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**Louisiana Office of Community Development/Disaster Recovery Unit,
Division of Administration**

***Non-Substantial* - Action Plan Amendment No. 53 – Reallocation of Primary and
Secondary Education Program Funds to the
Local Government Emergency Infrastructure Program
And Clarification of Eligible Activity**

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**Non-Substantial Action Plan Number 53 to Katrina/Rita First
Appropriation:
Reallocation of Primary and Secondary Education Program Funds to the
Local Government Emergency Infrastructure Program**

Eligible Activity: Section 105 (a)(2),(8),& (9)
This Amendment: Add Section 105 (a) 14

Activity Amount: **\$3,750,000 (additional funding included in this Amendment)**
*\$247,500,000 (funding in P&S Education prior to this Amendment).
New total = \$243,750,000
\$129,290,731 (funding in Local Government Emergency Infrastructure
prior to this Amendment). New total = \$133,040,731*

This amendment transfers \$3,750,000 from the *Primary and Secondary Education Program* allocation to the *Local Government Emergency Infrastructure Program*; both approved programs in the Katrina/Rita Action Plan and ensuing Amendments. The latter was created to address urgent needs critical to Louisiana local governments in their recovery from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The program was referenced in Action Plan Amendments (APAs) 2, 10, 15, 19, 25, 41 and 48.

This funding transfer is necessary as a result of consultation with local entities and comments received from the local governments increasing the number of critical infrastructure projects initially budgeted. The Primary and Secondary Education Program had identified funds to support the outstanding, unmet needs.

This amendment is considered non-substantial since the transfer is less than 15% of either program's budget, does not create a new program, nor change any beneficiaries.

There are still many public infrastructure recovery and rebuilding needs that are not covered by other recovery programs. The Office of Community Development-Disaster Recovery Unit (OCD-DRU) continues to track, monitor and identify these disaster-related gaps in community recovery along with ways to address these gaps in order to revitalize and restore communities and neighborhoods, while making them more resilient to future storm events.

As such, this amendment shall move funds into the Local Government Emergency Infrastructure Program, described in previously approved APAs, to address projects in the following four broad program areas to address these critical needs.

- Critical services- including but not limited to: public utilities, first responders, healthcare, community services
- Higher Education- public institutions of high education
- Economic Development- initiatives to create and/or retain jobs
- Blight Elimination- demolition and slab removal of blighted properties that are not eligible for FEMA PA funding

Additionally, this Amendment seeks to qualify Section 105 (a)(14) as an eligible activity in the provision of the Local Government Infrastructure Program objectives. The program beneficiaries do not change, rather the means to administering the program objectives are clarified to include the public or private nonprofit entities in (a)(14).

Monitoring

This activity is considered to be a low risk activity. Monitoring will be performed by the OCD-DRU staff in accordance with the contracts and the OCD-DRU Monitoring Plan.