

**PROPOSED GUSTAV/IKE ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT 21**

**DISASTER RECOVERY INITIATIVE  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
CONSOLIDATED SECURITY, DISASTER ASSISTANCE,  
AND CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS  
ACT, 2009  
H.R. 2638 / Public Law 110-329**

**Louisiana Office of Community Development/Disaster Recovery Unit  
*Proposed* AMENDMENT No. 21 TO STATE OF LOUISIANA ACTION PLAN FOR  
THE UTILIZATION OF CDBG FUNDS IN RESPONSE TO  
HURRICANES GUSTAV AND IKE**

- ***Reallocation of Funds from the Non-Profit Homeowner Rehab Program to the Economic Revitalization Program***

**Public Comment Period: October 9-16, 2013**

**Submitted to HUD: October 17, 2013**

**Approved by HUD: December 13, 2013**

**Bobby Jindal  
Governor**

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Lieutenant Governor**

**Kristy Nichols  
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### **Amendment Number 21 to State of Louisiana Action Plan for Disaster Recovery – Utilizing Funding from the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009 (Public Law 110-329).**

The State of Louisiana was allocated a total of \$1,093,212,571 for recovery from hurricanes Gustav and Ike.

Since the original submittal of the State's Disaster Recovery Action Plan to HUD on January 8, 2009, the State has received several approvals to subsequent Action Plan Amendments for program areas designed to receive CDBG disaster funds. This **Action Plan Amendment 21** is submitted to HUD for approval of the reallocation of funds from the previously approved Non-Profit Homeowner Rehab Program (APA 3) to the **Economic Revitalization Program (APA 3, 5, 8, 12, 14 and 15)**. This program is intended to spur long-term job creation and economic sustainability for the state as it recovers from the effects of hurricanes Gustav and Ike.

This APA 21 cancels a program and is, therefore, submitted for public comment.

#### **Public Comment:**

This Amendment will be posted for public comment on Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013.

This Amendment may be obtained via the Internet at:

[http://www.doa.louisiana.gov/cdbq/DR/GI\\_ActionPlans.htm](http://www.doa.louisiana.gov/cdbq/DR/GI_ActionPlans.htm), or by contacting: Janice Lovett, Office of Community Development, Post Office Box 94095, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70804-9095. The Proposed Action Plan Amendment will also be published in Vietnamese and Spanish at the same website.

Written comments on the proposed Action Plan Amendment will be accepted for seven (7) days from the date it is posted. Comments may be submitted beginning Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013, and must be received no later than 5:00 PM (CST) on Wednesday, Oct. 16, 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](mailto:ocd@la.gov) or through the online form at [http://www.doa.louisiana.gov/cdbq/DR/GI\\_ActionPlans.htm](http://www.doa.louisiana.gov/cdbq/DR/GI_ActionPlans.htm).

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## Gustav/Ike Action Plan Amendment 21: Reallocation of Funds from Non-Profit Homeowner Rehab Program to Economic Revitalization Program

Funding Amount: \$5,000,000

### I. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Gustav/Ike Action Plan Amendment Number 21 is to reallocate \$5,000,000 in funds currently dedicated to the Non-Profit Homeowner Rehab Program, which was approved in Action Plan Amendment Number 3, to the Economic Revitalization Program, which was approved in Action Plan Amendment 3 and further amended in Action Plan Amendments 5, 8, 12, 14 and 15.

Reallocation of Funds	Previous Total	Reallocation	New Total	APA
Non-Profit Homeowner Rehab Program	\$5,000,000	(\$5,000,000)	\$0	APA 3
Economic Revitalization	\$61,732,797	\$5,000,000	\$66,732,797	APA 3

### II. PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

#### A. Non-Profit Homeowner Rehab Program

The Non-Profit Homeowner Rehab Program was created to enhance an existing program under hurricanes Katrina and Rita that provides grants to nonprofits and other organizations, including Units of Local Government, with a proven track record in assisting homeowners to meet the gap in rebuilding their storm or flood damaged homes. The program was intended to assist homeowners with getting back into their homes, including both participants and non-participants in the Road Home program.

The State has found that the need was not as great as initially estimated, and these funds have been unobligated since the program's creation.

#### B. Economic Revitalization Program

Hurricanes Gustav and Ike severely impacted our state's overall economy and many small businesses through widespread physical damage, power outages, and short-term workforce displacement across most of the state. Based on preliminary estimates, Hurricane Gustav's economic impact totals \$7-15 billion. Moreover, many small businesses wounded by Hurricane Gustav had not yet recovered from damage previously inflicted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005.

The state has identified a continued and previously unanticipated need to focus on major economic development initiatives that are primarily aimed at establishing industries and a workforce that are appropriate for the unique geographic, climatic, population and growth conditions of the state. Economic revitalization is an important component of recovery that allows for the disaster recovery funds to be invested in not just directly replacing infrastructure damaged by the storms, but also to be invested in activities that restore the economic strength and vitality of those impacted areas as they strive to recover.

The state intends to reallocate the funds to the Economic Revitalization to further address the unmet economic recovery and resiliency needs faced by the hurricane-impacted areas. The goal of the program is to spur long-term job creation and economic sustainability.

Eligibility and Project Criteria remain as previously approved.

The program will be administered by the Louisiana Office of Community Development's Disaster Recovery Unit in accordance with disaster recovery CDBG rules and regulations. Method of selection remains as previously described in APA 14.

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## Appendix 1 Summary of Public Comments and State's Response

The proposed Action Plan Amendment was published for Public Comment on October 9, 2013 through October 16, 2013. The State received the following comment.

Comment: The Cameron Parish Police Jury supports APA 21 and agrees economic revitalization is needed for all of the recovery parishes.

Response: **The state concurs with the comment.**