD does not help small businesses to improve the overall aesthetic look of neighborhoods. Ms. Brown stated OCD's priority needs are providing quality affordable housing to eligible residents, as stated as a goal in the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan. OCD provides resources available that could help small businesses regain vitality. Ms. Brown made concluding remarks and thanked everyone for their input and engagement. Everyone exchanged pleasantries and the meeting was adjourned.

2025 Annual Action Plan (AAP) 2nd Public Hearing: Summary of public comments:

The CNO-Office of Housing Policy and Community Development conducted its 2025 AAP 2nd Public Hearing, Monday, June 16, 2025-5:30pm-6:30pm at the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority (NORA) 1409 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd. in the Central City neighborhood. Ms. Angelle P. Noel, Director Planning & Resource Development Unit welcomed all and invited everyone in attendance to introduce themselves and share information about themselves, as an ice-breaker. In attendance were seven (7) Community Stakeholders and four (4) OCD staff totaling eleven (11) in attendance. Ms. Noel turned the meeting over to Donna Jones Pearson, Urban Planner in the Planning and Resource Development Unit to present the 2025 AAP power point presentation. Ms. Pearson began the presentation by sharing the CNO-OCD's Mission & Vision statements: that OCD facilitates the development and preservation of quality housing and suitable living environments for income eligible persons citywide. In addition, Ms. Pearson stated that OCD's vision is one where all New Orleanians live in vibrant neighborhoods with a range of safe, quality housing options, community development services with access to jobs, services and neighborhood amenities that support individuals and families' well-being and quality of life. The presentation continued with a description of the components of the Consolidated Plan(Con Plan)/Annual Action Plan (AAP) process, as well as, how the goals to provide quality affordable housing and community

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Ms. Pearson turned the meeting over to Ms. Tyra Johnson Brown, Executive Director of Housing Policy and Community Development for a round-table discussion, questions and answers (Q&A) citizen-participation discussion on the 2025 Annual Action Plan (AAP):

Discussion at the 2nd Public Hearing evolved on the need for more affordable housing, owner occupied rehabilitation, rental assistance (particularly to small rental developments). Ms. Brown addressed these concerns by saying OCD continues to produce quality affordable housing with the allocated funding from HUD received annually. A second question followed, asking about the CNO-City Council's: Housing Trust Fund (HTF), particularly what it is and what is its purpose and if small rental developments are being addressed. Ms. Brown provided the following information regarding the HTF: The HTF ensures the availability of affordable housing for low- to moderate-income residents within the city, all funds maintained in the Housing Trust Fund shall be used exclusively for the following purposes:

1. Creating and preserving affordable homeownership opportunities, including but not limited to owner-occupied rehabilitation; development subsidies; homebuyer assistance; soft second assistance; foreclosure prevention; home weatherization, such as fortified roofing; and shared equity strategies.
2. Expanding the supply of affordable rental housing units, including but not limited to affordable multifamily housing financing; strategic investment, acquisition, disposition, or lease of property; and technical support.

3. Preserving affordable rental housing units to prevent the future displacement of residents, including but not limited to rental rehabilitation.

Community Stakeholders chimed in saying they would like to see more done with the HTF to address low-income individuals and families, as well as, those who are homeless. Ms. Brown stated that the Housing Trust Fund (HTF) is not the federally allocated four (4) formula entitlement grants (CDBG, HOME, ESG, & HOPWA) HUD funding awarded to the CNO-OCD annually. The City's Housing Trust Fund (HTF) is locally funded, and will reallocate 2% of the city's existing budget to provide essential gap financing for affordable housing initiatives. The HTF helps build new affordable units, preserve and rehabilitate rental properties, and support innovative models like community land trusts and foreclosure prevention. Ms. Brown made concluding remarks and thanked everyone for their attendance. Everyone exchanged pleasantries and the meeting was adjourned.

City of New Orleans
Office of Housing Policy and Community Development
2022-2026 Consolidated Plan
2025 Annual Action Plan



1st & 2nd Public Hearing Citizen Participation Form
Citizen Ranked Priority Housing & Community
Development Needs Feedback & Questionnaire Form

Citizen Ranked Priority Needs, Feedback & Questionnaire Form

The City of New Orleans is currently planning its 2025 Annual Action Plan (AAP), the 4th Year of the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan (CP). The CP is the 5-year Housing and Community Development Plan, which is the planning and application process for four formula grants: the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA). The City is required to submit to HUD, the 2025 Annual Action Plan (AAP) detailing how these federal funds will be used to address the housing and community development needs for the City of New Orleans. As a Citizen your feedback and comments are vital as we move forward providing affordable housing and community development services to the residents of New Orleans. **Please e-mail your response no later than 1st Public Hearing April 22, 2025 2nd Public Hearing: July 7, 2025 to dmpearson@nola.gov**

Office of Housing Policy and Community Development
 Planning & Resource Development Unit
 1340 Poydras Street - Suite 1000
 New Orleans, Louisiana 70112.

