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MEMORANDUM

To: Parties Interested in State-Administered HUD-Funded Programs

From: Traci Watts TW

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Date: May 5, 2025

Subject: Notice of Availability of Proposed FY 2024 Consolidated Annual Performance and

Evaluation Report & FY 2026 Consolidated Annual Action Plan

As set forth in 24 CFR Part 91, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires state agencies which administer certain HUD programs to incorporate their planning and application requirements into one master plan called the Consolidated Plan. In Louisiana, the state agencies participating in this consolidated planning process and the HUD funded program(s) administered by each agency include: the Division of Administration/Office of Community Development (Community Development Block Grant Program and Community Development CARES Act Program), the Louisiana Housing Corporation (HOME Investment Partnerships Program, the Emergency Solutions Grants Program and the National Housing Trust Fund), and the Louisiana Department of Health, STD/HIV Program (Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program).

The <u>Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report</u> for the FY 2024 Program Year that ended March 31, 2025, is being prepared. The purpose of this document is to report on the progress of the goals and objectives identified in the State's Consolidated Plan for FY 2020 - FY 2024 and the FY 2024 Consolidated Annual Action Plan.

The agencies are also beginning to prepare the FY 2026 Consolidated Annual Action Plan that will include specific program requirements for the proposed distribution of funds received under the FY 2026 federal funding allocation for the aforementioned HUD programs.

A public hearing has been scheduled to receive comments on the State's performance and to obtain views on the housing and community development needs of the State; those comments will assist the agencies in developing the FY 2026 Consolidated Annual Action Plan. The public hearing will be held in person and virtually on June 3, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the Louisiana Housing Corporation. The Louisiana Housing Corporation is located at 2415 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808. The link to attend the hearing virtually will be posted at https://www.doa.la.gov/doa/ocd-lga/ocd-lga-news/

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Copies of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report will be available for review and each agency will present a summary of its accomplishments as identified in the report. For those persons who are unable to attend the public hearing, the report will be available for review at https://www.doa.la.gov/doa/ocd-lga/lcdbg-programs/lcdbg-plans-and-reports/2020-2024/ and at the Office of Community Development located at 1201 N. 3rd Street, Ste. 3-150, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, and may be examined beginning June 3, 2025, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Copies of the document will also be available for review at the Louisiana Housing Corporation at 2415 Quail Drive in Baton Rouge and at the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health, STD/HIV Program at 1450 Poydras Street, Suite 2136, in New Orleans. Due to COVID-19 and additional restrictions to these facilities being enforced, interested parties are encouraged to view the document on the website above. Written comments on the performance report and FY 2026 Annual Action Plan may be submitted beginning June 3, 2025, and will be accepted through June 18, 2025. Comments may be mailed to the Office of Community Development, P. O. Box 94095, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9095; faxed to (225) 342-1947; or emailed to Fenishia.Favorite@la.gov.

Non-English speaking persons and persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations should contact the Office of Community Development at 225/342-7412, P.O. Box 94095, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9095, or Fenishia.favorite@la.gov at least five working days prior to the hearing.