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(OCD-DRU), Division of Administration**

Proposed Action Plan Amendment No. 62
**Reallocation of Funds from Recovery Workforce Training Program, Louisiana Tourism
Marketing Program, Research Commercialization and Educational Enhancement Program,
Innovation Loan and Technical Assistance Program, Support for Faith-Based and Community-
Based Housing Recovery Programs, and Fisheries Infrastructure and Assistance Program, to
the newly created Recovery Workforce Facilities Program**

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Action Plan Number 62 to Katrina/Rita First Appropriation:

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I. Introduction

The purpose of this amendment is to reallocate \$2.69 from the *Recovery Workforce Training Program*, \$74,934.43 from the *LA Tourism Marketing Program*, \$707,661.58 from the *Research Commercialization/Educational Enhancement Program*, \$588,000.00 from the *Small Firm Loan and Grant Program*, \$129,083.79 from the *Support for Faith-Based and Community-Based Housing Recovery Programs*, and \$1,025,872.41* from the *Fisheries Infrastructure and Assistance Program* to the newly created *Recovery Workforce Facilities Program*.

Program	Previous Total	Reallocation	New Total	% Change
Recovery Workforce Training	\$37,053,635	(\$2.69)	\$37,053,632.31	(<1%)
La. Tourism Marketing	\$28,500,000	(\$74,934.43)	\$28,425,065.57	(<1%)
Research Commercialization	\$28,500,000	(\$707,661.58)	\$27,792,338.42	(2.5%)
Small Firm Loan and Grant Program: Innovation Loan Technical Assistance Program	\$8,000,000	(\$588,000.00)	\$7,412,000.00	(7%)
Support for Faith-Based and Community-Based Housing Recovery Programs	\$2,070,000	(\$129,083.79)	\$1,940,916.21	(6%)
Fisheries Infrastructure and Assistance	\$26,515,608	(\$1,025,872.41)*	\$25,489,735.59*	(4%)
Recovery Workforce Facilities Program	\$0	\$2,525,554.90*	\$2,525,554.90*	N/A

This funding transfer of \$2,525,554.90* is necessary to move funds from closing programs to fill a continued need for effective recovery-based workforce training in the state.

The *Recovery Workforce Training Program*, *LA Tourism Marketing Program*, *Research Commercialization and Educational Enhancement Program*, and *Support for Faith-Based and Community-Based Housing Recovery Programs* have completed program activities and are being closed out. Funds are being transferred from these programs in order to have a \$0 balance for closeout.

The *Small Firm Loan and Grant: Innovation Loan and Technical Assistance Program* has completed certain programmatic activities that are being closed out. The funds balance from those completed activities within this active program is being transferred to address the unmet needs targeted by the newly created *Recovery Workforce Facilities Program*.

The *Fisheries Infrastructure and Assistance Program* is fully funded for the obligated projects.

*Note that these funding amounts in the publically advertised APA were \$72,438 greater than reflected here. These reduced amounts are due to an existing fishery project needing additional funds, which were provided from the unobligated Fisheries Infrastructure and Assistance amount.

The *Recovery Workforce Training Program* was created in Action Plan Amendment 3, and amended in APA 54; the *LA Tourism Marketing Program* was created in Action Plan Amendment 2; the *Research Commercialization and Educational Enhancement Program* was created in Action Plan Amendment 5; the *Small Firm Loan and Grant Program* was created in Action Plan Amendment 2, and was amended in APAs 8, 13, 15, 34, 40, 41 and 54, with the Innovation Loan and Technical Assistance Program component established in APA 40; the *Support to Faith-Based and Community-Based Housing Recovery Programs* was created in Action Plan Amendment 1; the *Fisheries Infrastructure Program* was created in Action Plan Amendment 17, and amended in APAs 26 and 54.

This amendment is considered substantial because it creates a new program.

Action Plan Amendment 24 under Katrina/Rita Grant 2, a companion to this amendment, also transfers \$11,325,934 from the *Small Rental Property Program* to the *Recovery Workforce Facilities Program* for the same purpose stated below.

Reallocation of Funds to the newly created Recovery Workforce Facilities Program

II. Program Description

Eligible Activity	Section 105 (a) 2, 17 and 21 [Section 570.200-206]
National Objective	Low to Moderate Income Benefit, Elimination of Slum and Blight or Urgent Need
Activity Amount	\$2,525,554.90

Overview

In an effort to meet the post-hurricane economic demands that have emerged as a result of the on-going recovery efforts in the storm-impacted areas of Louisiana, OCD/DRU will administer the development of a facility that will house workforce training programs that will be implemented by Southwest Louisiana Technical Community College (SOWELA). Due to the dramatic increase in the extraction of natural gas in the post-storm Louisiana economy, there have been multiple secondary industries that have expanded and located in the storm-affected regions of the state. As these secondary industries increase their presence, and as other pre-storm industries are adversely affected by the changing post-storm economy, it is critical for the residents of Louisiana to have access to training that will enable them to be employable in this altered environment. Moreover, should the emerging primary and secondary industries continue to thrive, grow and contribute to the economic revitalization of Louisiana, it is imperative that the Louisiana workforce be prepared and trained to meet the employment demands of the businesses expanding in or locating in the state.

Eligibility

Technical and community colleges and institutions of higher education

Criteria

The project must demonstrate an ability to achieve the objectives proposed in the application in a timely manner, provide the requisite supporting documentation and provide commitment of other sources of funding, should additional funding be necessary.

Method of Selection

OCD/DRU selected this project based on analysis of continued unmet workforce needs and the projects' ability to effectively implement the program's objectives. This program will be non-competitive.

Monitoring

Monitoring will be performed by the OCD/DRU staff in accordance with the contracts and the OCD/DRU Monitoring Plan.

Public Comment:

This Action Plan Amendment will be posted for public comment on Nov. 27, 2013, and may be obtained via the Internet at: http://www.doa.louisiana.gov/cdbg/dr/KR_ActionPlans.htm, or by contacting: Janice Lovett, Office of Community Development, Post Office Box 94095, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70804-9095. The Proposed APA will be published in Vietnamese and Spanish translations at the same website.

Written comments on the proposed Action Plan Amendment will be accepted for 10 business days from the date it is posted. Comments may be submitted beginning Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2013, and must be received no later than 5:00 PM (CST) on Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2013.

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

Summary of Public Comments and State's Response:

No public comments were received regarding the funding within APA 62.