

Proposed 2018 Annual Action Plan

Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

As set forth in 24CFR 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 three state agencies participating in this consolidated planning process and the HUD-funded programs 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, National Housing Trust Fund and Emergency Solutions Grants Program), and the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health, STD/HIV Program (State Formula Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Program).

The Consolidated Plan for the State of Louisiana is in effect from April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2019. The plan was developed through a comprehensive statewide effort that included a needs assessment leveraging existing data, input sessions and surveys, quantitative and qualitative assessments of current consumer housing needs and barriers to services, and consultations with housing and social service agencies, local governments, and other entities. An update or action plan for the distribution of funds received in each of the subsequent four (4) program years is prepared and publicized annually. Presented herein is the State of Louisiana's FY 2018 Consolidated Annual Action Plan which identifies the method of distribution of FY 2018 funds under the HUD programs. The resulting plan and document will be used to allocate Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF) and Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS (HOPWA) program funds within the State of Louisiana.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

An assessment of the housing and homeless needs of the State of Louisiana is included in the FY 2015 – FY 2019 Consolidated Plan; the needs are substantial and complex. The State of Louisiana is extremely diverse in its racial and ethnic composition. There are numerous areas across the state with concentrated populations, including African American, Hispanic, Asian, and others. In addition, the State

has multiple and varying housing and non-housing challenges following historic flooding across the southern part of the state in August 2016 that impacted more than 55,000 homes. Although these lingering challenges vary substantially from region to region, the needs assessment and market analysis identified four priority needs:

- Lack of affordable housing
- Lack of housing for special needs populations
- Individuals and families experiencing homelessness
- Barriers to competitive and sustainable communities

The State of Louisiana will utilize these federal resources (CDBG, ESG, HOME, NHTF and HOPWA) and leverage other federal, private and state resources to address these needs by:

- Increasing the number of affordable housing units
- Increasing the number of affordable units for special needs populations
- Decreasing the numbers of individuals and families experiencing homelessness
- Decreasing the number of owner occupied units with housing problems
- Creating competitive and sustainable communities

The State will work with many partners to accomplish these goals. These partners include units of local government, other state and federal agencies, housing developers, CHDOs, nonprofit organizations, and various advocate groups.

As the State continues its efforts regarding attaining these goals, it will also incorporate other specific strategies to help meet these goals. These include a plan to address the barriers to fair housing, a plan to end homelessness, measures to address lead based paint hazards, and anti-poverty measures.

Please also see the section entitled "**AP 20 - Annual Goals and Objectives**".

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

The information below is for HOME, ESG, CDBG, HOPWA and the National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF) for the 2016 Program Year (April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017) hereafter referred to as FY 2016.

CDBG - Program regulations require that no less than seventy percent of the aggregate of the fund expenditures shall be for activities that meet the national objective of benefiting low and moderate income persons. The State exceeded this percentage as 100% of the non-administrative funds awarded were used for activities that benefited low and moderate income persons. Overall, the FY 2016 LCDBG monies awarded as of March 31, 2017, benefited 53,388 persons of which 33,977 or 63.64% were of low

and moderate income. HUD requests that states annually request funds on their letters of credit in an amount at least equal to its annual grant, and to eventually reach a ratio of the unexpended grant balance (just prior to the receipt of the next grant award) to the most recent annual grant amount of not more than 2.5 and to try to achieve 2.0 or less. The State's ratio of unexpended funds to its grant amount was 1.87. The Office of Community Development met and will continue to strive to maintain the expenditure goals established by HUD. It is required that each state obligate and award 95% of the non-administrative annual allocation within twelve months of the grant award. Within the twelve month period, the State had obligated and announced 100% of its non-administrative funds. The percentage exceeded 100 percent due to the award of \$12,455 in program income funds.

HOME: The State affordable housing goals and funding priorities were based on housing needs that are supported by market data. The State continue monitoring the progress of projects that have been funded but not closed and those underway but delayed due to various plausible reasons. The "CR -20 Affordable Housing 91.520 (b) section of the FY 2016 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) provides a complete summary of the goals and accomplishments. The referenced section may be viewed at:

<http://www.doa.la.gov/ocd/CAPER/2016%20Proposed%20CAPER%20without%20Attachments.pdf>.

HOPWA: The overall housing goal of the State Formula HOPWA Program is to increase the availability and accessibility of appropriate and affordable housing options for persons who are HIV-infected in order to prevent homelessness. This goal is achieved through a mix of community based initiatives in the largely rural areas outside of the New Orleans and Baton Rouge metropolitan areas. A total of 555 persons living with HIV and 206 family members (overall total = 761) persons were assisted with HOPWA funding during the 2017 reporting period. As in previous years, the majority of program participants (n=319) sought assistance for Short Term Rent, Mortgage or Utility assistance (STRMU), with 121 persons accessing Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), 22 persons placed in transitional/short term units, 37 in permanent housing facilities and 147 receiving Permanent Housing Placement Services (PHPS).

National Housing Trust Fund: The grant agreement regarding the FY 2016 NHTF for the State of Louisiana was signed on February 17, 2017. The State coordinated the leveraging of nearly 80% of NHTF program funds in conjunction with other resources (private lending, HOME, MRB and LIHTC) exclusively for rental housing development. Five (5) proposed projects were awarded a combined \$2,500,000; total units, 286; NHTF units, 16.

National Housing Trust Fund

Five (5) proposed projects were awarded NHTF funds; total units 286; NHTF units 16.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

CDBG:

The State held a public hearing on June 8, 2017 at the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, LA for the purpose of obtaining views on community development and needs throughout the state. A notice of the hearing was published in the May 24, 2017 issue of The Advocate. Written invitations were mailed to all interested parties for all four programs. Comments were accepted at the hearing, and could be submitted through June 23, 2017. Following the public hearing and comment period, the proposed FY 2018 Consolidated Annual Action Plan was drafted after taking all comments into consideration.

Consultations:

CDBG - The Office of Community Development surveyed all potential applicants for LCDBG throughout the State. The survey gathered information regarding community and parish priorities and perceived needs. The anticipated outcomes of the survey are: a) prioritization of LCDBG basic eligible activities, b) prioritization of public facilities (infrastructure) projects, c) prioritization of fund distribution by program category, d) maximum grant amounts needed by type of project, e) amount to be allowed for local administrative costs, and f) suggestions for improving the LCDBG program. Also, a public hearing was held and followed by a comment period to receive additional input.

CDBG, HOME, National Housing Trust Fund, HOPWA and ESG - A FY 2018 Consolidated Annual Action Plan Input Session was held on June 8, 2017. Public notices regarding citizen participation and comments were sent to the following participants:

- Private and public housing providers
- Homeless service and prevention providers
- Nonprofit and government service providers
- Advocates

The input sessions focused on gathering feedback on priorities and strategies to address the homelessness, housing and community development needs in the State.

In addition to the efforts noted above, a statewide needs assessment survey was administered to low income persons living with HIV during the summer of 2017 to document the needs (met and unmet) of this population in order to assist with planning for both State Formula HOPWA- and Ryan White-funded services to be available in 2018. A copy of this final report is attached for review.

NHTF: The state held a public hearing on June 8, 2017 in conjunction with the FY 2016 CAPER and FY 2018 Annual Action Plan to solicit comment regarding the development of the FY 2018 National Housing Trust Fund Allocation Plan. The final plan summary was emailed to all known interested parties and the summary was published in the major newspapers of the state on June 22, 2016. A summary of the

Citizen Participation Process and consultation is included in the FY 2018 Louisiana National Housing Trust Fund Allocation Plan.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

No comments were received for CDBG, ESG, HOME, NHTF or HOPWA.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

There were no comments specific to State Formula CDBG, HOME, NHTF HOPWA or ESG.

7. Summary

Based on the State's past performance, experience of staff, citizen participation and consultation input from all interested parties, the State of Louisiana has drafted the proposed FY 2018 Annual Action Plan.

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies - 91.300(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

| Agency Role | Name | Department/Agency |
|---------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| Lead Agency | LOUISIANA | |
| CDBG Administrator | LOUISIANA | DOA, Office of Community Development |
| HOPWA Administrator | | DHH, OPH, STD/HIV Program |
| HOME Administrator | LOUISIANA | Louisiana Housing Corporation |
| ESG Administrator | LOUISIANA | Louisiana Housing Corporation |
| NHTF | LOUISIANA | Louisiana Housing Corporation |

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The three state agencies participating in the consolidated planning process and the HUD-funded programs administered by each include the Division of Administration/Office of Community Development (Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program), the Louisiana Housing Corporation (HOME Investment Partnerships, National Housing Trust Fund and Emergency Solutions Grant Programs), and the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH)/Office of Public Health (OPH) STD/HIV Program (SHP) Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) program. The lead agency for the Consolidated Planning Process and the Consolidated Plan is the State of Louisiana's Division of Administration/Office of Community Development.

The primary objective of the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program is to provide assistance to units of general local government in non-entitlement areas for the development of viable communities by providing a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income. The HOME Program objectives are: to expand the supply of decent and affordable housing for low and very low income persons, to stabilize the existing deteriorating homeowner occupied and rental housing stock through rehabilitation, to provide financial and technical assistance to recipients/sub-recipients (including the development of model

programs for affordable low income housing), to extend and strengthen partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector (including for-profit and nonprofit organizations) in the production and operation of affordable housing). The intent of the National Housing Trust Fund is to increase and preserve the supply of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing, primarily rental housing, for extremely low-income and very low-income households. The purpose of the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program is to help local governments and community organizations to improve and expand shelter facilities serving homeless individuals and families, to meet the costs of operating homeless shelters, to provide essential services, and to perform homeless prevention and rapid re-housing activities. The purpose of the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program is to provide localities with the resources and incentives to devise and implement long term comprehensive strategies for meeting the housing needs of persons with acquired immune-deficiency syndrome (AIDS) that will prevent instances of homelessness among this population. Unstable housing and homelessness decrease the ability of persons living with HIV to achieve or maintain viral suppression, which could lead to less optimal health outcomes for the client as well as increased opportunities for HIV transmission to potential partners.

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AP-10 Consultation - 91.110, 91.300(b); 91.315(l)

1. Introduction

CDBG - The Office of Community Development surveyed all potential applicants for LCDBG throughout the State. The survey gathered information regarding community and parish priorities and perceived needs. The anticipated outcomes of the survey are: a) prioritization of LCDBG basic eligible activities, b) prioritization of public facilities (infrastructure) projects, c) prioritization of fund distribution by program category, d) maximum grant amounts needed by type of project, e) amount to be allowed for local administrative costs, and f) suggestions for improving the LCDBG program. Also, a public hearing was held, followed by a comment period to receive additional input.

State Formula HOPWA - The Office of Public Health within the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) partners with community-based organizations and clinical providers that offer medical care and supportive services to persons living with, or at risk of acquiring HIV disease. These groups assist in the development of the Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need (SCSN) and the Louisiana HIV Strategy for Integrated Prevention and Care, which allows input regarding the allocation of all resources of funding. Additionally, the State conducts a Needs Assessment survey of HIV infected persons every two or three years to assess their met and unmet needs related to housing, medical care, and supportive services.

HOME and NHTF: The Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC) through a cooperative endeavor agreement engaged the Louisiana State University Public Administration Institute to conduct a statewide housing needs assessment. Phase one of the housing needs assessment may be viewed at: <http://www.lhc.la.gov/assets/docs/HousingNeedsAssessmentReduced.pdf>. The anticipated outcomes are: a) an assessment of various housing and community development needs, b) prioritization of the distribution of HOME and NHTF funds according to the identified housing needs and eligible program activities, c) suggestions for improving the HOME and NHTF programs.

The LHC also conducts monthly meeting regarding housing programs and activities that are widely publicized and open to the public in addition to participation in community meetings and forums. The LHC provided technical workshops for developers, nonprofit entities, commercial lending institutions, public housing authorities, and local governments in order that those entities would have opportunities to provide dialogue and data that are useful in assessing and prioritizing the housing, homeless and community development needs of the state. A public hearing was also held in Baton Rouge on June 8, 2017 and followed by a comment period to receive additional input. All required agency types were contacted.

Provide a concise summary of the state's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies

State Formula HOPWA - The Office of Public Health STD/HIV Program does not work with units of local government. Instead, project sponsors demonstrating an ability to address the housing needs of low income persons living with HIV are selected during a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process. The successful proposers (i.e., project sponsors) are contractually required to develop both formal and informal collaborations with other housing providers in their jurisdiction, as well as private and government-funded community partners that provide medical, housing, mental health and supportive services to address the clients' needs and assist the eligible program participants to access and be maintained in HIV-related medical care.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness

The state and the local communities are working to address the needs of homeless across Louisiana. The state homeless plan Ma Maison identifies the state priorities on ending homelessness in Louisiana. The goals set were adopted from the federal plan established by the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness' Opening Doors are:

- Ending chronic homeless by 2016
- prevent and end homelessness among veterans by 2015
- prevent and end homelessness for families, youth and children by 2020
- Set a path to ending all types of homelessness

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the State in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

The state coordinates with the CoC's when determining how to allocated ESG funding. The state consults with each CoC when making funding decisions and reviews the local homeless needs to ensure that the funding is best utilized to maximize services to those experiencing homeless.

2. Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and consultations

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

| | | |
|---|--|--|
| 1 | Agency/Group/Organization | Non-Entitlement Cities, Towns, & Villages |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Other government - Local |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Economic Development Community Development |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | LCDBG surveyed all potential applicants for LCDBG throughout the State. The survey gathered information regarding community and parish priorities and perceived needs. The anticipated outcomes of the survey are: a) prioritization of LCDBG basic eligible activities, b) prioritization of public facilities (infrastructure) projects, c) prioritization of fund distribution by program category, d) maximum grant amounts needed by type of project, e) amount to be allowed for local administrative costs, and f) suggestions for improving the LCDBG program. Also, a public hearing was held, followed by a comment period to receive additional input. |
| 2 | Agency/Group/Organization | Non-Entitlement Parishes |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Other government - County |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Economic Development Community Development |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | LCDBG surveyed all potential applicants for LCDBG throughout the State. The survey gathered information regarding community and parish priorities and perceived needs. The anticipated outcomes of the survey are: a) prioritization of LCDBG basic eligible activities, b) prioritization of public facilities (infrastructure) projects, c) prioritization of fund distribution by program category, d) maximum grant amounts needed by type of project, e) amount to be allowed for local administrative costs, and f) suggestions for improving the LCDBG program. Also, a public hearing was held and followed by a comment period to receive additional input. |

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

CDBG - Local governments (entitlements) that are not eligible for LCDBG funding were not contacted. LCDBG focused on the priorities and perceived needs of those local units of government eligible to receive its funding.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

| Name of Plan | Lead Organization | How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan? |
|---|------------------------|---|
| Continuum of Care | Unity for the Homeless | The State and each CoC worked together to identify the goals to end homelessness in Louisiana. These goals are outlines in the State's plan to reduce and end homelessness; Ma Maison. The State collaborates with the CoC to identify funding sources and align resources. |
| Balance of Sate CoC | | The State and each CoC worked together to identify the goals to end homelessness in Louisiana. These goals are outlines in the State's plan to reduce and end homelessness; Ma Maison. The State collaborates with the CoC to identify funding sources and align resources. |
| ARCH | | The State and each CoC worked together to identify the goals to end homelessness in Louisiana. These goals are outlines in the State's plan to reduce and end homelessness; Ma Maison. The State collaborates with the CoC to identify funding sources and align resources. |
| Central LA Coalition to End Homelessness | | The State and each CoC worked together to identify the goals to end homelessness in Louisiana. These goals are outlines in the State's plan to reduce and end homelessness; Ma Maison. The State collaborates with the CoC to identify funding sources and align resources. |
| Hope for the Homeless | | The State and each CoC worked together to identify the goals to end homelessness in Louisiana. These goals are outlines in the State's plan to reduce and end homelessness; Ma Maison. The State collaborates with the CoC to identify funding sources and align resources. |
| Northeast LA Housing and Services Corporation | | The State and each CoC worked together to identify the goals to end homelessness in Louisiana. These goals are outlines in the State's plan to reduce and end homelessness; Ma Maison. The State collaborates with the CoC to identify funding sources and align resources. |

| Name of Plan | Lead Organization | How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan? |
|---------------------|-------------------|---|
| Northlake Coalition | | The State and each CoC worked together to identify the goals to end homelessness in Louisiana. These goals are outlines in the State's plan to reduce and end homelessness; Ma Maison. The State collaborates with the CoC to identify funding sources and align resources. |

Table 3 - Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

AP-12 Participation - 91.115, 91.300(c)

**1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation
Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting**

The State held a public hearing on June 8, 2017 at the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, LA for the purpose of obtaining views on community development and housing needs throughout the state. A notice of the hearing was published in the May 24, 2017 issue of *The Advocate*.

Written invitations to attend the public hearing were mailed to all interested parties for all five programs. Comments were accepted at the hearing, and could be submitted through June 23, 2017. Following the public hearing and comment period, the proposed FY 2018 Consolidated Annual Action Plan was drafted after taking all comments into consideration.

A notice of the availability of the proposed plan was published in *The Advocate*. A memorandum announcing the availability of the proposed plan was sent to interested parties for the programs. Copies of the proposed plan could be reviewed in the offices of any of the three state agencies involved. The proposed plan has also been available or viewing and copying on the internet (http://www.doa.la.gov/Pages/ocd/CDBG/about_lcdbg.aspx). Written comments on the proposed plan were accepted from May 23, 2018 through June 23, 2018.

Citizen Participation Outreach

| Sort Order | Mode of Outreach | Target of Outreach | Summary of response/attendance | Summary of comments received | Summary of comments not accepted and reasons | URL (If applicable) |
|------------|------------------|------------------------------|---|--|--|---------------------|
| 1 | Newspaper Ad | Non-targeted/broad community | No one was in attendance at the public hearing as a result of the newspaper ad. | No comments were received as a result of the newspaper advertisement | Not applicable. | |

| Sort Order | Mode of Outreach | Target of Outreach | Summary of response/attendance | Summary of comments received | Summary of comments not accepted and reasons | URL (if applicable) |
|------------|---------------------|------------------------------|---|--|--|---------------------|
| 2 | Memorandum Mail-Out | Non-targeted/broad community | No one was in attendance at the public hearing as a result of the memorandum mail-out. | No comments were received as a result of the memorandum mail-out. | Not applicable. | |
| 3 | Public Hearing | Non-targeted/broad community | No one was in attendance at the public hearing and no comments were received. | No comments were received during the comment period. | Not applicable. | |
| 4 | Newspaper Ad | Non-targeted/broad community | No responses or comments were received as a result of the newspaper advertisement regarding the availability of the proposed action plan. | No comments were received as a result of the newspaper advertisement regarding the availability of the proposed action plan. | Not applicable. | |

| Sort Order | Mode of Outreach | Target of Outreach | Summary of response/attendance | Summary of comments received | Summary of comments not accepted and reasons | URL (if applicable) |
|------------|---------------------|------------------------------|--|---|--|---------------------|
| 5 | Memorandum Mail-Out | Non-targeted/broad community | No responses or comments were received as a result of the memorandum regarding the availability of the proposed action plan. | No comments were received as a result of the memorandum regarding the availability of the proposed action plan. | Not applicable. | |

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.320(c)(1,2)

Introduction

The expected FY 2018 funding allocations for each program area are as follows: Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) - \$19,892,244, HOME Investment Partnerships Program - \$10,369,418, National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF) - \$3,068,829, Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program - \$2,298,246, and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program - \$1,314,327. The primary needs of the State which are addressed by these HUD-funded programs are infrastructure, housing and tenant based rental assistance. The majority of the

CDBG funds address infrastructure and other community development needs. The primary focus of the other programs is in the area of housing.

Anticipated Resources

| Program | Source of Funds | Uses of Funds | Expected Amount Available Year 1 | | | | Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$ | Narrative Description |
|---------|------------------|--|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|------------|---|--|
| | | | Annual Allocation: \$ | Program Income: \$ | Prior Year Resources: \$ | Total: \$ | | |
| CDBG | public - federal | Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services | 21,638,489 | 100,000 | 1,600,000 | 23,338,489 | 19,592,628 | LCDBG funds are leveraged by the use of other federal funds, state funds and local funds. To encourage leverage through the use of local funds, the LCDBG competitive grant program offers rating points to those local governments providing administration and/or engineering funds. |

| Program | Source of Funds | Uses of Funds | Expected Amount Available Year 1 | | | | Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$ | Narrative Description |
|---------|------------------|---|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|------------|---|--|
| | | | Annual Allocation: \$ | Program Income: \$ | Prior Year Resources: \$ | Total: \$ | | |
| HOME | public - federal | Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA | 10,369,418 | 3,961,050 | 0 | 10,369,418 | 14,330,468 | HOME funds may be allocated according to uses of funds and may be combined or leveraged with other sources of funds to make housing more affordable for low-income households. Unexpended funds from completed activities may be allocated to other eligible priorities. |

| Program | Source of Funds | Uses of Funds | Expected Amount Available Year 1 | | | | Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$ | Narrative Description |
|---------|------------------|---|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------|---|--|
| | | | Annual Allocation: \$ | Program Income: \$ | Prior Year Resources: \$ | Total: \$ | | |
| HOPWA | public - federal | Permanent housing in facilities Permanent housing placement Short term or transitional housing facilities STRMU Supportive services TBRA | 1,743,146 | 0 | 0 | 1,743,146 | 1,538,818 | State Formula HOPWA resources will be allocated in accordance with federal requirements, the documented needs of low income persons living with HIV, the current client utilization of HOPWA programs and resources, and the goals of the Louisiana HIV Strategy for Integrated Prevention and Care. |

| Program | Source of Funds | Uses of Funds | Expected Amount Available Year 1 | | | | Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$ | Narrative Description |
|---------|------------------|---|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------|---|--|
| | | | Annual Allocation: \$ | Program Income: \$ | Prior Year Resources: \$ | Total: \$ | | |
| ESG | public - federal | Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing | 2,300,920 | 0 | 0 | 2,300,920 | 2,300,920 | The ESG funding will be allocated statewide in accordance with local, state, and federal guidelines. |

| Program | Source of Funds | Uses of Funds | Expected Amount Available Year 1 | | | | Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$ | Narrative Description |
|--------------------|------------------|--|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------|---|---|
| | | | Annual Allocation: \$ | Program Income: \$ | Prior Year Resources: \$ | Total: \$ | | |
| HTF | public - federal | Acquisition Admin and Planning Homebuyer assistance Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Housing Trust Fund | public - federal | Admin and Planning Housing Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab Other | 3,068,829 | 0 | 0 | 3,068,029 | 3,000,000 | National Housing Trust Fund provides formula grants to States to increase and preserve the supply of decent, safe and sanitary affordable housing for extremely low-income households or households with incomes below the federal poverty line. All funds must benefit very low income households. |

| Program | Source of Funds | Uses of Funds | Expected Amount Available Year 1 | | | | Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$ | Narrative Description |
|---------|------------------|--|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------|---|-----------------------|
| | | | Annual Allocation: \$ | Program Income: \$ | Prior Year Resources: \$ | Total: \$ | | |
| Other | public - federal | Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Housing Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab Public Improvements Public Services Rental Assistance Supportive services | 304,065,814 | 0 | 0 | 304,065,814 | 285,154,331 | |

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how

matching requirements will be satisfied

CDBG: While a match is not required for LCDBG, funds available through LCDBG are leveraged with other federal, state and local government funds. The additional funds are primarily used for administration and planning of projects, property acquisition and a portion of project construction costs.

HOME: Funds available through these programs are usually leveraged with the resources from commercial lenders, cooperative, or other private lenders. HOME funds may be combined or leveraged with other sources of funds to make housing more affordable for low-income households. Specifically, the Louisiana Housing Corporation is able to leverage HOME Funds with the Department of Energy Weatherization funds, Mortgage Revenue Bonds, National Housing Trust Funds and Low-Income Housing Tax-Credits. Other resources through the Governor's Office of Women's Services and private nonprofit organizations should leverage additional resources to support the integration of supportive services. The State will support funding applications by any other entity which will assist in the delivery of housing and housing support services. The Louisiana Housing Corporation will fulfill the HOME Program requirement of a matching contribution relative to its drawn amount of HOME Program funds through the following sources:

- Cash or cash equivalents from a non-federal source;
- Value of waived taxes, fees or charges associated with HOME projects;
- The present value of interest reductions of below-market-rate loans, where a project also receives HOME assistance;
- State general revenue funds that are contributed to housing projects assisted with HOME funds and meet the HOME affordability requirements;
- Value of donated land and real property;
- Cost of infrastructure improvements associated with HOME projects;
- A percentage of the proceeds of single- or multi-family housing bonds issued by state, state instrumentality or local government;
- Value of donated materials, equipment, labor and professional services;
- Sweat equity;
- Direct costs of supportive services to residents of HOME projects;
- Direct cost of homebuyer counseling to families purchasing homes with HOME assistance; and
- Any other match contribution as specified in 24 CFR 92.220.

Additionally, the State will continue to carry forward excess match credit to the next federal fiscal year.

ESG: The Louisiana Housing Corporation requires all ESG funded programs to secure matching funds in an amount at least equal to its ESGP grant amount. All programs must compile and document the match requirements per the HUD regulations 24 CFR 85.24.

State Formula HOPWA: Although a match is not required for State Formula HOPWA funds, federal Ryan White Part B and ADAP Earmark resources will be leveraged to increase the impact of HOPWA activities, as well as local dollars that have been garnered by the project sponsors to increase the depth and breadth of the HOPWA services.

National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF): The statute does not have a match requirement for NHTF. The statute does include, as one priority factor, that states and sub-grantees should consider the extent to which a project will make use of non-federal funding when allocating NHTF dollars. NHTF may be leveraged with resources from commercial lenders, cooperative, other private lenders, HOME funds, Mortgage Revenue Bonds, and Low-Income Housing Tax-Credits. Other resources through the Department of Children and Family Services, Department of Health and Hospitals and private nonprofit organizations should leverage additional resources to support the integration of supportive services. The State will support funding applications by any other entity which will assist in the delivery of housing and housing support services.

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

CDBG: Local government properties may be used for certain infrastructure improvements for items such as utility lines, water wells, booster stations, pump stations, etc.

