

**Disaster Recovery Initiative
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**

**Public Law 109-234
The Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror
and Hurricane Recovery**

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

**Action Plan Amendment No. 19 (Second Appropriation) –
Reallocation of Funds to the Non-Profit Rebuilding Pilot Program**

Public Comment Period: September 14, 2011 – September 23, 2011

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**Action Plan Amendment Number 19 to Katrina/Rita Action Plan (2nd Appropriation):
Reallocation of Disaster Recovery Funds for the Non-Profit Rebuilding Pilot Program**

Original Activity Amount: \$20 million

National Objective Low to Moderate Income, Urgent Need, Slum & Blight

Requested Activity Amount (by this amendment): \$6,000,000

Total Program: \$26,000,000

This amendment transfers \$6,000,000 from the *Small Rental Program* to the *Non-Profit Rebuilding Pilot Program (NRPP)*. These funds will be used to complete the current activities of the NRPP program, which involve the repair and rebuild of owner-occupied single family 1-2 unit homes damaged by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, particularly those homeowners whose homes remain unfinished due to hardship, unanticipated circumstances or falling victim to contractor fraud. The program budget was established based on early estimates of total program cost, but extended construction schedules due to other disasters, as well as the increased cost of construction in the program areas, increased the total cost of fully completing the program and serving the eligible homeowners.

This increase in program funds is necessary and reasonable given the pilot nature of this program. The State intends to complete the pilot and to build on best practices determined in the process for this and future expenditure of funds for this purpose. The Small Rental Program funds are available without impacting eligible rental recipients. The Small Rental program will still fully fund all eligible applicants.

The continuation of the pilot program remains generally the same as described in Action Plan Amendment Number 33. However, the administration of these additional funds will be directly under OCD/DRU. The Louisiana Housing Finance Authority (LHFA) will close out the original grant funds under its administration, returning any remaining funds to be administered by OCD/DRU.

Monitoring

Monitoring will be performed by the Office of Community Development (OCD-DRU) staff in accordance with the contracts and the OCD-DRU Monitoring Plan.

Public Comment:

This Amendment will be posted for public comment on Wednesday, September 14, 2011.

This Amendment may be obtained via the Internet at:

<http://doa.louisiana.gov/cdbg/DRactionplans.htm>, or by contacting: Paul Catrou, Office of Community Development, Post Office Box 94095, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70804-9095.

The Proposed Action Plan Amendment will be published in Vietnamese and Spanish translations at the same website.

Written comments on the proposed Action Plan Amendment will be accepted for ten days from the date it is posted. Comments may be submitted beginning Wednesday, September 14, 2011, and must be received no later than 5:00 PM (CST) on September 23, 2011.

Comments may be sent to the attention of Paul Catrou at the above address or sent via facsimile to (225) 219-9605 to the attention of Paul Catrou. Comments may also be submitted via email at ocd@la.gov or through the online form at <http://www.doa.louisiana.gov/cdbg/dractionplans.htm>.

Appendix 1 – Summary of Public Comments and State’s Response

The proposed Action Plan Amendment was published for Public Comment on September 14, 2011 through September 23, 2011. The State did not receive any comments.