

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

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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT 5 (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 (APA) makes several significant funding reallocations within the Louisiana Watershed Initiative. The amendment transfers funding between programs to respond to changing priorities and implementation needs.

As explained in table 1, \$23 million is being added to the Local and Regional Watershed Projects and Programs budget to support flood mitigation projects at the local level. Additionally, several other programs are receiving changes: \$34 million is being added to the Non-Federal Cost Share Assistance program to help address local and state match requirements; \$40 million is being reduced from the Watershed Monitoring, Mapping, and Modeling program; and \$17 million is being reduced from the Watershed Policy, Planning, and Local Capacity Assistance program.

These reallocations reflect evolving priorities, with a need for additional funding in both direct local projects and cost share assistance, while completing some statewide planning activities with funds remaining unobligated.

This amendment is considered substantial because it moves more than \$25 million, or makes a change that affects more than 25 percent of a program's budget.

B. Total CDBG-MIT allocations

Negative allocation changes are shown in parentheses.

Table 1: CDBG-MIT Program Budget Showing Allocation Adjustments and Percentage Impacts

Program name	Previous allocation	Allocation change	Revised allocation	Percent change
Local and Regional Projects and Programs	\$585,666,243.00	\$23,000,000.00	\$608,666,243.00	3.93%
State Infrastructure and Housing	\$312,757,590.00	\$0.00	\$312,757,590.00	0.00%
State Economic Development and Resilience	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Non-Federal Cost Share Assistance	\$96,988,107.00	\$34,000,000.00	\$130,988,107.00	35.10%
Watershed Monitoring, Mapping, and Modeling	\$145,670,040.00	(\$40,000,000.00)	\$105,670,040.00	-27.46%
Watershed Policy, Planning, and Local Capacity Assistance	\$24,278,340.00	(\$17,000,000.00)	\$7,278,340.00	-70.02%
Administrative Costs	\$48,556,680.00	\$0.00	\$48,556,680.00	0.00%
Total allocation	\$1,213,917,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,213,917,000.00	0.00%

Negative percentages indicate budget reductions.

C. Changes to existing programs

Local and Regional Projects and Programs

This substantial amendment adds \$23,000,000 to the Local and Regional Projects and Programs budget, increasing the total allocation from \$585,666,243 to \$608,666,243. Action Plan Amendment 3 set the funding levels for Round 1 at \$130,000,000, the Design Support Program (DSP) at \$130,000,000, Round 2 at \$225,000,000, and an allocation to Region 9 at \$100,000,000. The additional funding made available in this action plan is available for any project within Round 1, DSP, or Round 2.

The funding increase will support flood mitigation projects at the local level and help address rising costs associated with these critical infrastructure projects.

The Region 9 allocation of \$100,000,000 established in APA 3 remains unchanged.

Non-Federal Cost Share Assistance

The Non-Federal Cost Share Assistance program budget is increased by \$34,000,000, from \$96,988,107 to \$130,988,107. This represents a 35.1% increase to help address local and state match requirements for mitigation projects.

Watershed Monitoring, Mapping, and Modeling

The Watershed Monitoring, Mapping, and Modeling program budget is decreased by \$40,000,000, from \$145,670,040 to \$105,670,040. This represents a 27.5% reduction as the program has completed significant portions of its initial mapping and modeling objectives.

Watershed Policy, Planning, and Local Capacity Assistance

The Watershed Policy, Planning, and Local Capacity Assistance program budget is decreased by \$17,000,000, from \$24,278,340 to \$7,278,340. This represents a 70% reduction as many of the initial planning and capacity building activities have been completed.

D. Public comments

Per the state’s initial action plan, this amendment is considered substantial as the reallocation of funds is more than \$25 million dollars and constitutes a change of 25 percent or greater of a program budget. The formal public comment period for the amendment begins June 6, 2025 and ends July 21, 2025. Citizens and organizations can comment on this amendment by:

- a) Sending a message from the [contact page of the LOCD-DR website](#).
- b) Emailing them to ocd@la.gov
- c) Mailing them to the Louisiana Office of Community Development – Disaster Recovery, P.O. Box 94095, 70804-9095, Attn: Janice Lovett
- d) Faxing them to the attention of Janice Lovett at (225) 219-9605.

The plan is available in Vietnamese and Spanish to reach the limited English proficiency citizens in the impacted areas. Citizens with disabilities or those who need other technical assistance can contact the LOCD-DR office for assistance via the methods listed above.