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State Accepting Public Comments on Plan to Reallocate Disaster Recovery Funding in Katrina-Rita Housing Programs via APAs 26, 68

The Louisiana Office of Community Development is accepting public comments on two Action Plan Amendments that reallocate Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery funding received from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for recovery from hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005.

The two amendments will move funding from closed-out housing programs into the Piggyback Program, to address ongoing affordable housing needs in the disaster-impacted areas.

Action Plan Amendment 26 will:

- Move \$4.5 million from the First Time Homebuyer Pilot Program into the Piggyback Program.

Action Plan Amendment 68 will:

- Move \$1.19 million from the First Time Homebuyer Pilot Program into the Piggyback Program;
- Move \$623,877 from the Plaquemines Parish Homeowner Rehabilitation Program into the Piggyback Program; and
- Move \$93,965 from the Soft Second Program into the Piggyback Program.

The funds are part of \$13.4 billion in Community Development Block Grant disaster recovery dollars that HUD allocated to Louisiana for recovery from hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005.

The formal public comment period for Action Plan Amendments 26 and 68 begins today, July 18, and continues until 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 31, 2018. Residents, community leaders and elected officials can view the plans by visiting http://www.doa.la.gov/Pages/ocd-dru/Action_Plans.aspx and clicking on the respective APA links.