Discussion

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives – 91.320(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

| Sort Order | Goal Name | Start Year | End Year | Category | Geographic Area | Needs Addressed | Funding | Goal Outcome Indicator |
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| 1 | Affordable Housing | 2015 | 2019 | Affordable Housing | HOME State of Louisiana National Housing Trust Fund - State of Louisiana | Existing Housing Units Acquisition Existing Housing Units Rehabilitation New Housing Units Production Rental Assistance | HOME: \$9,332,476 Housing Trust Fund: \$2,761,946 | Rental units constructed: 78 Household Housing Unit Rental units rehabilitated: 185 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 15 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 0 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 15 Households Assisted Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 50 Households Assisted |
| 2 | Rental Assistance | 2015 | 2019 | Affordable Housing Homeless | HOME State of Louisiana | | HOME: \$716,523 | Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 70 Households Assisted |
| 3 | Homeless Shelters | 2015 | 2019 | Homeless | ESG-State of Louisiana | Homeless Shelters | ESG: \$638,505 | Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added: 2500 Beds |

| Sort Order | Goal Name | Start Year | End Year | Category | Geographic Area | Needs Addressed | Funding | Goal Outcome Indicator |
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| 4 | Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing | 2015 | 2019 | Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs | ESG-State of Louisiana | Rental Assistance | ESG: \$1,109,010 | Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 400 Households Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 300 Persons Assisted |
| 5 | Street Outreach | 2015 | 2019 | Homeless | ESG-State of Louisiana | Street Outreach | ESG: \$200,000 | Other: 300 Other |
| 6 | HMIS | 2015 | 2019 | Homeless | ESG-State of Louisiana | Homeless Shelters | ESG: \$180,836 | Other: 1500 Other |

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| 7 | CDBG-DR | 2015 | 2019 | Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development Economic Development | CDBG-State of Louisiana | Economic Development Public Facilities Infrastructure Projects Rental Assistance | CDBG-DR: \$304,065,814 | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 662744 Persons Assisted Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 176192 Households Assisted Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1767 Households Assisted Rental units constructed: 416 Household Housing Unit Rental units rehabilitated: 259 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 8 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 715 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 98 Households Assisted Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 12 Households Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 60 Persons Assisted |
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| Sort Order | Goal Name | Start Year | End Year | Category | Geographic Area | Needs Addressed | Funding | Goal Outcome Indicator |
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| | | | | | | | | Jobs created/retained: 54 Jobs Businesses assisted: 5 Businesses Assisted Buildings Demolished: 120 Buildings |
| 8 | PF-Existing Infrastructure and Service Connections | 2015 | 2019 | Non-Housing Community Development | CDBG-State of Louisiana | Demonstrated Needs Projects LaSTEP Projects Public Facilities Infrastructure Projects | CDBG: \$10,822,903 | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 34000 Persons Assisted Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 85 Households Assisted |
| 9 | PF-New Infrastructure | 2015 | 2019 | Non-Housing Community Development | CDBG-State of Louisiana | Demonstrated Needs Projects LaSTEP Projects Public Facilities Infrastructure Projects | CDBG: \$5,183,589 | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 5000 Persons Assisted |
| 10 | PF-New Service Connections | 2015 | 2019 | Non-Housing Community Development | CDBG-State of Louisiana | Demonstrated Needs Projects LaSTEP Projects Public Facilities Infrastructure Projects | CDBG: \$191,985 | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 86 Households Assisted |

| Sort Order | Goal Name | Start Year | End Year | Category | Geographic Area | Needs Addressed | Funding | Goal Outcome Indicator |
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| 11 | ED-New Business | 2015 | 2019 | Non-Housing Community Development | CDBG-State of Louisiana | Economic Development | CDBG: \$959,924 | Jobs created/retained: 45 Jobs Businesses assisted: 1 Businesses Assisted |
| 12 | ED-Existing Business | 2015 | 2019 | Non-Housing Community Development | CDBG-State of Louisiana | Economic Development | CDBG: \$2,040,076 | Jobs created/retained: 152 Jobs Businesses assisted: 2 Businesses Assisted |
| 13 | HOPWA Resource Identification | 2015 | 2019 | Non-Homeless Special Needs | HOPWA - State of Louisiana | Housing Stabilization | HOPWA: \$46,165 | Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 50 Persons Assisted Other: 45 Other |
| 14 | HOPWA Housing Assistance | 2015 | 2019 | Non-Homeless Special Needs | HOPWA - State of Louisiana | Housing Stabilization | HOPWA: \$1,446,489 | Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 550 Persons Assisted Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 120 Households Assisted HIV/AIDS Housing Operations: 45 Household Housing Unit |

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

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| 1 | Goal Name | Affordable Housing |
| | Goal Description | The goal is to increase the number of affordable housing units available to extremely low, very low, low and moderate income households and decrease the number of existing substandard housing units statewide. |
| 2 | Goal Name | Rental Assistance |
| | Goal Description | |
| 3 | Goal Name | Homeless Shelters |
| | Goal Description | This funding will be utilized to support the homeless shelters with operational cost. |
| 4 | Goal Name | Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing |
| | Goal Description | Homeless prevention funding may be used to provide housing relocation and stabilization services and short- or medium-term rental assistance necessary to prevent an individual or family from moving into an emergency shelter and prevent incidences of homelessness. Rapid Re-housing funding may be used to provide housing relocation and stabilization services and short- or medium-term rental assistance necessary to help a homeless individual or family move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing. |
| 5 | Goal Name | Street Outreach |
| | Goal Description | Funding will used for costs of providing essential services necessary to reach out to unsheltered homeless people and connect them with emergency shelter and services. |
| 6 | Goal Name | HMIS |
| | Goal Description | ESG funds may be used for training and data collection related to the homeless populations and services. |

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| 7 | Goal Name | CDBG-DR |
| | Goal Description | The Disaster Recovery Unit administers disaster recovery grants allocated to Louisiana by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to help state residents recover from hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav, Ike and Isaac and the Great Floods of 2016. Funds are distributed through other state agencies, local governments, businesses and nonprofit organizations to support and improve housing, infrastructure, economic development, planning and resilience. |
| 8 | Goal Name | PF-Existing Infrastructure and Service Connections |
| | Goal Description | This goal assists local units of government in providing suitable living environments for their citizens by providing funds to make sewer, water, and streets sustainable and for the reconnection of qualified low-moderate households to a sewer or water system following reconstruction/rehabilitation of the system. |
| 9 | Goal Name | PF-New Infrastructure |
| | Goal Description | This goal assists local units of government in providing suitable living environments for their citizens by providing funds to make sewer, water, and streets available and accessible. |
| 10 | Goal Name | PF-New Service Connections |
| | Goal Description | This goal assists units of local government by providing funds to connect eligible low-moderate households to new sewer or water systems. |
| 11 | Goal Name | ED-New Business |
| | Goal Description | This goal provides funds to local units of government for infrastructure improvements that will assist new for-profit businesses in their jurisdiction. |
| 12 | Goal Name | ED-Existing Business |
| | Goal Description | This goal provides funding to local units of government for infrastructure improvements that will assist for-profit businesses The funds will be utilized to expand the business in the jurisdiction. |

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| 13 | Goal Name | HOPWA Resource Identification |
| | Goal Description | Resource Identification (RI) funds are utilized to identify available resource for low-moderate income persons living with HIV, especially in the state's rural areas. |
| 14 | Goal Name | HOPWA Housing Assistance |
| | Goal Description | The provision of Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TRBA), Permanent Housing Placement Services (PHPS) and Short-Term Rent/Mortgage/Utility (STRMU) assistance to low income persons living with HIV who reside in parishes outside of the New Orleans and Baton Rouge MSAs. |

AP-25 Allocation Priorities – 91.320(d)

Introduction:

The FY 2017 funding allocations for each program area are estimated to be as follows: CDBG - \$19,678,475, HOME - \$6,897,534, NHTF - \$3,000,000, ESG - \$2,298,246, and HOPWA - \$1,538,818. The primary needs of the State which are addressed by these HUD-funded programs are infrastructure and housing. The majority of the CDBG funds address infrastructure needs; however, CDBG funds are also allocated to address other community development needs. The primary focus of the other programs is in the area of housing. The State of Louisiana seeks to improve the lives of its residents by:

- Increasing the number of affordable housing units
- Increasing the number of affordable units for special needs populations
- Decreasing the numbers of individuals and families experiencing homelessness
- Decreasing the number of owner occupied units with housing problems
- Creating competitive and sustainable communities

The State will work to achieve these goals through:

- Leveraging of resources to support effective community programs working toward these goals
- Developing strategic partnerships to address barriers to achieving these goals
- Providing planning, coordination, and management of strategies to meet these goals

Funding Allocation Priorities

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| | Affordable Housing (%) | Rental Assistance (%) | Homeless Shelters (%) | Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing (%) | Street Outreach (%) | HMIS (%) | CDBG-DR (%) | PF-Existing Infrastructure and Service Connections (%) | PF-New Infrastructure (%) | PF-New Service Connections (%) | ED-New Business (%) | ED-Existing Business (%) | HOPW Resour Identific (%) |
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| CDBG | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 56 | 27 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| HOME | 92 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| HOPWA | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ESG | 0 | 0 | 47 | 40 | 9 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| HTF | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Housing Trust Fund | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other CDBG-DR | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Table 7 – Funding Allocation Priorities

Reason for Allocation Priorities

CDBG: The funds are allocated based on a combination of historic use and the results of LCDBG's survey of eligible local units of government which gathered information regarding community and parish priorities and perceived needs. A public hearing was also held and followed by a comment period to receive additional input regarding the use of CDBG funds.

HOME and NHTF: The Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC) conducted a statewide housing need assessment through a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Louisiana State University Public Administration Institute. Phase one of the housing need assessment may be viewed at: <http://www.lhc.la.gov/assets/docs/HousingNeedsAssessmentReduced.pdf>. The assessment and comments from public hearings with regards to the planned use of HOME and NHTF funds are used to assist the state in the prioritization of the distribution of HOME and NHTF funds among eligible program activities. It is anticipated that 10% of the allocation from the HOME and NHTF will be used for administrative purposes.

State Formula HOPWA: In order to prevent homelessness of low income persons living with HIV disease, the STD/HIV Program has allocated all of the program resources to Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), Short Term Rent/Mortgage/Utility (STRMU) assistance, Transitional/Short Term Facilities/Units, Permanent Housing Placement Services (PHPS) and Resource Identification (RI) in order to place eligible clients in appropriate and affordable rental housing.

ESG- The state continues to provide funding to homeless programs statewide. In an effort to reduce homelessness statewide the state's priority

is to rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families and to reduce the amount of time an individual or family is homeless. The funding is utilized to support homeless shelters in efforts to immediately house those individual and families that are literally homeless.

How will the proposed distribution of funds will address the priority needs and specific objectives described in the Consolidated Plan?

CDBG: The proposed distribution of funds is responsive to LCDBG's survey results and comments received from local units of government regarding community and parish priorities and perceived needs. All of the priority needs and specific objectives related to the LCDBG program funding address the public infrastructure goals and the objectives of suitable living environments which are accessible, available, affordable and sustainable.

HOME and NHTF: The proposed distribution of HOME and NHTF funds address the affordable housing needs of the state as identified in the Housing Needs Assessment and the Market Analysis sections of the Consolidated Plan. HOME and NHTF funds are equitably distributed through a competitive and non-competitive funding application method to address the priority of needs as identified in the Consolidated Plan that are supported by an assessment of neighborhood market demands during the application process. The objective is the production and preservation of decent affordable housing. The specific objectives are as follow:

Increasing the number of affordable housing units, Increasing the number of affordable units for special needs populations, Decreasing the numbers of individuals and families experiencing homelessness, Decreasing the number of owner occupied units with housing problems, Creating competitive and sustainable communities

State Formula HOPWA: All resources from this award will go toward 1) decreasing the number of individuals living with HIV and their families that experiencing homelessness, 2) increasing the number of affordable units, and 3) increasing the number of affordable housing units for special needs populations.

State Formula HOPWA funds will continue to support the operational costs of group living facilities that are dedicated to persons living with HIV who are unable to live independently or to live alone—or would simply prefer increased social support and interaction with others. Annual awards will be made to community based organizations for Resource Identification efforts to assist their staff develop or increase rental agreements with landlords and identify newly available housing that is affordable and appropriate for their clients. These community project sponsors will also receive funding for Short Term Rent Utility and Mortgage (STRMU) assistance in order to prevent eviction and/or a lack of

essential utilities. Additionally, State Formula HOPWA resources will be dedicated to Permanent Housing Placement Services (PHPS) to assist low income persons living with HIV make deposits for essential utilities and/or first month's/last month's rent in order to increase independent living in units that are appropriate for the clients' needs. and sustainable communities

In each geographic region of the state, supportive services will be available through the Ryan White-funded programs in order to assist clients in navigating care systems and accessing the benefits that would most improve their health and their access to stable housing.

The ESG Allocation will continue to make available resources in communities to assist those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The need for continuation of this service is evident by the Annual Point in Time Survey, and to continue the work being done to end homelessness across the state. The State LHC utilizes a geographic allocation formula for the distribution of the State's ESG funding to ensure that funding is made available to all regions of the state. The state funding will be awarded through a competitive process to applicants that describe and document the need.

AP-30 Methods of Distribution – 91.320(d)&(k)

Introduction:

The State of Louisiana's FY 2018 Consolidated Annual Action Plan includes a separate method of distribution description for the four HUD programs administered by three state agencies. These methods of distribution are described below.

