

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NEW ORLEANS  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 24, 2015**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-05**

**WHEREAS**, Section 901 of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations to Address Hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico, and Pandemic Influenza Act, 2006 (PL 109-148), enacted December 30, 2005, authorized Public Housing Authorities to combine the funding assistance provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Capital Funds, Operating Funds and Housing Choice Vouchers in federally declared disaster areas as the result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; and

**WHEREAS**, the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) has established a Calendar Year 2009 Section 901 Fungibility Plan (2009-901); and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 2013-47 authorized the submission of a budget revision to allocate \$13,500,000 in 2009-901 to the Lafitte Senior Building for costs associated with construction; and

**WHEREAS**, additional FEMA funds were allocated to the Lafitte Senior Building project in 2014, resulting in a surplus of 2009 Section 901 funds available to the project; and

**WHEREAS**, HUD has reviewed and approved the budget for the Lafitte Senior project; and

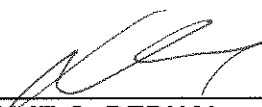
**WHEREAS**, HANO staff recommends revising the Calendar Year 2009 Section 901 Fungibility Plan to return the unallocated portion to the reserve for operations of the Housing Choice Voucher Program; and

**WHEREAS**, HANO is requesting approval to submit a budget revision to its Calendar Year 2009 Section 901 Fungibility Plan to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to reflect the reduction from \$13,500,000 to \$9,469,786.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of New Orleans authorizes the Executive Director to execute and submit the Calendar Year 2009 Section 901 Fungibility Plan revision to HUD which reduces the amount committed to Lafitte Senior Building from \$13,500,000 to \$9,469,786 and returns the remaining funds to the Housing Choice Voucher Program operations reserve.

**Executed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015**

**APPROVAL:**

  
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**DWAYNE G. BERNAL  
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



**February 24, 2015**

**MEMORANDUM**

**To: Board of Commissioners  
President Dwayne G. Bernal, Vice President Alice Riener,  
Commissioner Glen Pilié, Commissioner Toni Hackett Antrum, and  
Commissioner Vonda Rice**

**Through: Gregg Fortner  
Executive Director**

**From: Jennifer Adams  
Director, Development and Modernization**

**Re: Calendar Year 2009 Section 901 Fungibility Plan Revision**

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Section 901 of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations to Address Hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico, and Pandemic Influenza Act, 2006 (PL 109-148) provided that PHAs in the most heavily impacted areas of Louisiana and Mississippi in connection with Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and that were subject to a declaration by the President of a major disaster under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 51;21 et seq.), are eligible to combine the funding assistance provided by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Capital Funds, Operating Funds, and Housing Choice Vouchers.

The Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) combined assistance for years 2006 through 2009. These funds have made possible the enormous undertaking of the redevelopment of the "Big 4": Lafitte, BW Cooper, St. Bernard, and CJ Peete. The budget and expenditures are tracked via the Section 901 Fungibility Plan for each year of funding. At this time, only funding from calendar year 2009 remains unspent. HANO has received an extension to the expenditure deadline of these funds until June 30, 2016.

The most recently submitted Calendar Year 2009 Section 901 Fungibility Plan appropriates \$13,500,000 for the construction of the Lafitte Senior Building, which will include 70 project-based voucher units and 30 public housing units. Due to additional FEMA funds allocated to the project, the budget for the Lafitte Senior Building only requires \$9,469,786 of Section 901 funds.

HANO is required by HUD to submit a revision to the Fungibility Plan to reflect the reduction of the commitment to the Lafitte Senior project. The remaining funds will be returned to the reserve for operations of the Housing Choice Voucher Program which was the origin of the funding.

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

### Finance

The Finance Department has certified that it has reviewed the Lafitte Senior construction budget and is in agreement with revising the Fungibility Plan to reflect the reduction of the commitment and returning the unallocated portion to the reserve for operations of the Housing Choice Voucher Program.

The Board of Commissioners is hereby requested to authorize the Executive Director to execute and submit the Calendar Year 2009 901 Fungibility Plan revision to HUD which reduces the amount committed to the Lafitte Senior Building from \$13,500,000 to \$9,469,786 and returns the remaining funds to the Housing Choice Voucher Program operations reserve.