

GUSTAV/IKE ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT 19

**DISASTER RECOVERY INITIATIVE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
CONSOLIDATED SECURITY, DISASTER ASSISTANCE,
AND CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2009
H.R. 2638 / Public Law 110-329**

**Louisiana Office of Community Development/Disaster Recovery Unit
Non-Substantial AMENDMENT No. 19 TO STATE OF LOUISIANA ACTION PLAN
FOR THE UTILIZATION OF CDBG FUNDS IN RESPONSE TO
HURRICANES GUSTAV AND IKE**

RE: Affordable Rental Housing Program

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Non-Substantial Amendment Number 19 to State of Louisiana Action Plan for Disaster Recovery – Utilizing Funding from the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009 (Public Law 110-329).

I. Introduction

The State of Louisiana Office of Community Development/Disaster Recovery Unit (OCD/DRU) has submitted and received approval for its Action Plan and ensuing Action Plan Amendments (APA) for programs covering the total Gustav/Ike disaster award under P.L. 110-329, of \$1,093,212,571 under this appropriation. The original submission of the state's Disaster Recovery Action Plan to HUD was on January 8, 2009. This **non-substantial Action Plan Amendment Number 19 (APA 19)** regards the Affordable Rental Program (ARP), approved in APA 1, and modified in APA 2 and APA 4. This APA specifically addresses funds previously obligated to the program in the initial competitive process, but that were subsequently de-obligated, and provides that the Executive Director of OCD/DRU, based upon a review and recommendation from the Louisiana Housing Corporation, may award funds under this Action Plan to applicants who are otherwise eligible for purposes not inconsistent with the program, without the process of another competitive round.

This amendment 19 is non-substantial as it does not involve a funding change greater than 15 percent, does not create a new program and does not change the beneficiaries of the program. This program has previously undergone public comment in original submission and comments are incorporated within.

II. Non-Substantial Amendment Request

According to the 2008 Disaster Supplemental Bill, 11.2 percent of the state's overall allocation must be used on affordable rental housing programs. The state's Action Plan and ensuing Amendments provide detail that the state will develop affordable rental housing programs, which will be facilitated at both the state and local level, in order to reach this threshold. The state's Action Plan Amendment 1 allows, "for the State-Implemented Affordable Rental Housing program(s) to be administered by OCD in coordination with other relevant entities...[and that] the State will review each proposed program for eligibilityⁱ". APA 2 details the second allocation and types of approved Affordable Rental housing developments. APA 4ⁱⁱ further clarifies the financing tools and allows affordable rental program funds to be used in assisting the unmet recovery needs related to public housing.

This non-substantial amendment confirms the state's intention to apply remaining funds in the Affordable Rental Housing Program as previously established. In consideration of the limited amount of funds in the program available for reinvestment, rather than initiating additional independent competitive selection processes, the state will identify a development or developments that meet the following requirements: has applied to the Louisiana Housing Corporation for financing under other programs; would have met the eligibility criteria to have participated in the Affordable Rental Housing Program competitive round; and has a financing gap between sources and uses. The development(s) will be selected by the OCD/DRU Executive Director, based upon a review and recommendation from the Louisiana Housing Corporation. Developments that are recommended for funding will have demonstrated "readiness to proceed," including factors such as site control, zoning, financing commitments and other common indicators. Funding will be granted to those projects that address the ongoing housing needs of low to moderate income renters in impacted parishes and can commence development in a timely manner.

ⁱ APA Number 1, page 6: 1 State Implemented

ⁱⁱ APA Number 4, page 9.