Citizen Participation Feedback Priority Needs Ranking & Comments

Housing Needs – Special Population: The City’s 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan (CP) - 2025 Annual Action Plan identifies the housing needs for the following populations. In the table below list up to five (5) pressing problems and recommendations to improve housing services for the Special Needs population

Special Needs Population
Mentally Challenged Individuals
Physically Challenged Individuals
Alcohol Abuse Population
Drug Abuse Population
Elderly Individuals

Housing Needs Pressing Problems for Special Needs Population	Housing Needs Recommendations for Improvements for Special Needs Population
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.

Additional Comments on Housing Needs for the Special Needs Population:

Continuum of Care Needs: The City's 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan (CP)- 2025 Annual Action Plan (AAP) identifies the following services as priority homeless needs. List in the tables below any 'gaps in services' you feel are present in CoC needs and identify your top five (5) suggestions for enhancing the current services for homeless individuals and families.

Continuum of Care Activities/Services
Emergency Shelters (24 Hours)
Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
Supportive Services (Case Management, Education, Employment Training, & Respite Care)

Continuum of Care Needs Gaps in Services: List up to five (5)
1.
2.
3.
4.
5.
Continuum of Care Enhancing Services for Homeless population: List up to five (5)
1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

Additional Comments on Continuum of Care Needs:

CDBG- Community Development Needs: The City's 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan (CP)-2025 Annual Action Plan identifies the following Activities/Services as priority community needs. Review eligible CDBG Activities/Services and rank your top five (5), listing selections in below table and provide comments and recommendations to improve community development services.

Basic Eligible Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Activities/Services

Senior Services	Youth Services
Homebuyer Programs	Infrastructure Improvements
Demolition	Code Enforcement

Public Facility Improvements	Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation
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List CDBG Activities/Services Priority Ranking from above categories	Comments & Recommendations for Improvements
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.

Additional Comments for Community Development Needs in your neighborhood:

Housing Needs: The City's 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan (CP) identifies Homeownership, Affordable Housing, and Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation as housing priority needs in the community. In the table below, rank (1=highest) the top five (5) housing priority needs in your community and provide recommendations to improve housing in New Orleans.

Housing Needs
Affordable Rental Housing
Homeownership
Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation (OOR)

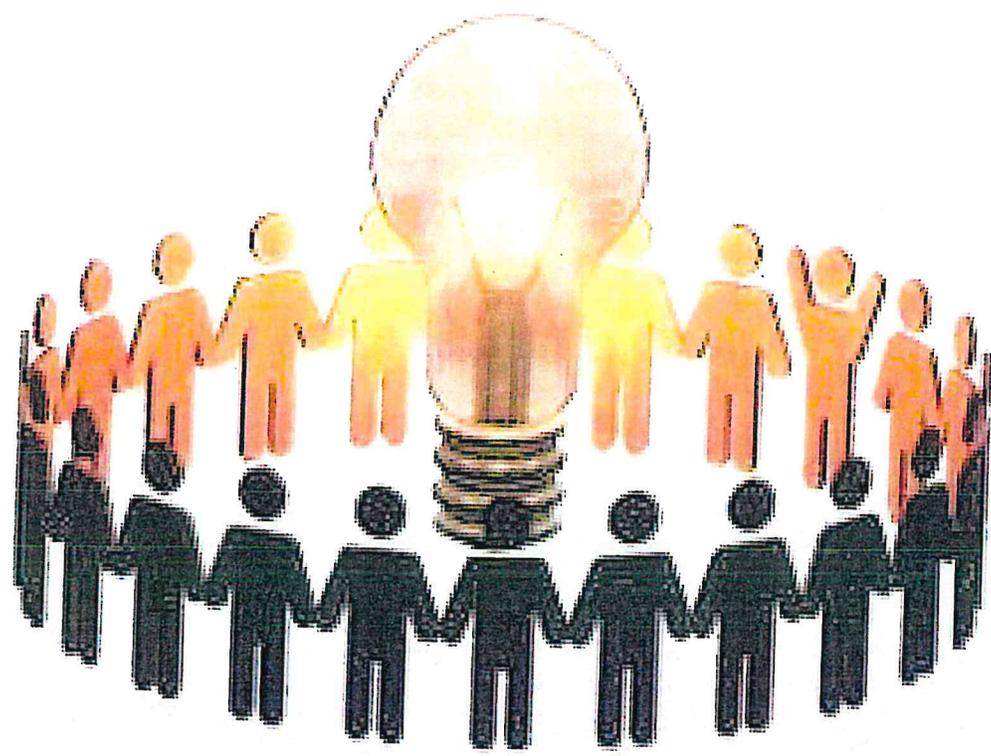
Rank Top Housing Priority Needs	Recommendations to Improve Housing
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.

