

DISASTER RECOVERY INITIATIVE
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LOUISIANA OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT-DISASTER RECOVERY UNIT,
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF LOUISIANA
SUBSTANTIAL ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT No.72
FOR THE UTILIZATION OF
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS
IN RESPONSE TO HURRICANES KATRINA AND RITA
FIRST APPROPRIATION

Public Comment Period: April 26, 2023 - May 9, 2023

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I. Overview:

This Action Plan Amendment No. 72 amends allocations to the Long Term Community Recovery, Local Government, Fisheries Assistance, Soft Seconds, First Time Homebuyer Pilot, Homelessness Supports and Housing, Non-Profit Rebuild, Housing Development Loan Fund, Plaquemines Parish Rehabilitation, and State Technical Assistance program budgets.

This amendment is considered substantial because it re-allocates more than 15% of funds in one program.

II. Reallocation of Funds for Existing Programs:

A. Soft Seconds

The Soft Seconds budget is decreased to \$68,871,277.95 to reconcile project budgets. This program was created in Action Plan Amendment 24 and amended in Amendments 50,54,55,66,67, 68, and 69.

B. First Time Homebuyer Pilot

The First Time Homebuyer Pilot budget is reduced to \$36,670,908.40 because funds have been de-obligated from activities that are completed and closed out. This program was created in the Action Plan Amendment 4 and amended in Amendments 54,55,66,67, and 68.

C. Homelessness Supports and Housing

The Homelessness Supports and Housing budget is reduced to \$26,008,079.65 because funds have been de-obligated from activities that are completed and closed out. This program will be closed out. This program was created in the Initial Action Plan 1 and amended in Amendment 63.

D. Non-Profit Rebuilding

The Non-Profit Rebuilding budget is reduced to \$10,734,587.76 because funds have been de-obligated from activities that are completed and closed out. This program was created in Action Plan Amendment 33.

E. Housing Development Loan Fund

The Housing Development Loan Fund budget is reduced to \$4,776,737.80 because funds have been de-obligated from activities that are completed and closed out. This program was created in Action Plan Amendment 1 and amended in Amendments 56, 63, 64, and 66.

F. Plaquemines Parish Rehabilitation

The Plaquemines budget is reduced to \$3,363,864.00 because funds have been de-obligated from activities that are completed and closed out. This program will be closed out. This program was created in Action Plan Amendment 32 and amended in 68.

G. Long Term Community Recovery

The Long Term Community Recovery budget is reduced to \$620,637,658.93 because funds have been de-obligated from activities that are completed and closed out. This program was created in Action Plan Amendment 12 and amended in 19, 30, and 31.

H. Local Government Infrastructure Program

The Local Government Infrastructure budget is increased to \$147,426,393.16 in order to fund an eligible activity to continue to meet the ongoing critical recovery needs of public entities. This program was created in the Initial Action Plan and amended in Amendments 2, 15, 19, 25, 38, 41, 48, 49, 53, 54, 67, 70, and 71.

I. Fisheries Assistance

The Fisheries Assistance budget is reduced to \$25,063,038.08 because funds have been de-obligated from activities that are complete and in the closeout process. This program was created in Action Plan Amendment 17 and amended in Amendments 26, 54, 62, 67, and 71.

J. State Technical Assistance

The State Technical Assistance budget is reduced to \$1,118,251.89 because funds have been de-obligated from activities that are completed and closed out. This program was created in the Initial Action Plan and amended in Amendments 1, 16, 22, 23, and 29.

III. Total CDBG-DR Allocation:

State of Louisiana Total CDBG-DR Allocations				
	Previous Allocation	Reallocation	Revised Allocation	% Change
Total Allocation	6,210,000,000.00		6,210,000,000.00	
Housing Programs				
Homeowners Assistance	4,020,577,179.00	-	4,020,577,179.00	-
Small Rental Property	233,407,652.21	-	233,407,652.21	-
LIHTC/CDBG Piggyback	22,881,755.90	-	22,881,755.90	-
Supportive Housing Services	46,750,000.00	-	46,750,000.00	-
Soft Seconds	69,586,698.01	(715,420.06)	68,871,277.95	-1.03%
First Time Homebuyer Pilot Program	36,730,289.67	(59,381.27)	36,670,908.40	-0.16%
Homelessness Supports and Housing	26,009,204.57	(1,124.92)	26,008,079.65	0.00%
Non-Profit Rebuilding	12,174,441.92	(1,439,854.16)	10,734,587.76	-11.83%
Building Code Enforcement	16,230,000.00	-	16,230,000.00	-
Housing Development Loan Fund	5,610,071.13	(833,333.33)	4,776,737.80	-14.85%
Rapid Re-housing	4,890,279.43	-	4,890,279.43	-
Plaquemines Parish Rehabilitation	3,376,123.00	(12,259.00)	3,363,864.00	-0.36%
Land Assembly Operations	2,068,630.86	-	2,068,630.86	-
Support to Community Based Programs	1,931,933.71	-	1,931,933.71	-
Infrastructure Programs				
Long Term Community Recovery	621,393,334.00	(755,675.07)	620,637,658.93	-0.12%
Primary and Secondary Education	243,694,307.58	-	243,694,307.58	0.00%
Ratepayer Mitigation	200,000,000.00	-	200,000,000.00	-
Local Government	142,992,020.61	4,434,372.55	147,426,393.16	3.10%
Fisheries Assistance	25,378,614.71	(315,576.63)	25,063,038.08	-1.24%
Recovery Workforce Facilities Program	2,525,554.90	-	2,525,554.90	-
LA SAFE	3,025,561.85	-	3,025,561.85	-
Economic Development Programs				
Small Firm Recovery Loan & Grant and Admin	164,794,791.71	-	164,794,791.71	-
Recovery Workforce Training	37,053,632.31	-	37,053,632.31	-
Small Firm Recovery Loan & Grant - PROP	33,740,833.00	-	33,740,833.00	-
Louisiana Tourism Marketing	28,425,065.57	-	28,425,065.57	-
Research Commercialization/Educational Enhancement	27,792,338.42	-	27,792,338.42	-
Technical Assistance to Small Firms	9,839,633.95	-	9,839,633.95	-
Small Firm Recovery Loan & Grant - Innovation	7,383,054.18	-	7,383,054.18	-
Louisiana Bridge Loan	6,125,936.17	-	6,125,936.17	-
Planning and Technical Assistance				
Planning	15,297,329.50	-	15,297,329.50	-
Environmental Clearance	5,244,266.81	-	5,244,266.81	-
State Technical Assistance	1,420,000.00	(301,748.11)	1,118,251.89	-21.25%
State Administration				
State Administration	131,649,465.32	-	131,649,465.32	0.00%
Total	6,210,000,000.00	-	6,210,000,000.00	

IV. Public Comments

Per the state's initial Action Plan, this Amendment is considered substantial as it as it substantially amends program budgets. The formal public comment period for the amendment begins Wednesday, April 26, 2023 and runs until 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, 2023. Citizens and organizations can comment on this amendment via:

- a. The OCD-DRU website, http://www.doa.la.gov/Pages/oed-dru/Action_Plans.aspx;
- b. Emailing them to ocd@la.gov;
- c. Mailing them to Office of Community Development, P.O. Box 94095, 70804-9095, Attn: Janice Lovett; or
- d. Faxing them to the attention of Janice Lovett at (225) 219-9605.

The plan is 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 office for assistance via the methods listed above.

V.Appendix

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments received.