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HANO named finalist in Choice Neighborhoods race

The "Iberville Renaissance" is one step closer to reality as HUD announced today the Housing Authority of New Orleans is one of six finalists to compete for approximately \$61 million in Choice Neighborhood Implementation (CNI) grants.

"I am extremely pleased that HUD felt we had a great vision to transform a community that is in the heart of New Orleans," said HANO Administrative Receiver David Gilmore. "We are now excited to get back to work, so that we can hopefully be selected as the final grant winner."

HUD received 119 submissions for CNI Planning Grants and 42 submissions from communities seeking CNI Implementation Grants. Successful Planning Grant applicants demonstrated their intent to transform neighborhoods by revitalizing severely distressed public or assisted housing while leveraging investments to create high-quality public schools, outstanding education and early learning programs, public assets, public transportation, and improved access to jobs and well-functioning services.

HANO and the City of New Orleans submitted the grant application to HUD earlier this year, requesting the maximum amount of \$31 million to transform the Iberville/Tremé neighborhood.

"This is an important redevelopment project for our place-based development strategy," said New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu. "Partnering with HANO on this Choice Neighborhood application offers another transformative opportunity for our citizens and replicates the great models currently at work in New Orleans."

Before beginning work on the grant however, the residents of Iberville elected a resident team to consult with development partners HRI and McCormack Baron Salazar.

The six finalists for CNI Implementation Grants have already undertaken the comprehensive local planning process and are ready to move forward with their

Transformation Plan to redevelop their target neighborhoods. After HUD publishes a second Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), the finalists will submit a more detailed application for the funding. HUD will award these grants by the end of September.

Five other cities (Boston, Seattle, Tampa, San Francisco, and Chicago) were named finalists along with HANO.

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