Additional Comments/Feedback on how Housing & Community Development needs in your neighborhood:

Additional Feedback for the 2025 Annual Action Plan:

Thank you for your input!

Date Completed:



2022-2026 Consolidated Plan - Draft 2025 Annual Action Plan

City of New Orleans

Office of Housing Policy and Community Development

As required by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) the City of New Orleans is preparing the 2025 Annual Action Plan (AAP) for the use of federal funds. Prior to submission, the City must allow Citizens a thirty (30) day review and comment period beginning June 3rd thru July 3rd 2025 for citizen input on the Draft 2025 Annual Action Plan - CNO-OCD website: [Community Development - Topics - Public Notifications - City of New Orleans](#) and available at the following locations:

Main New Orleans Public Library 219 Loyola Avenue, (504)596-2560	Norman Meyer library 3001 Gentilly Blvd. (504)596-3100
Algiers Regional Library 3014 Holiday Drive, (504) 596-2641	Nix Public Library Branch 1401 S. Carrollton Avenue, (504)596-2630
Alvar Public Library Branch 913 Alvar Street, (504)596-2667	Robert E. Smith Library 6301 Canal Street, (504)596-2638
Mid-City Library 4140 Canal Street, (504)596-2654	Cita Dennis Hubbel Library Branch 725 Pelican Avenue, (504)366-0657
East New Orleans Regional Library 5641 Read Blvd., (504)596-0200	Nora Navra Library 1902 St. Bernard Avenue, (504)596-3118
Dr. Martin Luther King Library 1615 Fats Domino Avenue, (504)596-2695	Milton Memorial Library 5120 St. Charles Avenue, (504)596-2625
Rosa Keller Library & Community Center 4300 S. Broad Avenue, (504)596-2660	Housing Authority of New Orleans 4100 Touro Street, (504)370-3300
Office of Community Development 1340 Poydras St., Suite 1000 (504)658-4200	City Hall Lobby 1300 Perdido St., (504)658-4000

The deadline for written comments Monday July 7, 2025 by 3:00 pm, e-mailed to dmpearson@nola.gov or mailed to the Office of Community Development – 1340 Poydras Street, Suite 1000 – NOLA 70112. The final 2025 Annual Action Plan will be submitted to HUD no later than August 16, 2025.

LaToya Cantrell
Mayor

Tyra Johnson Brown
Director Housing Policy
& Community Development

Proposed Run Dates: 6/3, 6/5, 6/9, 6/11, 6/13, 6/17, 6/20, 6/23, 6/25, 6/27, 6/30, & 7/2 2025

**City of New Orleans
Office of Housing Policy and
Community Development**

Draft 2025 Annual Action Plan

Citizen Comment Form



Draft 2025 Annual Action Plan (AP)

The City of New Orleans' Office of Community Development has released the Draft 2025 Annual Action Plan (AAP), the fourth (4th Year) of the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan (CP) process for a thirty (30) day public review and comment period (June 3rd thru July 3rd 2025). The CP is the-five (5) year Housing and Community Development Plan, which is the planning and application process for four formula grants: the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA). The City is required to submit to HUD, the 2025 Annual Action Plan, detailing how these federal funds will be used to address the housing and community development needs for the City of New Orleans. As a Citizen, you are encouraged to review and provide comments below for the Draft 2025 Annual Action Plan (AAP); your feedback and comments are vital as we move forward providing affordable housing and community development services for the Citizens New Orleans. **Please e-mail your response no later than Monday July 7, 2025 by 3:00pm to dmpearson@nola.gov, Mail/ or come in person to:**

Office of Housing Policy and Community Development (OCD)

Attention: Planning & Resource Development Unit

1340 Poydras Street – Suite 1000 – NOLA 70112

OCD Office Hours Monday thru Friday 8:30am-4:30pm (504)658-4200

Please Provide Your Comments Below:

1. Prior to your review today were you familiar with the Consolidated Plan – Annual Action Plan process (yes or no). After your review do you feel you have more knowledge than before. Provide your comments below:

2. After your review of the Draft 2025 Annual Action Plan please provide us with your assessment and comments on the document, including what type of affordable housing & community development services you would like to see more of in the City of New Orleans.

