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MEMORANDUM

TO: Eligible Applicants
FROM: Traci Watts, Office of Community Development
DATE: September 27, 2019

SUBJECT: Sustainable Water Management Consolidation (SWMC) Planning Grant Program

The Office of Community Development (OCD) is announcing the Sustainable Water Management Consolidation (SWMC) Planning Grant Program. The intent of this program is to assist units of general local government (UGLG) in the consolidation of non-profit/municipal water systems to create sustainable, financially solvent, and stable potable water systems.

The SWMC Program will be implemented during the FY 2019 program year. \$400,000 will be set aside for the program, with an individual grant ceiling of \$40,000. These funds can be used to pay for costs to assist the UGLG with the consolidation process, development of a preliminary engineering report for any necessary improvements to allow for consolidation, creation and execution of required agreements, etc. Only planning costs are eligible under this program.

Interested units of general local government should submit a letter of interest to OCD including the following:

- Name(s) of and contact information for water systems involved in proposed project
- Brief description of proposed project
- Explanation of how proposed project will meet national objective of principal benefit (at least 51%) to LMI persons

The Office of Community Development (OCD), in conjunction with the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), will determine which applicants will be invited to move forward with the application process. OCD will provide technical assistance to invited applicants to ensure compliance with procurement and citizen participation requirements.

Additional information regarding the SWMC Planning Grant Program can be found on the OCD website at https://www.doa.la.gov/Pages/ocd/CDBG/about_lcdbg.aspx under "Proposed FY 2019 Method of Distribution, Amended" and https://www.doa.la.gov/Pages/ocd/CDBG/lcdbg_programs.aspx under "FY 2019 Sustainable Water Management Consolidation Planning Grant Program."

Any questions or request for assistance should be directed to Cory Williams or me at 225-342-7412.

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