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Mr. Taylor F. Barras  
Commissioner  
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State of Louisiana  
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Dear Mr. Barras:

The Department is approving Action Plan Amendment (APA) 25 to the State's Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds appropriated under Public Law 114-223, Public Law 114-254, and Public Law 115-31. HUD allocated \$1,708,407,000 to the State for long-term recovery from major storms and flooding events that occurred in 2016. This APA adjusts the budget line items for 12 of the State's existing programs, while also modifying the description of one of these existing programs. APA 25 proposes the following modifications to the State's Action Plan:

Modifies the Restore Louisiana Homeowner Program (RLHP) as follows:

- Reduces the budget for the Homeowner Assistance Program
- Reduces the budget for the RLHP Flood Insurance Assistance Program
- Reduces the budget for the RLHP Interim Housing Assistance Program

Modifies the Restore Louisiana Rental Housing, Housing Assistance, and Homelessness Prevention Programs as follows:

- Reduces the budget for the Neighborhood Landlord Rental Program
- Reduces the budget for the Neighborhood Landlord Program Phase II Program
- Reduces the budget for the Neighborhood Landlord Program Phase III Program
- Reduces the budget for the Resilient Mixed Income Piggyback Program
- Reduces the budget for the Rural Repair and Rehabilitation Program
- Reduces the budget for the Middle-Market Loan Program
- Modifies the program description and reduces the number of beneficiaries for the Louisiana Military Department – Affordable Rental Housing Program (LMD-ARHP)

Modifies the Restore Louisiana Economic Recovery and Revitalization Programs as follows:

- Reduces the budget for the Small Business Loan Program

Modifies the Planning and Administration line items as follows:

- Increases the budget for the Watershed Modeling and Planning Program
- Increases the budget for Administration

APA 25 is considered a substantial amendment because the State's proposed budget reallocation of funds is more than \$5 million dollars or constitutes a change of 15 percent or greater of a program budget, in accordance with the requirements of the Action Plan. Appendix A summarizes the project level funding under the amended Action Plan.

Through this amendment, the State seeks to reduce funding for ten programs that are reaching completion and to reallocate this funding to its planning and administration activities to support the closeout of the 2016 Floods grant and the planning of current and future disaster recovery initiatives. Additionally, the State is amending the description of its LMD-ARHP to decrease the number of demolished and replaced newly constructed homes from 40 to 25 homes that will be rented at affordable rates to military personnel and their families. The amendment to the LMD-ARHP is due to the impact the COVID pandemic had on supply chain demands and construction costs.

The Department remains committed to assisting the State of Louisiana in its efforts to address its long-term recovery needs and looks forward to working with you and your staff to achieve this goal. If you or any members of your staff have any questions, please contact Ms. Sonya M. Brister, Assistant Director, Region VI, Grants Management Division at (202) 500-3034 or by email at [Disaster\\_Recovery@hud.gov](mailto:Disaster_Recovery@hud.gov).

Sincerely,

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### Appendix A: CDBG-DR Disaster Allocation

Programs	Previous CDBG-DR Allocation	Change Per APA #23	Total Allocations
<b>Restore Louisiana Homeowner Programs</b>			
Homeowner Assistance Program	\$ 1,054,716,475	\$ (4,500,000)	\$ 1,050,216,475
RLHP Flood Insurance Assistance	\$ 1,000,000	\$ (674,901)	\$ 325,099
RLHP Interim Housing Assistance	\$ 6,000,000	\$ (1,035,725)	\$ 4,964,275
<b>Rental Housing, Housing Assistance and Homelessness Prevention Programs</b>			
Multifamily Rental Gap Program	\$ 13,616,063		\$ 13,616,063
Neighborhood Landlord Program	\$ 36,085,427	\$ (6,417,540)	\$ 29,667,887
Neighborhood Landlord Program – Phase II	\$ 5,708,850	\$ (2,258,927)	\$ 3,449,923
Neighborhood Landlord Program – Phase III	\$ 8,624,457	\$ (3,144,457)	\$ 5,480,000
Piggyback Program	\$ 75,165,006		\$ 75,165,006
Rapid Rehousing Program	\$ 11,000,000		\$ 11,000,000
Permanent Supportive Housing Program	\$ 5,000,000		\$ 5,000,000
Resilient and Mixed Income Piggyback Program	\$ 108,000,000	\$ (1,700,000)	\$ 106,300,000
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	\$ 10,000,000		\$ 10,000,000
Cypress at Ardendale – Affordable Rental Housing Program	\$ 8,000,000		\$ 8,000,000
Rural Repair and Rehabilitation Program	\$ 15,000,000	\$ (3,000,000)	\$ 12,000,000
OCD CDBG Homeownership (OCHO) Pilot Program	\$ 8,000,000		\$ 8,000,000
Middle-Market Loan Program (MMLP)	\$ 52,564,320	\$ (18,300,000)	\$ 34,264,320
Fast Gap A Program	\$ 5,292,296		\$ 5,292,296
<b>Restore Louisiana Economic Recovery and Revitalization Programs</b>			
Small Business Loan Program	\$ 39,306,474	\$ (634,760)	\$ 38,671,714
Farm Recovery Program	\$ 19,741,171		\$ 19,741,171
<b>Infrastructure Programs</b>			
Infrastructure Program (PA Match)	\$ 105,000,000		\$ 105,000,000
<b>Public Services Programs</b>			
First Responders Public Services Program	\$ 1,691,140		\$ 1,691,140
PRO Louisiana Workforce Development	\$ 8,500,000		\$ 8,500,000
<b>Planning and Administrative Costs</b>			
Watershed Modeling and Planning	\$ 32,041,441	\$ 21,666,311	\$ 53,707,752
Regional Capacity Building Grant	\$ 7,200,000		\$ 7,200,000
Administration	\$ 61,153,880	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 81,153,880
<b>Total Allocation</b>	<b>\$ 1,708,407,000</b>		<b>\$ 1,708,407,000</b>