

SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 35 (First Appropriation)
FOR FY 2006 CDBG DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDS

June 3rd, 2009

The Louisiana Recovery Authority (LRA) has approved for public comment resolutions for the use of Supplemental Community Development Block Grant funds for the activities described below. The LRA and the Office of Community Development (OCD) developed the proposed Action Plan Amendment with regard to the federal supplemental appropriation for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita disaster recovery and rebuilding efforts administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. In addition to approval by the LRA Board, the proposed Action Plan Amendment is subject to approval by the Governor.

The purpose of this *Proposed* Amendment is to add Acquisition and Clearance as eligible activities to the Local Government Infrastructure Program, which was created in the State of Louisiana's original Action Plan for the Use of Disaster Recovery Funds and amended in Action Plan Amendments 2, 10, and 25. Additionally, the State is proposing a change in method of distribution of funds. The State is proposing that the available funds in this program will be dedicated to projects in the hurricane-affected zones that address specific recovery needs and that are either not eligible for other disaster programs, or for which there is insufficient funding in existing programs to address these critical needs. The determination of which projects will be funded under this program will be made by the Governor's Office based on analysis by the LRA staff. The LRA has identified the following four broad program areas for which there is insufficient funding in existing programs to address these critical needs.

- Critical Services – Including, but not limited to: public utilities, first responders, healthcare, community services
- Higher Education – Public institutions of higher education
- Economic Development – Large-scale initiatives to create and/or retain jobs
- Blight Elimination -- Demolition and slab removal of blighted properties that are not eligible for FEMA PA funding

Copies of the proposed Action Plan Amendment No. 35 will be available for distribution and may be requested in writing or by telephone at (225) 219-9600 from the Division of Administration, OCD on June 3rd, 2009. This Action Plan Amendment will also be made available on the internet at <http://www.doa.louisiana.gov/cdbg/dractionplans.htm>.

Written comments on the proposed Action Plan Amendment may be submitted beginning today and must be received no later than 5:00 PM (CST) on Wednesday, June 10th, 2009. The Proposed Action Plan Amendment will be published in Vietnamese and Spanish translations at the same website. Written comments on these versions will be accepted for seven days after they become available. Comments may be mailed to the Office of Community Development, Post Office Box 94095, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9095 to the attention of Paul Catrou or sent via facsimile to (225) 219-9605 to the attention of Paul Catrou.

Vietnamese:

Muốn biết thêm chi tiết về Kế Hoạch Hành Động, xin gọi số (225) 219-9600 hoặc viết về địa chỉ điện thư paul.catrou@la.gov.

Spanish:

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