



**DISASTER MITIGATION INITIATIVE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

Allocations, Common Application, Waivers and Alternative Requirements for
Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Grantees
Further Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2018
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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 1 (NON-SUBSTANTIAL)
FOR THE UTILIZATION OF
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
MITIGATION FUNDS (CDBG-MIT)**

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A. SUMMARY OF CHANGES

This Action Plan Amendment No. 1 (APA 1) modifies the method of distribution for the Local and Regional Projects and Programs, and amends allocations to the State Projects and Programs and the Non-Federal Cost Share Assistance Program.

Per the state's Master Action Plan, Section IX(F), this APA is considered non-substantial as it does not add a CDBG-MIT Covered Project, change the benefit or eligibility criteria, add or delete an activity, reallocate more than \$25 million dollars or include a change constituting more than 25 percent of a program's budget.

B. TOTAL CDBG-MIT ALLOCATION

CDBG-MIT Program Budget				
	Previous Allocation	Change	Revised Allocation	Percent Change
Local and Regional Watershed Projects and Programs	\$ 570,666,243		\$ 570,666,243	
State Projects and Programs				
State Infrastructure and Housing	\$ 312,757,590	\$ (15,000,000)	\$ 297,757,590	-5%
State Economic Development and Resilience	\$ 15,000,000		\$ 15,000,000	
Non-Federal Cost Share Assistance	\$ 96,988,107	\$ 15,000,000	\$ 111,988,107	16%
Watershed Monitoring, Mapping, and Modeling	\$ 145,670,040		\$ 145,670,040	
Watershed Policy, Planning, and Local Capacity Assistance	\$ 24,278,340		\$ 24,278,340	
Administrative Costs	\$ 48,556,680		\$ 48,556,680	
Total Allocation	\$ 1,213,917,000	\$ -	\$ 1,213,917,000	0%

C. AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING PROGRAMS

1. Local and Regional Projects and Programs

The Local and Regional Projects and Programs as set forth in the Action Plan was to be issued in three competitive rounds.

Round 1 of the Local and Regional Projects and Programs is amended to increase the awards from \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000.

Round 2 of the Local and Regional Projects and Programs is amended to create the Design Support Program. This program is a noncompetitive subset of Round 2 for projects submitted in Round 1, which OCD determined were generally eligible for CDBG-MIT funding and above the award thresholds of Round 1, but required additional technical information to be eligible for an award under Round 1 criteria. Through the Design Support Program, a technical review panel to include members from each of the five LWI agencies will review the Round 1 submissions described above as well as the needs identified by the Watershed Regions to create a list of projects for potential funding. OCD staff will then work with the Watershed Regions and the applicants to determine which projects within the region have the highest priority. Benefits to LMI populations or households and the geographic distribution of Round 1 funds can be considered by OCD in issuing the Design Support Program awards.

2. State Projects and Programs

The State Projects and Programs consist of two programs; State Infrastructure and Housing and State Economic Development and Resilience. The State Infrastructure and Housing program's budget is reduced to \$297,757,590 due to revised projections. Sufficient funds will be available to meet program goals and grant requirements.

3. Non-Federal Cost Share Assistance Program

The Non-Federal Cost Share Assistance Program budget is increased to \$111,988,107 in order to continue to address local and state match requirements as they undertake mitigation projects as part of Hurricanes Laura and Delta (DR-4559 and DR-4570) recovery activities. Of the approximately \$176.3 million in HMGP funding committed statewide in response to Hurricanes Laura and Delta, OCD and the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) have partnered with the intent to fund the local match for the initial \$40 million in HMGP with \$15,000,000 in CDBG-MIT funds. For the remainder of the HMGP match, the state awaits news on a 2020-2021 storm-specific DR appropriation.