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Allocations, Waivers and Alternative Requirements for Grantees Receiving Community Development Block Grant  
Disaster Recovery Funds in Response to Disasters Occurring in 2011, 2012 and 2013  
*The Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013 (Public Law 113-2)*  
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LOUISIANA OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT-DISASTER RECOVERY UNIT

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**  
**NON-SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT NO. 1: OPTIONAL RELOCATION ASSISTANCE**  
**FOR THE UTILIZATION OF**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS**  
**UNDER THE NATIONAL DISASTER RESILIENCE COMPETITION (NDRC)**  
**RESETTLEMENT OF ISLE DE JEAN CHARLES**

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## Non-Substantial Amendment

In accordance with Public Law 113-2, HUD announced an allocation of \$1 billion of the \$15.2 billion appropriated for certain declared disasters occurring during the years 2011, 2012 and 2013 for the National Disaster Resilience Competition (NDRC). The State of Louisiana was awarded \$92,629,249 of this total for the Resettlement of Isle de Jean Charles (\$48,379,249) and the LA SAFE Fund (\$39,750,000).

The State of Louisiana requests approval, through this non-substantial amendment, to incorporate temporary optional relocation assistance into its approved HCDA 105(a)(11) relocation eligible activity for the Resettlement of Isle de Jean Charles in the amount of \$350,000. The immediate threats posed by ongoing environmental degradation and extreme flood risk necessitate an immediate need to relocate residents of Isle de Jean Charles while planning and development work is underway on permanent resettlement options. The Optional Relocation Assistance Program will include tenant-based rental assistance, security and utility deposits and moving expenses.

The program's eligible beneficiaries are as follows:

- Current permanent, primary Island resident households who commit in writing to relocate from the Island into permanent housing that is "safe, sanitary, secure, functional, and in good repair" through participation in the IDJC Resettlement Program; or
- Former permanent, primary Island resident households that satisfy the following requirements:
  - Household was displaced on or after August 28, 2012 (date of Qualifying Disaster);
  - Household is determined to be homeless or at risk of homelessness;
  - Household commits in writing to relocate into permanent housing that is "safe, sanitary, secure, functional, and in good repair through participation the IDJC Resettlement Program

Eligibility will be determined as follows:

Current IDJC Residents –

- Site visit to IDJC household residence;
- Proof of current IDJC residency based on a Louisiana motor vehicle or other official personal identification that evidences the purported Island Road residency address for the household;
- Secondary proof of IDJC residency based on a utility or other household related bill that includes the purported Island road residency address for the household.

Former IDJC Residents –

- Site visit to current residence and interview with household to determine evidence of homelessness or risk of homelessness;
- Proof of prior IDJC residency after August 28, 2012 based on official mortgage, tax, or other documentation.

Households are eligible for 42 months of assistance based on the current year's fiscal income limits. Rents will be set according to HUD approved fair market rents as established for the parish in which the participant is being assisted. Program documents for the Optional Relocation Assistance Program are available to both

HUD and the public via <http://isledejeancharles.la.gov/article/idjc-resettlement-optional-relocation-assistance-program>.

Pending acknowledgement of this non-substantial amendment, the State of Louisiana considers optional relocation assistance to be excluded from the final award calculation for recipients because it represents a different purpose than replacement housing, which each recipient will receive through the Resettlement Program, and is therefore not a duplication of benefits.

**Administering Entity:** State of Louisiana through the Louisiana Housing Authority or their designated third party administrator in coordination with the Louisiana Office of Community Development – Disaster Recovery Unit.