Thankyou for your engagement and feedback as a Citizen reviewing and commenting on the CNO's Draft 2025 Annual Action Plan (AAP), as we continue to move forward together as One Voice, providing Affordable Housing and Community Development Services to Citizens of New Orleans!





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By Electronic Mail

Re: 2025 Annual Action Plan

Dear Ms. Brown,

Please accept the following comments from the Louisiana Fair Housing Action Center (LaFHAC) on the 2025 Annual Action Plan.

1) LaFHAC is grateful for the ongoing relationship with the Office of Community Development (OCD) both in collaboration and consultation for improved coordination around the city's Fair Housing needs, housing needs assessments, and housing market analysis. We, however, find it disappointing and alarming that the OCD's commitment to keeping their Consolidated Plan consistent with the City and HANO's "Assessment of Fair Housing Plan (AFH)" has been omitted from the Annual Action Plan's (AAP) executive summary, the description of LaFHAC's consultations on page 8, and other critical areas of the AAP. In contrast, the 2016 Assessment of Fair Housing Plan is listed consistently throughout the Goal Descriptions on page 24.

LaFHAC encourages OCD and the City of New Orleans to not only continue to follow the goals and guidance of the 2016 Assessment of Fair Housing Plan but also review and update the Assessment of the Fair Housing Plan, given the significant changes to the New Orleans housing landscape throughout COVID and into the ongoing affordable housing crisis, as well as the Trump Administration's elimination of this key provision of Fair Housing enforcement.



the public and stakeholders receive ample time to review. Otherwise it is impossible for stakeholders and residents to attend public comment sessions prepared with questions and feedback for an informed discussion and for them to have confidence that their input has been fully considered. We strongly encourage OCD to release the draft plan in advance of these meetings and to post the draft plan online to allow for more robust public comment sessions.

- 3) Like OCD, LaFHAC is thrilled with the voters' approval of the charter amendment to permanently fund New Orleans' Housing Trust Fund at the equivalent of 2% of the city's annual budget. This local investment will nearly double what the City spends on affordable housing annually and will be a benefit for all New Orleanians. Before the first mandatory allocation of approximately \$17M comes from the City Council budget process later this year, LaFHAC requests that OCD work with the City to provide a transparent snapshot of what funds are currently in the Housing Trust Fund and their intended uses. The Housing Trust Fund ballot initiative was largely successful due to the promise of transparency to the voters and residents of New Orleans, and transparency will be required to ensure funds are spent equitably and according to the uses outlined by ordinance.
- 4) LaFHAC is pleased to see the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) still listed in OCD's projects on page 29 of the AAP. OCD has publicly stated that the COVID-era federal funds covering the cost of ERAP ran out in late 2024. It remains our hope that OCD is able to secure a proper funding source to continue the ERAP program. If rental assistance is to continue through OCD, we request clear communication to the public about when and how the public can access those funds. LaFHAC and other housing organizations continue to receive calls, daily from people desperately seeking assistance with rental housing and this information is critical for housing providers, advocates and renters.

Between 2022 and 2024, LaFHAC was able to prevent evictions through our Right to Counsel program with the tremendous assistance of the ERAP program, and we know the end of this program has contributed to housing insecurity for the renters of Orleans Parish.

- 5) LaFHAC appreciates OCD's work to keep the Right to Counsel program running to reduce evictions by providing representation in court for renters since the beginning of the program in 2022.

Since the Right to Counsel program was not appropriately funded in the City Council's 2025 budget, LaFHAC asks OCD to join our commitment to finding a permanent source of funding for the Right to Counsel program to avoid underinvestment in future years and ensuring that the proper programming dollars are requested and secured by the City Council's budget season allocations.

- 6) And finally, in 2021, the OCD added an addendum to all of its contracts with rental developers that requires them to use an inclusive criminal background screening process. We ask you to please share the addendum that is currently in use, as LaFHAC would like to assist in making sure it is in compliance with the Louisiana Housing Corporation's criminal background policy. This will ensure the department is streamlining compliance for developers.

Thank you for your time and consideration of LaFHAC's concerns. I can be reached at mblossom@lafairhousing.org for any follow up questions or feedback.

Sincerely,

Monique Blossom
Director of Policy and Communications
Louisiana Fair Housing Action Center