

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  
NON-SUBSTANTIAL ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 15  
FOR THE UTILIZATION OF  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS  
IN RESPONSE TO THE GREAT FLOODS OF 2016

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# 1. Summary of Changes

This Action Plan Amendment No. 15 (APA 15) adjusts the allocations to the Restore Louisiana Homeowner Assistance Program (RLHAP), and use of those funds to increase the budget for Watershed Modeling and Planning programs by \$5 million. Per the state’s Master Action Plan, this Amendment is considered non-substantial as it does not change the benefit or eligibility criteria, add or delete an activity, or reallocate more than \$5,000,000.

State of Louisiana Total CDBG-DR Allocations			
	Previous Allocation	Change	Revised Allocation
<b>Total Allocation</b>	<b>1,708,407,000</b>		<b>1,708,407,000</b>
<b>Restore Louisiana Homeowner Programs</b>			
Homeowner Assistance Program	1,129,716,475	(5,000,000)	1,124,716,475
RLHP Flood Insurance Assistance Program	1,000,000	-	1,000,000
RLHP Interim Housing Assistance Program	10,000,000	-	10,000,000
<b>Rental Housing, Housing Assistance and Homelessness Prevention Programs</b>			
Neighborhood Landlord Rental Program	41,447,884	-	41,447,884
Neighborhood Landlord Program Phase II	16,500,000	-	16,500,000
Multifamily Rental GAP Program	21,015,518	-	21,015,518
Piggyback Program	79,756,303	-	79,756,303
Permanent Supportive Housing Program	5,000,000	-	5,000,000
Rapid Rehousing Program	18,000,000	-	18,000,000
Resilient and Mixed Income Piggyback Program	110,000,000	-	110,000,000
Neighborhood Stabilization Housing Initiative	-	-	-
Soft Second Program	6,000,000	-	6,000,000
Safe Haven Program	4,000,000	-	4,000,000
Louisiana Military Dept. - Affordable Rental Housing	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
Small Business Technical Assistance Program	-	-	-
Farm Recovery Program	20,000,000	-	20,000,000
Infrastructure Program (PA Match)	115,000,000	-	115,000,000
First Responders Public Services Program	1,691,140	-	1,691,140
Watershed Modeling and Planning	16,600,800	5,000,000	21,600,800
Regional Capacity Building Grant	3,200,000	-	3,200,000
Administration and Planning	58,278,880	-	58,278,880
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,708,407,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,708,407,000</b>

## 2. Proposed Use of Funds

### A. Homeowner Assistance Program – Restore Louisiana Homeowner Rehabilitation, Reconstruction and Reimbursement Program

<b>Eligible Activity</b>	<b>Rehabilitation, Reconstruction, Buyouts and Acquisitions, (42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4)); HCDA Sections 105 (a)(1), 105(a)(3-4), 105(a)(7-8). Housing Incentive, as identified in Federal Register Docket No. FR-5989-N-01. Also eligible are elevation expenses related to rehabilitation and reconstruction activities and reimbursement of eligible rehabilitation and reconstruction activities.</b>
<b>National Objective</b>	<b>Urgent need or benefit to low to moderate income persons</b>
<b>Previous Program Budget</b>	<b>\$1,129,716,475</b>
<b>Budget Change</b>	<b>(\$ 5,000,000)</b>
<b>Revised Program Budget</b>	<b>\$1,124,716,475</b>

**Budget change summary:** The state has determined that after reducing the Restore Louisiana Homeowner Assistance Program budget by \$5,000,000, sufficient funds will be available to serve all eligible households.

### B. Watershed Modeling and Planning

<b>Eligible Activity</b>	<b>Planning, 105(a)12</b>
<b>National Objective</b>	<b>Urgent need, benefit to low to moderate income persons, elimination of slums and blight or N/A</b>
<b>Previous Program Budget</b>	<b>\$16,600,800</b>
<b>Budget Change</b>	<b>\$ 5,000,000</b>
<b>Revised Program Budget</b>	<b>\$21,600,800</b>

**Budget change summary:** The state created in APA 3 and later amended in APA 11, a program to develop watershed modeling and undertake significant planning efforts for the state and the regions impacted by the 2016 floods. This program and effort, which seeks to establish the lasting framework for a statewide floodplain management program has evolved into what is now formally known as the Louisiana Watershed Initiative. Considering the degree to which communities within a watershed are hydraulically and hydrologically connected, immediate and long-term recovery decisions regarding land use, policy, and infrastructure must be fully informed with comprehensive and useful data sets and plans. The state is proposing to add \$5 million through this Action Plan Amendment. The additional funding will be used toward the planning, modeling, regional coordination efforts and assembly of additional data sets necessary for continuing to develop the Louisiana Watershed Initiative.