

DISASTER RECOVERY INITIATIVE  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Allocations, Waivers and Alternative Requirements for Grantees Receiving Community Development Block Grant  
Disaster Recovery Funds in Response to Disasters Occurring in 2016  
*The Continuing Appropriations Act, 2017, The Further Continuing and Security Assistance Appropriations Act, 2017  
and The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 (Public Law 114-223, 114-254 and 115-31)*  
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LOUISIANA OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DISASTER RECOVERY UNIT



STATE OF LOUISIANA  
SUBSTANTIAL ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 13  
FOR THE UTILIZATION OF  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS  
IN RESPONSE TO THE GREAT FLOODS OF 2016

Public Comment Period: April 1, 2019 until  
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# 1. Summary of Changes

Action Plan Amendment No. 13 (APA 13) adjusts existing program budgets and beneficiaries and creates a new program in order to address the outstanding unmet recovery needs from the Great Floods of 2016. To meet the remaining needs, the State of Louisiana is proposing the following changes:

- Establish a new affordable rental program, the *Louisiana Military Department-Affordable Rental Housing Program* (LMD-ARHP);
- Reduce the budget for the RLHP Interim Housing Assistance Program and create a budget for the Louisiana Military Department-Affordable Rental Housing Program (LMD-ARHP).

A new affordable housing recovery program is critical to the ongoing recovery of impacted communities and will help to stabilize the housing stock of the impacted areas. As a result of the proposed changes, impacted renters will receive assistance that better meets their needs based on the status of their recovery efforts, the state will better serve those economic sectors with remaining unmet needs, and the state will be better equipped to recover in a more coordinated, data-driven and resilient manner.

This APA is considered substantial as it involves the movement of \$10,000,000, creates a new program, and changes program beneficiaries.

| State of Louisiana Total CDBG-DR Allocations                                   |                     |                 |                    |
|--|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
|  | Previous Allocation | Change          | Revised Allocation |
| Total Allocation   | \$ 1,708,407,000    | -               | \$ 1,708,407,000   |
| <b>Restore Louisiana Homeowner Programs</b>                                    |                     | -               |                    |
| • Homeowner Assistance Program   | \$1,163,896,906     | -               | \$1,163,896,906    |
| • RLHP Flood Insurance Assistance Program                                      | \$ 1,000,000-       | -               | \$ 1,000,000       |
| • RLHP Interim Housing Assistance Program                                      | \$ 40,000,000       | (\$ 10,000,000) | \$ 30,000,000      |
| <b>Rental Housing, Housing Assistance and Homelessness Prevention Programs</b> |                     |                 |                    |
| • Neighborhood Landlord Rental Program   | \$ 46,947,884       | -               | \$ 46,947,884      |
| • Neighborhood Landlord Program Phase II                                       | \$ 11,000,000       | -               | \$ 11,000,000      |
| • Multifamily Rental Gap Program   | \$ 22,515,518       | -               | \$ 22,515,518      |
| • Piggyback Program  | \$ 79,756,303       | -               | \$ 79,756,303      |
| • Permanent Supportive Housing Program   | \$ 5,000,000        | -               | \$ 5,000,000       |
| • Rapid Rehousing Program  | \$ 21,000,000       | -               | \$ 21,000,000      |
| • Resilient and Mixed Income Piggyback Program                                 | \$ 34,810,709       | -               | \$ 34,810,709      |
| • Neighborhood Stabilization Housing Initiative                                | \$ 10,000,000       | -               | \$ 10,000,000      |
| • Soft Second Program  | \$ 6,000,000        | -               | \$ 6,000,000       |
| • Safe Haven Program   | \$ 4,000,000        | -               | \$ 4,000,000       |
| • Louisiana Military Department-Affordable Rental Housing Program (LMD-ARHP)   |                     | \$10,000,000    | \$10,000,000       |
| <b>Restore Louisiana Economic Recovery and Revitalization Programs</b>         |                     | -               |                    |
| • Small Business Loan Program  | \$ 41,200,000       | -               | \$ 41,200,000      |

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|---|----------------|---|----------------|
| • Small Business Technical Assistance Program | \$ 200,000     | - | \$ 200,000     |
| • Farm Recovery Program                       | \$ 20,000,000  | - | \$ 20,000,000  |
| Infrastructure Program (FEMA Match)           | \$ 115,000,000 | - | \$ 115,000,000 |
| First Responders Public Services Program      | \$ 8,000,000   | - | \$ 8,000,000   |
| Watershed Modeling and Planning               | \$16,600,800   | - | \$16,600,800   |
| Regional Capacity Building Grant              | \$ 3,200,000-  | - | \$ 3,200,000   |
| Administration and Other Planning Expenses    | \$ 58,278,880  | - | \$ 58,278,880  |