Distribution Methods

Table 8 - Distribution Methods by State Program

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| 1 | State Program Name: | State of Louisiana CDBG - DR Program |
| | Funding Sources: | CDBG-DR |
| | Describe the state program addressed by the Method of Distribution. | The Disaster Recovery Unit within the Division of Administration's Office of Community Development manages the CDBG-DR funds allocated by HUD for recovery from hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav, Ike, and Isaac as well as the national disaster resilience and the Great Floods of 2016. Detailed program information for all of the recovery programs can be found in the approved disaster recovery action plans located on our website at: http://www.doa.la.gov/Pages/ocd-dru/Action_Plans.aspx . |
| | Describe all of the criteria that will be used to select applications and the relative importance of these criteria. | Please see the approved disaster recovery action plans for specific program information relative to program criteria. |

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| <p>If only summary criteria were described, how can potential applicants access application manuals or other state publications describing the application criteria? (CDBG only)</p> | <p>Please see the approved disaster recovery action plans for specific program information regarding applications.</p> |
| <p>Describe the process for awarding funds to state recipients and how the state will make its allocation available to units of general local government, and non-profit organizations, including community and faith-based organizations. (ESG only)</p> | |
| <p>Identify the method of selecting project sponsors (including providing full access to grassroots faith-based and other community-based organizations). (HOPWA only)</p> | |

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| <p>Describe how resources will be allocated among funding categories.</p> | <p>The current allocated CDBG-DR funds are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · \$13.4 billion for recovery from hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005; · \$1.09 billion for recovery from hurricanes Gustav and Ike in 2008; · \$66.4 million for recovery from Hurricane Isaac in 2012; · \$92.6 million from HUD's National Disaster Resilience Competition in 2016; and · \$1.7 billion for recovery from the Great Floods of 2016. <p>Please see the approved disaster recovery action plans for detailed program funding information.</p> |
| <p>Describe threshold factors and grant size limits.</p> | <p>Please see the approved disaster recovery action plans for specific program details regarding any threshold factors and grant size limits.</p> |

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| | <p>What are the outcome measures expected as a result of the method of distribution?</p> | <p>Please see the approved disaster recovery action plans for specific program details regarding the outcome measures.</p> |
| 2 | <p>State Program Name:</p> | <p>State of Louisiana CDBG Program</p> |
| | <p>Funding Sources:</p> | <p>CDBG</p> |
| | <p>Describe the state program addressed by the Method of Distribution.</p> | <p>This program is the State of Louisiana's Community Development Block Grant Program for small cities and rural parishes. The program is administered by the Office of Community Development of the State's Division of Administration. Most of the State's allocation is distributed to small cities and rural parishes for public infrastructure projects, and other community development needs as identified by the State. The distribution for most of the funds is based on a competitive process, some of the funds are distributed on an "as needed" basis for projects of an emergency in nature, and other funds are distributed for communities that can accomplish a project using self-help methods.</p> <p>The anticipated resources from other public federal, state and local sources are project specific and identified in the competitive application submitted for a project. If an application with other anticipated resources is rated and ranked as eligible for funding, the State confirms the availability of those funds prior to committing CDBG funds to the project.</p> |

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| <p>Describe all of the criteria that will be used to select applications and the relative importance of these criteria.</p> | <p>Applications are rated on a point scale. Factors for the scale include a) low/moderate income persons benefited, b) cost effectiveness, c) project severity, (d) local payment of engineering costs, and (e) local payment of administrative costs.</p> |
| <p>If only summary criteria were described, how can potential applicants access application manuals or other state publications describing the application criteria? (CDBG only)</p> | <p>Potential applicants can access the FY 2018-FY 2019 Public Facilities Application Package and the FY 2018 Method of Distribution document on the Office of Community Development's website at http://www.doa.la.gov/Pages/ocd/cdbg/about_lcdbg.aspx. The application package and Method of Distribution document can also be obtained from the office's location at 1201 N. 3rd Street, Claiborne Building, Suite 3-150, Baton Rouge, LA, 70802, or a copy can be requested by mail from the Office of Community Development, P.O. Box 94095, Baton Rouge, LA, 70804-9095. An email requesting the package may be sent to traci.watts@la.gov.</p> |

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| <p>Describe the process for awarding funds to state recipients and how the state will make its allocation available to units of general local government, and non-profit organizations, including community and faith-based organizations. (ESG only)</p> | |
| <p>Identify the method of selecting project sponsors (including providing full access to grassroots faith-based and other community-based organizations). (HOPWA only)</p> | |

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| <p>Describe how resources will be allocated among funding categories.</p> | <p>CDBG Funds will be allocated as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated Needs-\$1,200,000 will be allocated for projects that are emergency in nature.LaSTEP-\$500,000 will be allocated to projects that will be accomplished with self-help methods.Economic Development-\$3,000,000 will be allocated for projects that assist local units of government in the creation and/or retention of jobs and/or businesses within their jurisdictions. <p>Public Facilities-The remaining available grant funds will be allocated to public infrastructure projects.</p> |
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| <p>Describe threshold factors and grant size limits.</p> | <p>CDBG: Demonstrated Needs category-the grant ceiling for critical/urgent infrastructure needs is \$300,000, with a minimum of \$50,000 in construction costs. There is no ceiling for projects for other community needs identified by the State.</p> <p>LaSTEP-the funding ceiling is \$500,000.</p> <p>Public Infrastructure-the following ceilings and thresholds apply:</p> <p>Sewer Treatment-\$1,200,000</p> <p>Sewer Rehabilitation-\$1,000,000</p> <p>New Sewer Systems-\$1,000,000</p> <p>Potable Water-\$1,000,000</p> <p>Residential Streets-\$800,000 with a minimum of \$200,000</p> <p>Multi-Jurisdictional Projects-the lesser of the combined ceiling amount for each local government participating, or \$2.2 million</p> <p>Economic Development-the following ceilings and thresholds apply:</p> <p>New Business (grant only)-\$639,000</p> <p>Existing business (grant only)-\$1,039,000</p> <p>Existing Business (located in an area with a poverty rate greater than or equal to 20%)-In the case of a very large project with substantial private investment that is locating in a census designated area with poverty rates of twenty percent or greater, up to one-half of the economic development allocation may be used for infrastructure provided that other funding criteria are met.</p> |
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| | <p>What are the outcome measures expected as a result of the method of distribution?</p> | <p>CDBG Outcome measures expected include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving existing public infrastructure - to assist local governments in providing suitable living environments by making sewer, water, and street systems sustainable. • New public infrastructure - to assist local governments in creating suitable living environments by making sewer, water, and street systems available. • New service connections - to assist local governments in creating suitable living environments by making the connection to water and sewer systems affordable. • Improving existing service connections - to assist local governments in providing suitable living environments by rehabilitating sewer or water service connections for sustainability. <p>Economic Development-to assist local units of government in the creation and/or retention of jobs and/or businesses within their jurisdictions.</p> |
| 3 | <p>State Program Name:</p> | <p>State of Louisiana ESG Program</p> |
| | <p>Funding Sources:</p> | <p>ESG</p> |
| | <p>Describe the state program addressed by the Method of Distribution.</p> | <p>The LHC will continue to use the geographic allocation formula in the distribution of the State's ESG Funding, to ensure that each region of the State is allotted a specified minimum of State ESG grant assistance for eligible ESGP projects. The population figures for 2010 census will be utilized for the 2018 funding. Based on national and state studies linking homelessness to conditions of poverty, regional ESG allocations are formulated based on factors for poverty (very low income) populations in the parishes of each region according to U.S. Census Bureau data. Within each region, grant distribution shall be conducted through a competitive grant award process previously described.</p> |

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| <p>Describe all of the criteria that will be used to select applications and the relative importance of these criteria.</p> | <p>Proposals accepted for review will be rated on a competitive basis based on information provided in grant applications. To be eligible for funding each applicants proposal must score a 75 points or higher on the evaluation. The Award of grant amounts between competing applicants will be based on consideration of the following selection criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizational Capacity • Project Proposal Narrative • Approach • Performance Measurement • Budget Justification |
| <p>If only summary criteria were described, how can potential applicants access application manuals or other state publications describing the application criteria? (CDBG only)</p> | |

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| <p>Describe the process for awarding funds to state recipients and how the state will make its allocation available to units of general local government, and non-profit organizations, including community and faith-based organizations. (ESG only)</p> | <p>The LHC will continue to use the geographic allocation formula in the distribution of the State's ESG Funding, to ensure that each region of the State is allotted a specified minimum of State ESG grant assistance for eligible ESGP projects. The population figures for 2010 census will be utilized for the 2018 funding. Based on national and state studies linking homelessness to conditions of poverty, regional ESG allocations are formulated based on factors for poverty (very low income) populations in the parishes of each region according to U.S. Census Bureau data. Within each region, grant distribution shall be conducted through a competitive grant award process previously described. All prospective applicants are encouraged to submit an application.</p> |
| <p>Identify the method of selecting project sponsors (including providing full access to grassroots faith-based and other community-based organizations). (HOPWA only)</p> | |

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| <p>Describe how resources will be allocated among funding categories.</p> | <p>ESG funds may be used for six program components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • street outreach • emergency shelter • homelessness prevention • rapid re-housing assistance • Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) • administrative activities <p>All applicants are required to allocate at least 40% of their award to homeless prevention or rapid re-housing activities.</p> |
| <p>Describe threshold factors and grant size limits.</p> | <p>All qualified applications will be ranked based on the scoring criteria identified in the notice of funding availability (NOFA). The highest scoring applicants will receive a funding commitment from the LHC based on project needs, up to the amount of funds available for the funding round.</p> |

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| | <p>What are the outcome measures expected as a result of the method of distribution?</p> | <p>The ESG expected outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • decent affordable housing • create suitable living environments |
| 4 | <p>State Program Name:</p> | <p>State of Louisiana HOME Program</p> |
| | <p>Funding Sources:</p> | <p>HOME</p> |
| | <p>Describe the state program addressed by the Method of Distribution.</p> | <p>Each year, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocates HOME program funds to state governments as well as to local participating jurisdictions (PJs). State governments may use their HOME allocation to establish programs and to fund eligible activities throughout the state. The State of Louisiana Home Program is administered by the Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC). The LHC designs various housing programs and award funds to local governments (referred to as state recipients), and Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) and non-profits (both referred to as sub-recipients) as well as for profit developers on an annual basis through a competitive application process. If more frequent, a notice will be published. HOME funds are used to provide flexible, below-market-rate loans to projects that create or preserve affordable housing for lower-income households. Eligible activity types include homeownership development, homebuyer assistance, rental development (acquisition and / or rehabilitation and new construction), homeowner rehabilitation and rental assistance. Funds are distributed statewide.</p> |

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| <p>Describe all of the criteria that will be used to select applications and the relative importance of these criteria.</p> | <p>HOME PROGRAM GUIDELINES/ELEGIBILITY CRITERIA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposals will be evaluated in accordance with the established evaluation criteria for each type of project; • Priority will be given to projects located in non-HOME entitlement localities, CHDO projects, and special needs projects in accordance with the housing needs assessment and market analysis; • The eligibility of projects/ households for HOME assistance varies with the type of funded activity; • Rental housing and rental assistance: at least 90% of benefiting families must have incomes that are no more than 60% of the HUD-adjusted area median income (AMI); • Rental projects with five or more assisted units: at least 20% of the units must be occupied by families with incomes that do not exceed 50% of the HUD-adjusted AMI; • HOME assisted households income must not exceed 80 percent of the AMI; • HOME income limits are published each year by HUD. <p>Applicants that have outstanding audits or monitoring findings, unresolved IRS findings, and/or applicants not in compliance with previous LHC agreements are ineligible for funding. Eligible applicants must be qualified developers of affordable housing, including certified CHDOs undertaking CHDO-eligible activities throughout the State of Louisiana. All HOME funds must leverage other types of funding sources including, but not limited to, low income housing tax credits, bond financing, and other public and private funds. Please note that HOME compliance requirements apply. Other funding source requirements must be compatible with HOME program requirements.</p> |
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| <p>If only summary criteria were described, how can potential applicants access application manuals or other state publications describing the application criteria? (CDBG only)</p> | |
| <p>Describe the process for awarding funds to state recipients and how the state will make its allocation available to units of general local government, and non-profit organizations, including community and faith-based organizations. (ESG only)</p> | |
| <p>Identify the method of selecting project sponsors (including providing full access to grassroots faith-based and other community-based organizations). (HOPWA only)</p> | |

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| <p>Describe how resources will be allocated among funding categories.</p> | <p>Resources will be allocated in accordance with the funding priorities per the housing and community development need assessment, citizen participation, NOFAs or RFPs, applications and the availability of funds.</p> |
| <p>Describe threshold factors and grant size limits.</p> | <p>All qualified applications will be ranked based on the scoring criteria published in the request for proposals (RFP) or notice of funding availability (NOFA). The highest scoring applicants will receive a funding commitment from the LHC based on project needs, up to the amount of funds available for the funding round. Per project funding limitation are published in the applicable RFP or NOFA.</p> |

