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**Action Plan Amendment 23 (First Allocation) –  
Reallocation of Funds to Building Code Enforcement**

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## **Reallocation of Funds from Technical Assistance to Building Code Enforcement**

The purpose of this Action Plan Amendment is to reallocate \$1,700,000 from the Technical Assistance program to the Building Code Enforcement Program. The redistribution of funds is described in the chart below. This Amendment does not change any policies, procedures, methods of distribution, or eligibility criteria associated with any of the affected programs, only the total amount of money that is allocated to each program. The Action Plan or Action Plan Amendments that created or revised the policies and procedures of each program still remain as the current policy document(s) for each of these programs. As the recovery effort continues at a brisk pace in Louisiana, the demand for Code Enforcement assistance from local governments has not waned. The State is proposing to extend these activities with this amendment.

### **Reallocation of Funds from Technical Assistance to Building Code Enforcement**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Previous Total</b>	<b>Reallocation</b>	<b>New Total</b>
Technical Assistance	\$9,420,000	(\$1,700,000)	\$7,720,000
Building Code Enforcement	\$11,390,000	\$1,700,000	\$13,090,000

### **Building Code Enforcement Program Policy**

Eligible Activity	105(a)(3)
Activity Amount	\$13,090,000

Without special assistance being provided to local governments, it is expected that a major impediment to housing development will be the lack of building, electrical and plumbing inspectors and permit processing staff. In addition, architects and builders will need inspectors and plan reviewers to help communities adapt to the new State Uniform Construction Code and to interpret the latest available advisory base flood elevations. Therefore, the State has budgeted an initial \$11,390,000 and an additional \$1,700,000 for hiring such staff for local government over a number of years, based on the numbers of damaged/destroyed units in each parish. It is expected that this amount will fund at least 40 field inspectors and plan reviewers, as well as a limited number of support staff. The State will also support the expansion of code enforcement capacity by sponsoring additional training opportunities for inspectors, engineers and architects. While building

code enforcement by local authorities will be supported by permitting and inspection fees in the long run, this initial CDBG funding is necessary to immediately expand enforcement capacity to expedite the construction of safer and stronger homes where the storm impact was most concentrated and building activity will be fervent in coming months.