## 2. Proposed Use of Funds

### Interim Housing Assistance Program

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|--------------------------------|---|
| <b>Eligible Activity</b>       | <b>Interim mortgage assistance, Rental assistance to displaced homeowners, HCDA Sections 105(a)(8), FR-5989-N-01, 81 FR 83254</b> |
| <b>National Objective</b>      | <b>Benefit to low-to-moderate income persons and urgent need</b>  |
| <b>Previous Program Budget</b> | <b>\$40,000,000</b>   |
| <b>Budget Change</b>           | <b>-\$10,000,000</b>  |
| <b>Revised Program Budget</b>  | <b>\$30,000,000</b>   |

**Budget change summary:** As created in the Action Plan 11, the RLHP Interim Housing Assistance Program is decreased by \$10M because of undersubscription. The revised budget is projected to cover all current and future needs. The survey and application periods for applicants in all tiers have been completed and the total homeowner applicant population has been identified. Moreover, the closing deadline was January 17, 2020, so the entire population of participating homeowners is identified.

### Louisiana Military Department-Affordable Rental Housing Program (LMD-ARHP)

**Program Summary:** This program will create new affordable multi-family rental housing for Louisiana’s National Guard and Military Department located at or near Camp Beauregard in Pineville, Louisiana. This program will address the long-term housing recovery needs of Low-to-Moderate Income Louisiana military personnel and their families in flood impacted Rapides Parish. With affordable housing always in demand in the flood impacted communities, this program is similar in its goals to the Flood Piggyback Program and Flood Resilient Mixed-Income Piggyback Program in that it seeks to rehabilitate or construct quality affordable housing stock so desperately needed by LMI individuals and families in all flood impacted communities. These newly constructed ‘on-base’ LMI rental units will also free up ‘off-base’ affordable rental units formerly occupied by military members, thus further expanding the affordable rental housing stock.

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| <b>Eligible Activity</b>  | <b>HCDA Sections 105(a)(4), Clearance, demolition, removal, reconstruction, and rehabilitation of buildings and improvements</b> |
| <b>National Objective</b> | <b>Benefit to low-to-moderate income persons and urgent need</b>   |
| <b>Program Budget</b>     | <b>\$10,000,000</b>  |

**Administering Entity:** The State of Louisiana

**Proposed Use of Funds:** This state run program will provide a direct grant to the Louisiana Military

Department to be used as capital funding to construct an affordable multi-family rental housing development to replace damaged sub-standard housing stock and expand affordable housing opportunities for members of Louisiana's National Guard and Military Department. The existing housing will be demolished and replaced by at least 40 newly constructed homes that will be rented at affordable rates to military personnel and their families. The grant will have a 10-year regulatory agreement pursuant to which at least 51% of the units constructed will be rented to military families earning at or below 80% of Area Median Income and limited to rents associated with incomes at or below 80% AMI.

**Eligible Applicants:** Direct grant to Louisiana Military Department

**Criteria for Selection:** Non-competitive grant awarded to Louisiana Military Department

**Method of Distribution:** This will be a single direct grant to the Louisiana Military Department based on recovery needs of the State of Louisiana

**Geographic Eligibility:** Disaster-declared Rapides parish impacted by the 2016 Severe Storms and Flooding

**Maximum Award:** The maximum award to the Military Department under this grant will be \$10,000,000

### 3. Public Comments

Per the state's initial Action Plan, this Amendment is considered substantial as it as it substantially amends program budgets and adds new programs and beneficiaries. The formal public comment period for the amendment begins Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Citizens and organizations can comment on this amendment via:

- The OCD-DRU website: [http://www.doa.la.gov/Pages/o cd-dru/Action\\_Plans.aspx](http://www.doa.la.gov/Pages/o cd-dru/Action_Plans.aspx);
- Email comments to: [ocd@la.gov](mailto:ocd@la.gov);
- Mail comments to: Disaster Recovery Unit, P.O. Box 94095, 70804-9095, Attn: Janice Lovett; or
- Fax comments to the attention of Janice Lovett at (225) 219-9605.

The Action Plan and all Action Plan Amendments are 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 OCD-DRU office for assistance via the methods listed above.

### 4. Appendix

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

OCD received no public comments during the period posted.