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| | <p>What are the outcome measures expected as a result of the method of distribution?</p> | <p>The expected outcome measures are affordability and decent affordable housing.</p> |
| 5 | <p>State Program Name:</p> | <p>State of Louisiana HOPWA Program</p> |
| | <p>Funding Sources:</p> | <p>HOPWA</p> |
| | <p>Describe the state program addressed by the Method of Distribution.</p> | <p>The State of Louisiana receives State Formula HOPWA funding annually to assist in preventing homelessness among low income persons living with HIV who reside in the parishes outside of the New Orleans and Baton Rouge MSAs. These two metropolitan areas are qualifying cities and receive an annual HOPWA award specifically for the parishes that comprise the MSA. The State Formula HOPWA program is administered by the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), Office of Public Health (OPH), STD/HIV Program. Most of the State's allocation is distributed to small, community-based organizations that provide comprehensive support services and referrals to low income clients living with HIV and are able to assess client need on an individual basis. A smaller percentage of the annual award is dedicated to the operational support of existing community homes for people living with HIV. The distribution for most of the funds is based on a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) application process, as well through client service utilization, information reported through the bi-annual client needs assessment and a variety of on-going performance monitoring.</p> |

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| <p>Describe all of the criteria that will be used to select applications and the relative importance of these criteria.</p> | <p>A majority of the evaluation criteria utilized during the review of the applications received as a result of the HOPWA and Ryan White RFP process have been developed by the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) and the Division of Administration (DoA). These have been developed based on required business procedures, as well as standard accounting and auditing practices. Additional evaluation criteria have been established by the STD/HIV Program and included in the scoring instrument. These include the ability of the proposer to document and discuss the consumer need for various housing services in their geographic area and the resources that are currently available, the ability of the proposer to adhere to all federal and State programmatic and data reporting requirements, and the ability of the proposer to achieve stable housing outcomes at the end of each program year for a minimum of 80% of the clients assisted.</p> |
| <p>If only summary criteria were described, how can potential applicants access application manuals or other state publications describing the application criteria? (CDBG only)</p> | |

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| <p>Describe the process for awarding funds to state recipients and how the state will make its allocation available to units of general local government, and non-profit organizations, including community and faith-based organizations. (ESG only)</p> | |
| <p>Identify the method of selecting project sponsors (including providing full access to grassroots faith-based and other community-based organizations). (HOPWA only)</p> | <p>Notices of all RFPs released by the Louisiana Department of Health, including competitive applications for HOPWA and Ryan White Part B funding, are sent to all vendors on the Pre-Qualified List (PQL) and posted on the La PAC and the LDH websites. An evaluation teams reviews each application submitted by the posted deadline and scores the proposal for both programmatic and cost integrity. In past two decades, all of the project sponsors that have been funded were community based organizations (CBOs), AIDS service organizations (ASOs) and/or grassroots community housing providers. Some of these project sponsors have been, or currently are, faith-based entities/agencies.</p> |

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| <p>Describe how resources will be allocated among funding categories.</p> | <p>Although some percentages may vary based on the changing needs of persons living with HIV and the availability of complimentary resources in each geographic service area, generally 66% of the annual State Formula HOPWA award is allocated to community based organizations that provide Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), Short-Term Rent/Mortgage/Utility Assistance (STRMU), Resource Identification (RI) and Permanent Housing Placement Services (PHPS). The allocations to TBRA and STRMU typically make up the majority of those awards. An additional 31% of the annual award is allocated to support the operating costs of four transitional supportive facilities or units for low income persons living with HIV, while 3% is dedicated LDH to cover all of the Administrative Costs associated with this grant award.</p> |
| <p>Describe threshold factors and grant size limits.</p> | <p>There are no required contract thresholds or grant size limits for State Formula HOPWA; however, given the limited amount of funding (approximately \$1.5 million) available for the seven LDH regions of the state no single contract typically exceeds \$250,000.</p> |

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| | <p>What are the outcome measures expected as a result of the method of distribution?</p> | <p>At a minimum, contractors are expected to meet or exceed the federal HOPWA goal of achieving stable housing at the end of each program year for 80% or greater of the clients who accessed services. The actions taken to meet this goal should reduce homelessness among low income persons living with HIV and increase the number of HIV-infected individuals who are connected to HIV-related medical care and medications.</p> |
| 6 | <p>State Program Name:</p> | <p>State of Louisiana National Housing Trust Fund Program</p> |
| | <p>Funding Sources:</p> | <p>Housing Trust Fund</p> |
| | <p>Describe the state program addressed by the Method of Distribution.</p> | <p>The National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF) is a federal affordable housing program that complements existing Federal, state, and local efforts to increase and preserve the supply of decent, safe and sanitary affordable housing for extremely low- and very low-income households, including homeless families and individuals. The NHTF is a mandatory program established under Title I of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008, Section 1131 (Public Law 110 - 289). NHTF funds are allocated annually as a formula grant to the states by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The FY 2018 NHTF allocation to the State of Louisiana is \$3,068,829. The Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC) is the State Designated Entity (SDE) for purposes of administering the State's National Housing Trust Fund Program.</p> |

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| <p>Describe all of the criteria that will be used to select applications and the relative importance of these criteria.</p> | <p>The State will distribute NHTF funds directly to recipients statewide. It is anticipated that NHTF will be used with Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) through a widely publicized competitive Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) application process. Application selection criteria will be included in the NOFA. A recipient must demonstrate the financial capacity necessary to undertake, complete, and manage the proposed project, and have familiarity and understanding of the Federal, State and local housing programs used in conjunction with NHTF funds to ensure compliance with all applicable program requirements and regulations. The State will distribute NHTF funds to eligible recipients based on the extremely low-income and very low-income goals identified in the State’s approved Consolidated Plan and the priorities established in the QAP in force at the time of application. The FY 2018 Qualified Allocation Plan and NHTF Selection Criteria are included in this Action Plan as Attachment - Appendix E. Information provided in Appendix E details the scoring method and how applications requesting NHTF funds will be selected.</p> |
| <p>If only summary criteria were described, how can potential applicants access application manuals or other state publications describing the application criteria? (CDBG only)</p> | |

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| <p>Describe the process for awarding funds to state recipients and how the state will make its allocation available to units of general local government, and non-profit organizations, including community and faith-based organizations. (ESG only)</p> | |
| <p>Identify the method of selecting project sponsors (including providing full access to grassroots faith-based and other community-based organizations). (HOPWA only)</p> | |

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| <p>Describe how resources will be allocated among funding categories.</p> | <p>The State plans to use FY 2018 NHTF program funds exclusively for rental housing to meet the priority needs identified by the state’s ConPlan and to be consistent with the priorities in the QAP. This is due to the extremely low income targeting requirements of the program and the need for rental housing affordable to ELI households in the state. The allocation for multifamily housing construction support will be \$2,761,947. In accordance with NHTF regulations, up to 10% of the state’s NHTF allocation will be used for administration. Therefore, the budget for administrative activities is set at \$306,882.</p> |
| <p>Describe threshold factors and grant size limits.</p> | <p>All NHTF awards will be based on the LHC staff in conjunction with third party underwriters’ application review. All qualified applications will be reviewed and scored for consistency with the ConPlan, the QAP and established threshold and underwriting criteria.</p> |

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| What are the outcome measures expected as a result of the method of distribution? | The expected outcome measures are affordability and availability of decent affordable housing units; especially for extremely low and very low income households. |
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Discussion:

The methods of distribution for the four (4) HUD programs and the National Housing Trust Fund were designed as a result of the State's citizen participation process, and past experiences in program administration by the three agencies involved. The methods of distribution were each developed to assist state recipients and local governments in addressing basic services and housing needs of the citizens of the State of Louisiana.

AP-35 Projects – (Optional)

Introduction:

HOME: HOME projects are awarded after the receipt of the annual HUD allocation.

NHTF: NHTF projects are awarded after the receipt of the annual award.

State Formula HOPWA: Project sponsors are awarded after the receipt of the annual allocation from HUD.

ESG: ESG projects are awarded after the receipt of the annual HUD allocation.

CDBG: An initial round of awards are made at the receipt of the annual HUD allocation and then throughout the program year. The Annual Action Plan will be amended after all 2018 awards have been made.

| # | Project Name |
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| 1 | Abbeville |
| 2 | Lake Providence |
| 3 | Springhill |
| 4 | Concordia Parish |
| 5 | Atlanta |
| 6 | Minden |
| 7 | Marion |
| 8 | Iberia Parish |
| 9 | Lincoln Parish |
| 10 | Vinton |
| 11 | Ponchatoula |
| 12 | Rayville |
| 14 | Opelousas |
| 15 | Church Point |
| 16 | Morse |
| 17 | West Carroll Parish |
| 18 | Bossier Parish |
| 19 | Sunset |
| 20 | Oak Grove |
| 21 | Pollock |
| 22 | Hammond |

| # | Project Name |
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| 23 | Port Barre |
| 24 | Pointe Coupee Parish |

Table 9 – Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

HOME: The priority allocations of HOME funds are according to the housing and community development need assessment in the FY 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, subsequent updates and comments from the community received during the various public input sessions.

NHTF: The State of Louisiana plan to use FY 2018 NHTF program funds exclusively for rental housing to meet the priority needs identified by the state’s ConPlan and to be consistent with the priorities in the QAP. This is due to the amount of available resources and the extremely low income targeting requirements of the NHTF program and the need for rental housing affordable to ELI households in the state.

ESG: The priorities for the state are based on the priorities outlined in the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness- Opening Doors. These priorities were adopted in the Louisiana State Plan to End Homelessness-Ma Maison.

State Formula HOPWA: The priorities for State Formula HOPWA are based primarily on the results of the bi-annual statewide Needs Assessment of low income persons living with HIV, client utilization of current HOPWA-funded programs and services, and the goals of the Louisiana HIV Strategy for Integrated Prevention and Care.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

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| 1 | Project Name | Abbeville |
| | Target Area | CDBG-State of Louisiana |
| | Goals Supported | PF-Existing Infrastructure and Service Connections |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Facilities Infrastructure Projects |
| | Funding | : |
| | Description | These funds will be used to improve the city's wastewater collection system by rehabilitating several pump stations throughout the system, as well as extending collection lines to bypass old stations that are being abandoned. |
| | Target Date | |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | |
| | Location Description | |
| Planned Activities | | |
| 2 | Project Name | Lake Providence |
| | Target Area | CDBG-State of Louisiana |
| | Goals Supported | PF-Existing Infrastructure and Service Connections |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Facilities Infrastructure Projects |
| | Funding | : |

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| | Description | These funds will be used to rehabilitate the town's sewer treatment by making numerous repairs and upgrades (fencing, erosion control, piping, aerators, etc.) to its South Pond Treatment Facility. |
| | Target Date | |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | |
| | Location Description | |
| | Planned Activities | |
| 3 | Project Name | Springhill |
| | Target Area | CDBG-State of Louisiana |
| | Goals Supported | PF-Existing Infrastructure and Service Connections |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Facilities Infrastructure Projects |
| | Funding | : |
| | Description | These funds will be used to rehabilitate eight (8) residential streets in two target areas in the central and southern areas of the city. |
| | Target Date | |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | |
| | Location Description | |
| | Planned Activities | |
| | Project Name | Concordia Parish |

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| 4 | Target Area | CDBG-State of Louisiana |
| | Goals Supported | PF-Existing Infrastructure and Service Connections |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Facilities Infrastructure Projects |
| | Funding | : |
| | Description | These funds will be used to replace the abandoned existing sewerage collection system lines and refurbish the existing sewerage treatment facility of the Washington Heights subdivision, as well as connect residents currently on the old system and/or septic tanks. |
| | Target Date | |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | |
| | Location Description | |
| | Planned Activities | |
| 5 | Project Name | Atlanta |
| | Target Area | CDBG-State of Louisiana |
| | Goals Supported | PF-Existing Infrastructure and Service Connections |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Facilities Infrastructure Projects |
| | Funding | : |
| | Description | These funds will be used to rehabilitate three (3) residential streets in the southern portion of the village. |
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| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | |
| | Location Description | |
| | Planned Activities | |
| 6 | Project Name | Minden |
| | Target Area | CDBG-State of Louisiana |
| | Goals Supported | PF-Existing Infrastructure and Service Connections |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Facilities Infrastructure Projects |
| | Funding | : |
| | Description | These funds will be used to rehabilitate the Robertson Drive area of the city's wastewater collection system by constructing a new gravity sewer main, as well as making repairs to other trunk mains. |
| | Target Date | |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | |
| | Location Description | |
| | Planned Activities | |
| 7 | Project Name | Marion |
| | Target Area | CDBG-State of Louisiana |
| | Goals Supported | PF-Existing Infrastructure and Service Connections |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Facilities Infrastructure Projects |

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| | Funding | : |
| | Description | These funds will be used to improve the town's water system by installing filtration vessels and pumping equipment at its two water wells. |
| | Target Date | |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | |
| | Location Description | |
| | Planned Activities | |
| 8 | Project Name | Iberia Parish |
| | Target Area | CDBG-State of Louisiana |
| | Goals Supported | PF-Existing Infrastructure and Service Connections |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Facilities Infrastructure Projects |
| | Funding | : |
| | Description | These funds will be used to improve its wastewater collection system by making repairs in three target areas near the city of New Iberia, including repairs to gravity mains, residential services and manholes, and a lift station. |
| | Target Date | |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | |
| | Location Description | |
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| 9 | Project Name | Lincoln Parish |
| | Target Area | CDBG-State of Louisiana |
| | Goals Supported | PF-Existing Infrastructure and Service Connections |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Facilities Infrastructure Projects |
| | Funding | : |
| | Description | These funds will be used to upgrade its sewer collection system by rehabilitating the Arthur Road lift station as well as collection lines within the target area in the southern part of the parish. |
| | Target Date | |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | |
| | Location Description | |
| | Planned Activities | |
| 10 | Project Name | Vinton |
| | Target Area | CDBG-State of Louisiana |
| | Goals Supported | PF-Existing Infrastructure and Service Connections |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Facilities Infrastructure Projects |
| | Funding | : |
| | Description | These funds will be used to improve the town's water distribution system by replacing dilapidated and undersized mains and lines throughout the target areas. |
| | Target Date | |

