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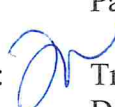
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Parties Interested in HUD Programs in Louisiana

FROM:  Traci Watts
Director, Community Development Block Grant Program

DATE: October 25, 2022

SUBJECT: CDBG-CV Amendment to FY 2019 Action Plan and Method of Distribution - Notice of Comment Period

The State of Louisiana has been allocated a total of \$44,336,196 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) Formula Grant funds (\$13,443,720 for CV1, \$18,401,828 for CV2 and \$12,490,648 for CV3). The purpose of this amendment is to reallocate a portion of the prior rounds of CDBG-CV funds.

This amendment proposes to allocate \$8,000,000 to a Non-congregate Shelter (NCS) Program for the acquisition of property to be utilized as non-congregate low barrier shelters for people experiencing homelessness. Non-congregate Shelters provide homeless individuals with private rooms, and this type of sheltering is essential to protect people from COVID-19. This reallocation includes CDBG-CV funds previously allocated to other programs as well as CDBG-CV funds that have been returned.

This amendment also proposes to allow municipalities awarded grants from the HVAC Improvement Program to request additional funding due to the increase in construction costs related to the effects of COVID-19 and the need for additional testing on some facilities. Some of the municipalities have exceeded the maximum grant amount of \$1,000,000 due to increased costs and limited bid responses.

This amendment also proposes to direct \$900,000 in additional funds to public facilities projects in the City of Opelousas.

The amendment is available for review at <https://www.doa.la.gov/dao/ocd-lga/lcdbg-programs/lcdbg-plans-and-reports/2015-2019/> and at the Office of Community Development located at 1201 N. 3rd Street, Ste. 3-150, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, and may be examined from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Written comments on the amendments may be submitted beginning October 25, 2022, and must be received no later than November 25, 2022. Comments may be mailed to the Office of Community Development, Post Office Box 94095, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9095, sent via facsimile to 225-342-1947, or emailed to fenishia.favorite@la.gov.