

## **Proposed Substantial Amendment to the FY 2020 and FY 2021 Recovery Housing Action Plan**

In accordance with Section 8071 of the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act, entitled Pilot Program to Help Individuals in Recovery From a Substance Use Disorder Become Stably Housed, herein referred to as the Recovery Housing Program (RHP), and the State of Louisiana Citizen Participation Plan, the Louisiana Office of Community Development-Local Government Assistance (OCD-LGA) proposes the following substantial amendment to the FY 2020 and FY 2021 Recovery Housing Action Plan.

### **Summary**

The RHP pilot program is designed to support low- and moderate-income persons as they recover from a substance use disorder and begin a path to self-sufficiency by providing stable housing for a period of not more than 2 years or until the individual secures permanent housing, whichever comes first.

This amendment proposes to reallocate all FY 2020 and FY 2021 resources less administrative and technical assistance fees that were intended to be utilized in the Bogalusa to the New Orleans area. The State will continue to administer these funds directly, but has selected the non-profit, Odyssey House Louisiana, Inc., as its subrecipient.

### **Resources**

There is no change to this section.

### **Total Available for Award for FY 2020 and 2021**

There is no change to this section.

### **Administration Summary**

There is no change to this section.

### **Uses of Funds**

#### *Method of Distribution*

Although the Bogalusa area was determined to have the greatest need, the State received no responses to its Notice of Funding Availability for recovery housing which was open from January 28, 2022 through March 30, 2022. As such, and with consideration of the program expenditure deadlines, the State contacted the Louisiana Department of Health and conducted additional research to conclude that the New Orleans area is in need of additional facilities. The State will administer this program directly through its subrecipient, Odyssey House Louisiana, Inc., which is an eligible nonprofit. This nonprofit was identified by the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) as a program that has the capacity to operate additional facilities of this nature.

Eligible uses of funds are the construction, acquisition and/or rehabilitation of facilities for occupancy by people in recovery. While the facility will be in the New Orleans area, it will not be limited to residents of that area.

#### *Activities Carried Out Directly, Eligible Subrecipients, Criteria for Evaluation*

The State has selected an eligible subrecipient, Odyssey House Louisiana, Inc., after determining it is a non-profit corporation with adequate capacity and has a need for additional funds in order to increase services. It is in good standing with LDH and the Secretary of State.

**Definitions**

There are no changes to this section.

**Anticipated Outcomes**

Outcome measures required by the State will include the number of individuals assisted with RHP funding, the number of individuals able to transition to permanent housing, and the number of individuals who are able to obtain and maintain employment and/or increase their income.

**Expenditure Plan**

There are no changes to this section.

**Citizen Participation Summary**

This substantial amendment summary will be published in The Advocate, posted on the State's Office of Community Development's website at <https://www.doa.la.gov/oa/ocd-lga/lcdbg-programs/lcdbg-plans-and-reports/2020-2024/> and distributed through a memo to the State's mailing list.

Written comments on the proposed amendment may be submitted beginning June 8, 2022 and will be accepted through July 13, 2022. Comments may be mailed to the Office of Community Development-Local Government Assistance, PO Box 94095, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9095, sent via fax to 225-342-1947, or emailed to heather.paul@la.gov.

**Partner Coordination**

There are no changes to this section.

**Subrecipient Management and Monitoring**

There are no changes to this section.

**Pre-Award/Pre-Agreement**

There are no changes to this section.

**Certifications**

There are no changes to this section.