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| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | |
| | Location Description | |
| | Planned Activities | |
| 11 | Project Name | Ponchatoula |
| | Target Area | CDBG-State of Louisiana |
| | Goals Supported | PF-Existing Infrastructure and Service Connections |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Facilities Infrastructure Projects |
| | Funding | : |
| | Description | These funds will be used to improve the city's wastewater collection system by replacing failing/leaking collection lines and manholes throughout the system. |
| | Target Date | |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | |
| | Location Description | |
| | Planned Activities | |
| 12 | Project Name | Rayville |
| | Target Area | CDBG-State of Louisiana |
| | Goals Supported | PF-Existing Infrastructure and Service Connections |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Facilities Infrastructure Projects |
| | Funding | : |

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| | Description | These funds will be used to build a new ground water storage tank and install an aeration system, as well as a chlorination system. |
| | Target Date | |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | |
| | Location Description | |
| | Planned Activities | |
| 13 | Project Name | Opelousas |
| | Target Area | |
| | Goals Supported | PF-Existing Infrastructure and Service Connections |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Facilities Infrastructure Projects |
| | Funding | : |
| | Description | These funds will be used to improve the city's wastewater treatment facility by replacing disinfection equipment with newer facilities as well as constructing an additional basin. |
| | Target Date | |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | |
| | Location Description | |
| | Planned Activities | |
| 14 | Project Name | Church Point |
| | Target Area | CDBG-State of Louisiana |

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| | Goals Supported | PF-Existing Infrastructure and Service Connections |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Facilities Infrastructure Projects |
| | Funding | : |
| | Description | These funds will be used to repair leaks throughout the town's sewer collection and treatment system. |
| | Target Date | |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | |
| | Location Description | |
| | Planned Activities | |
| 15 | Project Name | Morse |
| | Target Area | CDBG-State of Louisiana |
| | Goals Supported | PF-Existing Infrastructure and Service Connections |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Facilities Infrastructure Projects |
| | Funding | : |
| | Description | These funds will be used to rehabilitate the village's sewer collection system by making repairs to, or replacing, gravity mains and other lines throughout the system, as well as rehabilitating manholes. |
| | Target Date | |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | |

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| | Location Description | |
| | Planned Activities | |
| 16 | Project Name | West Carroll Parish |
| | Target Area | CDBG-State of Louisiana |
| | Goals Supported | PF-Existing Infrastructure and Service Connections |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Facilities Infrastructure Projects |
| | Funding | : |
| | Description | These funds will be used to construct a new deep water well, properly plug the existing abandoned well #1, and rehabilitate existing well #2. |
| | Target Date | |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | |
| | Location Description | |
| | Planned Activities | |
| 17 | Project Name | Bossier Parish |
| | Target Area | CDBG-State of Louisiana |
| | Goals Supported | PF-Existing Infrastructure and Service Connections |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Facilities Infrastructure Projects |
| | Funding | : |
| | Description | These funds will be used to acquire and abandon an existing package plant and construct a new sewer lift station and force main to benefit the residents of Oak Hill Mobile Park, including providing new sewer service to approximately fourteen (14) residences. |

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| | Target Date | |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | |
| | Location Description | |
| | Planned Activities | |
| 18 | Project Name | Sunset |
| | Target Area | CDBG-State of Louisiana |
| | Goals Supported | PF-Existing Infrastructure and Service Connections |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Facilities Infrastructure Projects |
| | Funding | : |
| | Description | These funds will be used to upgrade the town's water distribution system by replacing inadequately sized lines and water mains, as well as installing isolation valves and fire hydrants. |
| | Target Date | |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | |
| | Location Description | |
| | Planned Activities | |
| 19 | Project Name | Oak Grove |
| | Target Area | CDBG-State of Louisiana |
| | Goals Supported | PF-Existing Infrastructure and Service Connections |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Facilities Infrastructure Projects |

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| | Funding | : |
| | Description | These funds will be used to upgrade the town's water treatment facility by rehabilitating the ground storage tank, replacing piping/fittings, replacing the chemical feed system, rehabilitating filters, upgrading the chlorination system, etc. |
| | Target Date | |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | |
| | Location Description | |
| | Planned Activities | |
| 20 | Project Name | Pollock |
| | Target Area | CDBG-State of Louisiana |
| | Goals Supported | PF-Existing Infrastructure and Service Connections |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Facilities Infrastructure Projects |
| | Funding | : |
| | Description | These funds will be used to upgrade the town's water system by reconfiguring the chlorination system, relocating pumps, installing control panels, repairing/replacing the altitude valve, and installing a chlorine residual analyzer. |
| | Target Date | |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | |
| | Location Description | |
| | Planned Activities | |

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| 21 | Project Name | Hammond |
| | Target Area | CDBG-State of Louisiana |
| | Goals Supported | PF-Existing Infrastructure and Service Connections |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Facilities Infrastructure Projects |
| | Funding | : |
| | Description | These funds will be used to rehabilitate a portion of the city's existing wastewater collection system by performing selected rehabilitation of damaged mains/lines, as well as by rehabilitating sewer manholes throughout the target area. |
| | Target Date | |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | |
| | Location Description | |
| | Planned Activities | |
| 22 | Project Name | Port Barre |
| | Target Area | CDBG-State of Louisiana |
| | Goals Supported | PF-Existing Infrastructure and Service Connections |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Facilities Infrastructure Projects |
| | Funding | : |
| | Description | These funds will be used to upgrade the town's wastewater treatment facility by replacing major treatment equipment in the primary treatment units, as well as installing positive displacement blowers. |
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| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | |
| | Location Description | |
| | Planned Activities | |
| 23 | Project Name | Pointe Coupee Parish |
| | Target Area | CDBG-State of Louisiana |
| | Goals Supported | PF-Existing Infrastructure and Service Connections |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Facilities Infrastructure Projects |
| | Funding | : |
| | Description | These funds will be used to rehabilitate the sewer treatment facility near the city of New Roads by repairing the earthen levee structure and installing three new floating mechanical aerators in the oxidation pond; the New Roads Street pump station will also be rehabilitated. |
| | Target Date | |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | |
| | Location Description | |
| | Planned Activities | |

AP-40 Section 108 Loan Guarantee – 91.320(k)(1)(ii)

Will the state help non-entitlement units of general local government to apply for Section 108 loan funds?

No

Available Grant Amounts

Acceptance process of applications

AP-45 Community Revitalization Strategies – 91.320(k)(1)(ii)

Will the state allow units of general local government to carry out community revitalization strategies?

No

State’s Process and Criteria for approving local government revitalization strategies

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.320(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the state (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

HOME and NHTF: HOME funds administered by the Louisiana Housing Corporation will be used statewide for all activities undertaken during this program year. Activities to increase first time home ownership opportunities with down payment and closing cost assistance through HOME funds will be promoted statewide in metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas through local and statewide media mediums. The Single Family Mortgage Revenue Bond Program is administered through a network of participating financial institutions that are accessible statewide. LHC will seek to expand the number of participating financial institutions in order to increase the number of branch locations accepting mortgage applications throughout the State.

All multi-family rental new construction, acquisition and/ or rehabilitation and homeowner rehabilitation activities engaged in by the State for extremely low, very low and low income households through the use of HOME and NHTF Program funds will be geographically dispersed throughout the State, with special focus given to non-entitlement rural areas. The State's plan does not target any specific area of the State in connection with its overall investment plan for these priorities. However, with regards to homeowner rehabilitation, priority is given to households at or below 60% of the HUD adjusted AMI and households with special need households. NHTF program funds will be used for projects that target extremely low-income and very low-income households. If Tenant Based Rental Assistance is offered, it will be made available on a statewide basis.

ESG: The state's ESG funding will be awarded statewide utilizing a geographic allocation formula for distribution. Based on national and state studies linking homelessness to conditions of poverty, regional ESG allocations are formulated based on factors for poverty (very low income) populations in the parishes of each region according to U.S. Census Bureau data. Within each region, grant distribution shall be conducted through a competitive grant award process.

LCDBG: The State's CDBG Program serves all of the non-entitlement areas of the state through a competitive grant process. The low-moderate income populations and minority populations are distributed throughout that service area. Therefore, Louisiana does not set geographic priority areas for its CDBG Program.

State Formula HOPWA: These resources will be dedicated to preventing homelessness among low income persons living with HIV who reside in the parishes of the state outside of the New Orleans and Baton Rouge MSAs. These parishes are predominantly rural, with high rates of poverty and limited affordable or appropriate housing stock. African Americans bear a disproportionate burden of HIV disease in Louisiana and continue to be the majority (greater than 70%) of the recipients of services and

assistance through State Formula HOPWA funding.

Geographic Distribution

| Target Area | Percentage of Funds |
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| CDBG-State of Louisiana | 97 |
| HOME State of Louisiana | 90 |
| HOPWA - State of Louisiana | 97 |
| ESG-State of Louisiana | 97 |
| National Housing Trust Fund - State of Louisiana | 90 |

Table 10 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

LCDBG: The State determined that combined data regarding population density, existence of low-moderate households, and racial concentrations in the non-entitlement areas revealed a distribution of need with no significant concentrations. Additionally, approximately 90% of the available funds are awarded through a competitive grant application process which requires that the applicant met at least one of the three HUD national objectives in order to be considered for funding.

HOME and NHTF: An assessment of the housing and homeless needs of the State of Louisiana is included in the FY 2015 – FY 2019 Consolidated Plan; the needs are substantial and complex. The State of Louisiana is extremely diverse in its racial and ethnic composition, and there are numerous areas across the state with concentrated populations, including African American, Hispanic, Asian, and others. In addition the state has multiple and varying housing and non-housing challenges. These challenges vary substantially from region to region. Therefore, the State’s plan for FY 2018 does not target any specific area of the State in connection with its overall investment plan for these priorities. Funds will be geographically dispersed throughout the State, with special focus given to non-entitlement rural areas.

NHTF: NHTF funds will be distributed statewide primarily with Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC). Funds will be awarded on a competitive basis to projects that address the priority housing needs as identified in the state’s ConPlan, and the priorities established in the QAP in force at the time of application. During the 2018 program year, the State will give preferences to projects located in: a) Qualified Census Tract, b) rural area (as defined by the QAP) and c) projects located in the Delta Parishes and the State (LHC) areas of demonstrated needs as defined in the NOFA or RFP.

ESG: The LHC intends to continue the use of a geographic allocation formula in the distribution of ESG funding to ensure that each region of the State is allotted a specified minimum of State ESG grant assistance for eligible ESGP projects. The population figures for census 2010 will be utilized for the 2018 funding. Based on national and state studies linking homelessness to conditions of poverty, regional ESG allocations are formulated based on factors for poverty (very low income) populations in the parishes of

each region according to U.S. Census Bureau data.

State Formula HOPWA: Resources are allocated geographically in accordance with the overall HIV burden reported for each of the seven LDH regions. Within each region, allocations to various activities are based on documented client need, the goals in the Louisiana HIV Strategy for Integrated Prevention and Care, and client responses to the bi-annual Statewide Needs Assessment.

Discussion

HOME and NHTF: There are concentrations of poverty in every region of the state. The concentration varies based on local factors. Maps of the areas of poverty and minority concentration are identified in this plan as Areas of Poverty Concentration Map (Attachment B) and Areas of Minority Concentration Map (Attachment C). The State of Louisiana's method of distribution will select projects and proposals that are supported by a current market analysis as part of the application for funding process which identifies the need for each project within the context of local and regional needs.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 24 CFR 91.320(g)

Introduction:

The follow table is the proposed budget for the use of FY 2018 HOME funds allocation and program income on hand as of 3/31/2017:

| One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported | |
|---|-----|
| Homeless | 50 |
| Non-Homeless | 278 |
| Special-Needs | 0 |
| Total | 328 |

Table 11 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

| One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through | |
|---|-----|
| Rental Assistance | 50 |
| The Production of New Units | 93 |
| Rehab of Existing Units | 185 |
| Acquisition of Existing Units | 0 |
| Total | 328 |

Table 12 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion:

The following table is the proposed budget for the use of FY 2018 National Housing Trust Fund allocation for the State of Louisiana:

With Louisiana receiving \$3,068,829 in National Housing Trust for FY 2018, it is estimated that the state will assist a minimum of four (4) projects resulting in approximately 16 units affordable of affordable housing for extremely low income (ELI) households based on the maximum subsidy limits. It is estimated that eight (8) will be new construction rental and eight (8) will be rehabilitation of rental units. The estimated number of NHTF units is included in the one year goals. Written rehabilitation standards are included as Attachment - Appendix F.

