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

STATE OF LOUISIANA
SUBSTANTIAL ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT No. 26
FOR THE UTILIZATION OF
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS
IN RESPONSE TO HURRICANES KATRINA AND RITA
SECOND APPROPRIATION

Public Comment Period: July 18-July 31, 2018

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John Bel Edwards
Governor

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Lieutenant Governor

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Commissioner of Administration

I. Overview

This Action Plan Amendment No. 26 amends allocations to the LIHTC/CDBG Piggyback and First Time Homebuyer Pilot programs.

Program	Previous Total	Reallocation	Proposed Total	% Change
LIHTC/CDBG Piggyback	\$583,396,747.00	\$4,577,081.61	\$587,973,828.61	<1%
First Time Homebuyer Pilot	\$9,198,000.00	(\$4,577,081.61)	\$4,620,918.39	(49.8%)
Total:	\$592,594,747.00	\$0	\$592,594,747.00	

II. Reallocation of Funds for Existing Programs

A. LIHTC/CDBG Piggyback Program

The LIHTC/CDBG Piggyback budget is increased to \$587,973,828.61 in order to further address the ongoing unmet affordable housing needs in the disaster-impacted areas. Additional funding for this program is critical for the long-term affordable housing needs that were exacerbated by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and will provide long-term (30-35 year) affordable housing solutions for low-income families living in these areas. This program was created in the Initial Action Plan, and amended in Amendments 4, 5 and 23.

B. First Time Homebuyer Pilot Program

The First Time Homebuyer Pilot Program budget is reduced to \$4,620,918.39 because funds have been de-obligated from activities that are completed and closed out. This program was created in the Initial Action Plan.

III. Public Comment

A. Per the state’s Initial Action Plan, this Amendment is considered substantial as it reallocates greater than 15% of funds from the First Time Homebuyer Pilot Program. The formal public comment period for the plan begins Wed., July 18th and runs through Tues., July 31st at 5 p.m. CT. Citizens and organizations can comment on this amendment via:

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

The plan will be translated into Spanish and Vietnamese 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-DRU office for assistance via the methods listed above.

B. Summary of Public Comments and State’s Response:

The proposed Action Plan Amendment was published for Public Comment on July 18, 2018 through July 31, 2018. The state did not receive any comments.