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MEMORANDUM

To: Parties Interested in State-Administered HUD-Funded Programs
From: Traci Watts, LCDBG Director *TW*
Date: August 14, 2020 *Jan*
Subject: Amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan – Louisiana Emergency Rental Assistance Program

As set forth in 24 CFR Part 91, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires state agencies which administer certain HUD programs to incorporate their planning and application requirements into one master plan called the Consolidated Plan. In Louisiana the state agencies participating in this consolidated planning process and the HUD funded program(s) administered by each agency include: the Division of Administration/Office of Community Development (Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program), the Louisiana Housing Corporation (HOME Investment Partnerships Program, the Emergency Solutions Grants Program and the National Housing Trust Fund), and the Department of Health and Hospitals/Office of Public Health, STD/HIV Program (Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program).

Summary

The Division of Administration, Office of Community Development, proposes to use \$5,000,000 of its 2020 CDBG-CV allocation toward a program undertaken by the Louisiana Housing Corporation, the Louisiana Emergency Rental Assistance Program. This program will provide up to three months of rental assistance to approximately 13,000 rent-burdened households who are at imminent risk of eviction due to business closures, layoffs, and other factors related to the COVID-19 health crisis. The State of Louisiana has been awarded a total of \$31,845,548 in CPD FY 2020 CARES Act Formula Grant funds (\$13,443,720 for CV1 and \$18,401,828 for CV2). While \$5,000,000 has been set aside for the Louisiana Emergency Rental Assistance Program, the use of the remaining \$26,845,548 has yet to be determined. The \$5,000,000 in CDBG-CV funds will be administered to private citizens directly through the sub-recipient organization, Louisiana Housing Corporation. A portion of the grant, equal to \$13,443,720, will be distributed to UGLGs in non-entitlement areas.

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Annual Goals and Objectives will include \$5,000,000 in CDBG-CV funds for rental assistance activities.

AP-25 Allocation Priorities

Rental assistance using CDBG-CV funds will be added as a priority for the State.

AP-30 Distribution Methods

This section refers to the Method of Distribution CDBG-CV document available on the Office of Community Development's website at https://www.doa.la.gov/Pages/ocd/cdbg/about_lcdbg.aspx.

Written comments may be submitted beginning August 14, 2020, and will be accepted through August 21, 2020. Comments can be mailed to the Office of Community Development at P.O. Box 94095, Baton Rouge, LA, 70804-9095. Comments may also be faxed to (225) 342-1947 or emailed to jeanine.braud@la.gov.

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