It is projected that the Flood Rapid Rehousing CDBG-DR program will serve 300 homeless and at-risk households with rental assistance in the first year. For The Flood Permanent Supportive Housing services for the CDBG-DR program is projected to serve 200 severely disabled households that are exiting institutions, experiencing homelessness or at risk of both with wrap around supportive services with

linkages to affordable housing where necessary.

AP-60 Public Housing - 24 CFR 91.320(j)

Introduction:

The State of Louisiana does not manage public housing authorities, as each have their own charter with HUD.

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

The State of Louisiana does not manage public housing authorities, as each have their own charter with HUD. However, the state assist public housing authorities through providing to all PHAs a Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated and Annual Action Plan for their agency plan. Specific requirements of the certification will address the following topics:

- Compliance to Section 504
- Participation in the Continuum of Care
- Activity to alleviate homelessness

The state will continue to provide appropriate resources to public housing authorities to modernize their public housing units or build new units through their Tax Credit Program or HOME allocation.

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

The local PHAs must adhere to this requirement; therefore, the state has no input.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

If HUD identifies a troubled public housing agency, the state will consider available options to provide resources and assistance to that agency. The state will continue to provide appropriate resources to public housing authorities to modernize their public housing units or build new units through their Tax Credit Program or HOME allocation. As of October 2016, the following public housing authorities were designated by HUD as "troubled": the cities of Kenner, Leesville and New Iberia; the town of Lake Providence and St. John the Baptist Parish; no data was provided by HUD for 2017.

Discussion:

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.320(h)

Introduction

The state has taken an active approach in addressing the needs of the homeless and is working toward eradicating homelessness in Louisiana. The LHC has worked to establish the Louisiana Housing and Transportation Planning Commission to address the needs of the state's most vulnerable citizens. This commission has adopted Louisiana's Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness-known as *Ma Maison* (My Home). This plan modeled after the federal plan United States Interagency Council *Opening Doors*, sets the following goals:

- Prevent and end homelessness among Veterans by 2016;
- Finish the job of ending chronic homelessness by 2017;
- Prevent and end homelessness for families, youth and children by 2020;
- Set a path to ending all types of homelessness

The LHC, in partnership with the Governors Council to End Homelessness and other state agencies will work with the Continuums of Care, nonprofit agencies and other identified stakeholders to achieve the goals of ending homelessness in Louisiana. Ending homelessness means that every community has a system in place to quickly respond to those experiencing homelessness and to quickly rehouse them.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

Throughout the state each CoC's works to coordinate homeless services within their communities. All CoC's have adopted Vulnerability Index and Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) assessment tool and a statewide definition of housing first to provide coordinated assessment and identify and address the individual's needs.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Emergency Shelters provide a vital need in our communities, providing immediate housing options for individuals and families. LHC continues to allocate a large portion of ESG funding to the emergency shelter component. While there is a priority to allocate ESG funding for RRH activities, the state recognizes the need to continue to fund homeless shelters statewide. LHC will continue to work closely with the homeless shelters statewide to address the needs of the homeless population.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to

permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

The LHC has worked to align the resources by prioritizing the use of Rapid Re-housing (RRH) with ESG funding. With the focus on RRH the length of time an individual or family spends in homelessness should be decreased, as well as giving them access to sustainable affordable housing options. The LHC will continue to work with the COC's and providers to align resources in their communities to maximize the services being made available to homeless and at risk of homelessness populations.

Rapid re-housing has become a tool utilized to provide services that allow for a family or individual to exit homelessness and not return. This model has help communities to decrease the number of homelessness. The goal of rapid re-housing to assist those that are already homeless: either sleeping in places not meant for human habitation or a homeless shelter. Rapid re-housing places a priority on moving a homeless family or individual experiencing homelessness into permanent housing as quickly as possible. The participants are assisted with housing search and placement, rental and utility assistance and case management services, the services are individualized; however assistance is usually for a period of 4-6 months

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

The state continues to make provisions for agencies to utilize ESG funding to provide homeless prevention assistance when it is necessary to prevent a family from losing its housing and becoming homeless.

The state continues to work to develop comprehensive discharge plans for the exit hospitals, jails, and prisons.

The Louisiana Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) model combines deeply affordable rental housing with voluntary, flexible and individualized community-based services to assist people with the most severe and complex disabilities live successfully in the community. PSH is not a new model of housing. A significant body of research has proven that successful outcomes for people and cost savings to government are achieved through the PSH approach. Louisiana's PSH goal is truly ambitious and far reaching. Rather than simply create 3,000 PSH units, Louisiana set out to create the nation's first

comprehensive PSH system that helps the state achieve several important policy objectives, including:

- addressing chronic homelessness
- reducing the unnecessary confinement of people with serious disabilities in nursing homes and other high-cost, restrictive settings
- improving the state's fragile behavioral health system through the implementation of evidence-based models of housing and services

Currently, LHC's PSH funding includes:

- 3,000 vouchers for severely disabled, including people in institutions, at risk of institutionalization, the homeless, and people at risk of homelessness
- PSH \$10 Million Continuum of Care Grant – Annual renewal funding to provide rental assistance to the homeless disabled population.
- Project Based Voucher – A \$20 million annual allocation when all 2,000 vouchers are leased.

The Louisiana Housing Corporation recently received a \$8.2 million Section 811 grant. This will allow the existing permanent supportive program to be expanded statewide and creates 200 additional rental units. The application was leveraged with 125 tenant-based vouchers from three housing authority and \$1,250,000 in Home TBRA funds. The program will be administered in partnership with the Department of Health and Hospitals.

Discussion

The Louisiana Department of Health recently received a CABHI grant from SAMSHA. The project Louisiana Chronic Homelessness Assistance and Treatment Services (LaCHATS) will provide substance abuse treatment and/or co-occurring disorder treatment, case management, peer support services, and other supportive services to person experiencing chronic homelessness. The project will focus on Baton Rouge, New Orleans, and Shreveport, the three areas of the state with the largest concentration on chronically homeless. The goal of the LaCHATS program is to reduce chronic homelessness by increasing access to permanent housing, engagement and retention in treatment for substance use or co-occurring disorders, and access to supportive services to maintain permanent housing and access to mainstream resources. The LHC partners with DHH to provide units of permanent supportive housing and services.

AP-70 HOPWA Goals – 91.320(k)(4)

| One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for: | |
|--|------------|
| Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family | 320 |
| Tenant-based rental assistance | 120 |
| Units provided in permanent housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds | 25 |
| Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds | 10 |
| Total | 475 |

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.320(i)

Introduction:

HOME and NHTF: According to the findings of a study entitled Out of Reach: 2017, “this year's housing wage clearly indicates that housing costs are too high for low-wage worker”. There is no state, metropolitan area or county where a person working full-time earning the prevailing minimum wage can afford a modest two bedroom apartment at the Fair Market Rent.” Fair Market Rents are an estimate of what a family moving today can expect to pay for a modest rental home, not what current renters are paying on average. The study was prepared by the National Low Income Housing Coalition and used HUD’s definition of “Fair Market Rent” to determine the hourly wage needed to pay for an average apartment in each state, county and metropolitan area. Statewide, the 2017 fair market rent for a two bedroom apartment was \$841. The federal minimum wage was \$7.25 an hour and HUD guidelines state that people should not spend more than 30 percent of their gross income on housing. Millions of households cannot afford to pay for decent housing and very few people know the extent of this problem even in their own communities.

In 2017, Louisiana workers would need to earn \$16.16 per hour (statewide) or \$12.55 (non-metropolitan Louisiana) to pay for an average two-bedroom apartment. This makes the State the thirteenth most affordable state (down from twenty-sixth in 2014) to live in regarding housing. Hawaii was ranked as the least affordable locality, with workers having to earn \$35.20 per hour to pay for an average two-bedroom apartment.

In non-metropolitan Louisiana, fair market rent for a two bedroom unit is \$653. A minimum wage earner can afford a monthly rent of no more than \$377. A worker earning minimum wage in non-metropolitan Louisiana would have to work forty eight hours per week, fifty-two weeks per year, in order to afford a two bedroom unit at fair market rent.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

HOME and NHTF: All agencies administering HUD programs in the state encourage, but cannot mandate, local governments to adopt policies, procedures, and processes that will reduce barriers to affordable housing. These include land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment. The state through the Louisiana Housing Corporation encourages partnerships between for-profit developers, non-profit organizations, local governmental units, commercial lending institutions and State and federal agencies in an effort to reduce barriers and garner community support

for affordable housing.

Discussion:

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.320(j)

Introduction:

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

All of the activities which will be funded under the State's Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), HOME Investments Partnerships Program (HOME), National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF), Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG), and State Formula Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Program (HOPWA) will address the goal of improving the living conditions of the State's extremely low, very low, low and moderate income citizens in all regions of the State including underserved small cities and rural areas. The NHTF is statutorily targeted to primarily assist extremely low income and very low income households. NHTF will reduce the housing costs of extremely low and very low income families and increase the resources available to meet other consumer needs. The State Formula HOPWA is specifically dedicated to preventing homelessness among low income persons who are living with HIV. These individuals struggle with the stigma of their medical condition when seeking medical care, housing, employment and supportive services, in addition to the challenges that come with poverty. State Formula HOPWA is an integral component of preventing homelessness in this target population.

The HOME, NHTF, ESG, and State Formula HOPWA programs will assist in the provision of decent housing by improving existing housing units as well as expanding the availability of decent and attractive affordable housing. The Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program will provide funding for infrastructure improvements which will improve the quality of life and raise the living standards of all of the citizens being served. The LCDBG Program also allocates monies for the expansion of economic opportunities with the primary purpose of creating jobs which are accessible to low and moderate income persons. Funds are available for local governments to use to make public improvements which support a private industrial expansion effort.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The state allows all types of housing initiatives, so as to provide opportunities to units of local government to use housing funding in the manner most conducive to their needs. HOME and CDBG funds may be used to provide grants to local governments to eliminate hazards that pose a threat to the health and safety of very low income and/or elderly/handicapped families who own and occupy substandard housing. NHTF will be used in combination with other available resources to increase the number of of affordable and available housing units for extremely low and very low income households (including homeless individuals and families) statewide.

The state will continue to offer funding initiatives to for-profit developers, units of local government, experienced non-profit organizations and CHDOs interested in undertaking rental development across

the state. The goal is to use soft funds to expand the supply of affordable housing throughout the state; especially in non-entitlement areas. Selection criteria points are awarded to projects evidencing the leverage of soft funds and local governmental funding and support.

Community living facilities supported by State Formula HOPWA funding assess a rental charge of 30% of the tenant's income in order to provide both affordable and appropriate housing for low income individuals living with HIV.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The lead-based paint regulations described in 24 CFR Part 35 require that the lead hazard evaluation and reduction activities be carried out for all proposed NHTF and HOME-assisted projects constructed before 1978. Applications for rehabilitation funds for existing buildings constructed before 1978 must include a lead hazard evaluation by appropriate lead-certified personnel. In addition, if necessary, developers must provide relocation of any occupants from units or buildings where rehabilitation has the potential to create or disturb lead paint hazards. For owner-occupied rehabilitation projects using HOME assistance, a lead paint inspection will be required on pre-1978 homes. If lead paint is found, mitigation measures are required when the cost of mitigation and rehabilitation are within the per project limits established for the program. The HOME program requires lead screening in housing built before 1978 for their Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Assistance Program.

All State Formula HOPWA project sponsors must get a signed certificate from the landlord certifying that there is a working smoke detector and no lead based paint in a rental unit before a client's rent may be paid.

The ESG funded homeless shelters are required to meet the Shelter and Housing Standards outlined in 24 CFR 576.403. Lead-based paint remediation and disclosure applies to all ESG-funded shelters and all rental units occupied by ESG participants.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The state CDBG, HOME, NHTF, ESG, SF HOPWA and other federal grants will continue to support programs and organizations that provide assistance and economic opportunities for homeless, extremely low, very low, low and moderate income persons and for populations with special needs. Funds will continue to be used to support subsidized housing, food and healthcare programs, and emergency services.

The state will continue to use Weatherization Assistance Program and Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program funds to assist low-income households to reduce energy costs; particularly the elderly, persons with a disability and households with children. Increasing the energy efficiency of homes has been an effective mean to reduce the number of poverty-level families by increasing the

amount of funds that may be used for other household needs.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The state through the work of the Governor's Council on Homelessness are working to decrease the number of homeless individuals and families statewide by the enhancing agency partnerships and policy change.

Additionally, the Council works to set goals and implement homeless programs and initiatives across the state.

In the upcoming year the state will continue to work with communities to incorporate the objectives outlined in Ma Maison (Louisiana's 10-year Plan to End Homelessness). This work will include:

Ending chronic homelessness

Ending homelessness for unaccompanied youth under 25

Ending homelessness among families

The state will continue to work with communities to ensure that every Continuum across the state has a plan to prevent homelessness, when possible. When homelessness can't be prevented a plan to make the situation as brief as possible.

CDBG did not identify gaps or weaknesses of the service delivery system for special needs populations and persons experiencing homelessness.

The State Formula HOPWA grantee will continue to work with all project sponsors to promote strengths based case management and the development of care plans that are truly goal focused. This will be done in order to increase the degree to which clients are able to achieve optimal health outcomes, increase the functions of daily living and even live independently. Staff will also assure that all clients are referred to other community resources (Section 8, senior living, 1115i waiver programs, local housing authority initiatives, etc.) for appropriate housing assistance and affordable units. These efforts will assure that State Formula HOPWA resources support those persons who are most in need and preserve resources for those clients newly entering the program and in need of the greatest number of resources.

