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STATE ANNOUNCES PUBLIC HEARINGS, SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON PLAN TO SPEND \$1.2 BILLION IN FLOOD MITIGATION FUNDS

The Louisiana Office of Community Development seeks public input on the state's Action Plan for \$1.2 billion in Community Development Block Grant Mitigation funds. The plan details the state's approach for using the funds, including projects, data collection and modeling, and policy measures that advance the [Louisiana Watershed Initiative's](#) long-term resilience objectives.

The state will hold the following public hearings to solicit input and feedback on the Action Plan. The meetings will also be livestreamed on the Louisiana Watershed Initiative's [Facebook page](#).

1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19

City-Parish Council Auditorium
Lafayette Consolidated Government
705 W. University Ave.
Lafayette, LA 70506

1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25

House Committee Room 5
Louisiana State Capitol
900 N. Third St.
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

1:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24 Ouachita Parish

Emergency Operations Center/Fire Department
Training Center
1000 New Natchitoches Road
West Monroe, LA 71292

6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29

Council Chambers, Building A
St. Tammany Parish Government Administrative
Complex
21490 Koop Drive
Mandeville, LA 70471



The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development released [requirements](#) Aug. 23, detailing eligible activities and processes for spending the CDBG-MIT funds. The state is aligning its draft Action Plan to its federally approved hazard mitigation plan and HUD’s guidance to ensure consistency and efficiency across flood-mitigation efforts, as well as leveraging feedback received during recent statewide outreach initiatives.

The state will accept comments on the draft Action Plan [online](#), beginning Sept. 26, or via email, mail, fax or in person at these public hearings. All comments will be included in the final Action Plan submitted to HUD.

To request special accommodations for an upcoming hearing, email watershed@la.gov or call 225.219.9600. For more information, [click here](#).

About the Louisiana Watershed Initiative

*Gov. John Bel Edwards established the **Council on Watershed Management** in 2018, which serves as the coordinated, interagency organization at the state level for watershed-based flood risk reduction. The **Louisiana Watershed Initiative** serves as the Council's programmatic arm under which all related efforts operate.*