HOME: The State will continue to promote the development and capacity of Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) to develop, own and sponsor affordable housing projects. The State also plans to continue its coordination with local banks, mortgage lenders, and financial

institutions in the development of affordable housing and economic development projects.

The State also recognizes that there are gaps in the service delivery system, particularly in rural areas. This is due either to the limitations of service delivery systems available in these areas or the unwillingness of developers, financial institutions, local contractors, and local governments to participate in the housing assistance programs offered by the State. The State will continue to make efforts towards expansion into these non-urbanized areas by offering incentives and training to willing service providers.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

HOME: The Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC) will conduct several workshops on a statewide basis to provide information and technical assistance to local governmental units, nonprofit organizations, developers, lenders and real estate practitioners with emphasis on affordable housing programs and related issues. The State has also executed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development staff. All affordable rental housing applications utilizing HOME funds are required to submit a certification that the local offices of HUD and Rural Development were contacted concerning the construction of the proposed project. Developers must acknowledge in writing that the construction of the proposed project will not have an adverse impact on existing developments.

Discussion:

HOME: The selection criteria under the HOME, NHTF and Low Income Housing Tax Credits Programs have been and will continue to be structured to address Louisiana's identified housing priorities and to provide for coordination with the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, U. S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development, and local housing authorities. Bonus points may also be awarded to projects which are certified by associations representing the homeless, such as a regional Continuum of Care Organization that provides one or more buildings for homeless or other special needs persons within multi-building projects.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.320(k)(1,2,3)

Introduction:

LCDBG: The State strives to reallocate program income during the program year in which it is received. Therefore, it is anticipated that all program income received before the start of the next program year will be reprogrammed. The State does not anticipate receiving any funds from section 108 loan guarantees, surplus funds from urban renewal settlements, or from float-funded activities. The State has included the planned use of any CDBG grant funds returned to the line of credit in a prior statement or plan. In terms of overall benefit to persons of low-moderate income from CDBG funds, the State uses a one year consecutive time period coinciding with the State's established program year.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.320(k)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

| | |
|--|----------|
| 1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed | 0 |
| 2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan. | 0 |
| 3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements | 0 |
| 4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan | 0 |
| 5. The amount of income from float-funded activities | 0 |
| Total Program Income: | 0 |

Other CDBG Requirements

| | |
|---|--------|
| 1. The amount of urgent need activities | 0 |
| 2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan. | 97.00% |

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
Reference 24 CFR 91.320(k)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:

The State of Louisiana utilizes only forms of investment that are included in Section 92.205 (b).

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

Resale/or Recapture Provisions- Federal regulations for the HOME Program specify certain requirements for resale restrictions or recapture provisions when HOME funds are used to assist with a homeownership purchase, whether the purchase is with or without rehabilitation. These provisions are imposed for the duration of the period of affordability on all HOME- assisted homebuyer projects through a written agreement with the homebuyer. Enforcement mechanisms are liens, deed restrictions, or covenants running with the land. The HOME written agreement shall accurately disclose the resale or recapture provisions and the enforcement mechanism with the homebuyer before or at the time of sale. The HOME assisted unit must be the principal residence of the homebuyer throughout the period of affordability. The resale or recapture provisions (see Appendix D) are triggered by the non-owner occupancy (either voluntary or involuntary) of the HOME assisted unit or any transfer of title, during the HOME period of affordability.

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

The period of affordability is determined by the amount of the HOME fund investment in accordance with 24 CFR 92.254(a) (4); (see Appendix D). To ensure affordability, the State will, at its option, impose either resale or recapture requirements conforming to the standards of 24 CFR 92.254. The minimum amount of HOME Funds authorized to be recaptured by the State shall be the principal amount of the blended first mortgage times the percentage of the principal amount of such loans representing HOME Funds, as specified in the Agency's Arbitrage Certificate for the series of bonds which financed such loan. In cases where the homebuyer assistance is provided through a CHDO or State Recipient or other non-profit directly using HOME funds that are not part of a bond issue, the State will apply the recapture provision during the period of affordability to HOME funds that are used to enable the homebuyer to purchase the unit. The Recapture period shall be that which is required by the federal regulations at the time the assistance was provided. Prior to the funding of homebuyer assistance, a written loan agreement will be required between the State (LHC) or its administrating sub-recipient (CHDO, State Recipient, etc.) and the homebuyer. The written agreement will specify all recapture provisions as well as all other applicable requirements

of the program (see Appendix D).

It shall be the policy of the State to prohibit the subordination of its lien interest on a property subsidized with HOME Funds unless the residual equity available after the new debt is placed on the property is sufficient to allow recapture of the HOME subsidy. If the residual equity available is sufficient to allow for recapture, the State shall give written permission to the homeowner to allow for the refinancing. During the period of affordability, no such homeowner will be permitted to refinance the property without the prior written approval of the State. It shall be the policy of the State to use its authority to forgive a portion or all of a HOME-funded loan made through the Single Family Homebuyer Program with good reason, consistent with the HOME rules and regulations, and with the approval of the Executive Director of the Louisiana Housing Corporation

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

If the State of Louisiana uses HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing, it will only be provided in accordance with section 92.206. The State will not use FY 2018 HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housings.

**Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
Reference 91.320(k)(3)**

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)

Each Continuum of Care must develop written standards to ensure that ESG providers are coordinating services with the objective of assisting those persons experiencing homelessness to rapidly regain housing. All recipients of ESG funding must adhere to the local CoC standards.

As part of the program requirements for implementation of the Emergency Solutions Grant Program, recipients are required develop policies and procedures for coordination of service delivery.

2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

With the requirement from HUD to establish a centralized or coordinated assessment system, the

state is worked with the Louisiana Network Data Consortium (LSNDC) and each CoC to development and implement an assessment tool. The assessment tool known as the Vulnerability Index Service Prioritization and Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) is an effective tool designed to implement an effective approach to access and assessment. The tool will be incorporated into Servicepoint and all homeless service providers receiving funding will be required to use the VI-SPDAT assessment tool and enter the data into Servicepoint. This common assessment tool will be utilized by all Continuums. Access to services differs in each region however within a CoC everyone is assessed in the same manner and services are coordinated, therefore a client can present at any access point and be assessed for housing needs and placement.

Applicants for the ESG Program shall be required to incorporate into their proposal plans a description of the “coordination and linkage of the proposed project with available community resources” and “the extent to which the proposed activities will complete the development of a comprehensive system of services which will provide a continuum of care to assist homeless persons to achieve independent living.”

3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

The State LHC shall continue use of a geographic allocation formula in the distribution of the State's ESG funding to ensure that each region of the State is allotted a specified minimum of State ESG grant assistance for eligible ESGP projects. The State will issue a request for proposals upon notification of the state ESG allocation, each jurisdiction electing to submit an application will solicit for proposals from the public. The local government or Continuum of Care can submit an application to the state for funding. Private and faith-based nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply for funding. All applications must demonstrate collaboration with local mainstream service providers and homeless provider groups. Competing applications for each region's allocated grant amounts will be evaluated and scored. Each governmental applicant will receive written notification of the award.

Previous recipients of State Grant amounts are eligible to apply, however, expenditure patterns and deliverable performance will be reviewed in evaluating such applicant's ability to implement and complete Program activities on a timely basis.

Regional funding amounts for which applications are not received shall be subject to statewide competitive award to applicants from other regions and/or shall be reallocated among other regions in accordance with formulations consistent with regional allocation factors.

4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions

regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

In accordance with 24 CFR 576.405, the state requires all agencies selected for funding meet the homeless participation requirement. The state grants no exceptions to the regulation.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

LHC has implementing performance based contracts system allows the state to track program performance both positive and negative. Performance-based contracting methods are intended to ensure that required performance quality levels are achieved and that total payment is related to the degree that services performed or outcomes achieved meet contract standards. The performance based contract will motivate contractors to perform at optimal levels and to encourage contractors to increase efficiency and maximize performance.

The ESG performance standards are based on the programs activities. The state works diligently with providers to ensure quality level data is entered into HMIS, producing quality data reports. The programs are continually evaluated for performance based on number of clients and services and expenditure rates.

Housing Trust Fund (HTF)
Reference 24 CFR 91.320(k)(5)

1. How will the grantee distribute its HTF funds? Select all that apply:

Applications submitted by eligible recipients

2. If distributing HTF funds through grants to subgrantees, describe the method for distributing HTF funds through grants to subgrantees and how those funds will be made available to state agencies and/or units of general local government. If not distributing funds through grants to subgrantees, enter "N/A".

"N/A"

3. If distributing HTF funds by selecting applications submitted by eligible recipients,

a. Describe the eligibility requirements for recipients of HTF funds (as defined in 24 CFR § 93.2). If not distributing funds by selecting applications submitted by eligible recipients, enter “N/A”.

Eligibility to apply for NHTF funds will generally be the same as required by NHTF regulations with modifications, where allowed, to conform to the adopted QAP and general LHC policies. Eligible applicants/recipients of NHTF funds include nonprofit and for-profit developers, public housing agencies, and municipalities. In accordance with the definition at 24 CFR 93.2, recipients must:

- Make acceptable assurances to the grantee (LHC) that it will comply with the requirements of the NHTF program during the entire period that begins upon selection of the recipient to receive NHTF funds, and ending upon the conclusion of all NHTF-funded activities;
- Demonstrate the ability and financial capacity to undertake, comply, and manage the eligible activity;
- Demonstrate its familiarity with the requirements of other Federal, State, or local housing programs that may be used in conjunction with NHTF funds to ensure compliance with all applicable requirements and regulations of such programs; and
- Have demonstrated experience and capacity to conduct an eligible NHTF activity as evidenced by its ability to own, construct, or rehabilitate, and manage and operate an affordable multifamily rental housing development.

b. Describe the grantee’s application requirements for eligible recipients to apply for HTF funds. If not distributing funds by selecting applications submitted by eligible recipients, enter “N/A”.

(1) Program funds allocated annually to the State by HUD shall be awarded to eligible applicants through a formal NOFA application process. Submission requirements for project applications will be developed annually by LHC for a joint Application for both National Housing Trust Fund and Low Income Housing Tax Credits funding. (2) Program funds will be awarded according to the Act, federal regulations and guidelines, and the final approved QAP. The Selection Criteria for the final approved FY 2018 QAP are included in this allocation plan as Appendix E. In addition to the specific requirements of the QAP, the following threshold criteria must exist in any Application to be considered for a NHTF award: 1) the project must include the creation or preservation of permanent rental housing (transitional housing and shelters are not eligible); 2) the housing must remain affordable via deed restrictions for at least 30 years; 3) at least one of the State’s ConPlan housing priorities must be addressed and 4) there must be a reasonable expectation that the project will be ready to proceed within 12 months.

c. Describe the selection criteria that the grantee will use to select applications submitted by eligible recipients. If not distributing funds by selecting applications submitted by eligible recipients, enter "N/A".

The Selection Criteria for the final approval 2018 QAP are included in this plan as Appendix E. Under the selection criteria points will be awarded to the degree that the applicaiton meets or exceeds the minimum requirements that are established. Scores are reflective of the priorities established for hte current year. Projects will be awarded based on their scores after satisfying threshold requirements. The highest scoring project will be funded first and each successive score will be funded until the available funds are exhausted. The annual application packet shall be made available to eligible applicants and interested parties upon request at the same time and manner as applications for low income housing tax credits.

d. Describe the grantee's required priority for funding based on geographic diversity (as defined by the grantee in the consolidated plan). If not distributing funds by selecting applications submitted by eligible recipients, enter "N/A".

Projects that conform with a governmental priority will receive preference when:

- Project Located in Qualified Census Tract (QCT) or Difficult Development Area (DDA) (NHTF Priority: Geographic Diversity)
- Rural Area Project (as defined in the QAP glossary) (NHTF Priority: Geographic Diversity)
- Delta Parishes Project (as defined in the QAP) (NHTF Priority: Geographic Diversity)
- Area of Demostrated Needs (as defines in NOFA of RFP)

e. Describe the grantee's required priority for funding based on the applicant's ability to obligate HTF funds and undertake eligible activities in a timely manner. If not distributing funds by selecting applications submitted by eligible recipients, enter "N/A".

"N/A"

f. Describe the grantee's required priority for funding based on the extent to which the rental project has Federal, State, or local project-based rental assistance so that rents are affordable to extremely low-income families. If not distributing funds by selecting applications submitted by eligible recipients, enter "N/A".

"N/A"

g. Describe the grantee's required priority for funding based on the financial feasibility of the project beyond the required 30-year period. If not distributing funds by selecting applications submitted by eligible recipients, enter "N/A".

"N/A"

h. Describe the grantee's required priority for funding based on the merits of the application in meeting the priority housing needs of the grantee (such as housing that is accessible to transit or employment centers, housing that includes green building and sustainable development features, or housing that serves special needs populations). If not distributing funds by selecting applications submitted by eligible recipients, enter "N/A".

"N/A"

i. Describe the grantee's required priority for funding based on the extent to which the application makes use of non-federal funding sources. If not distributing funds by selecting applications submitted by eligible recipients, enter "N/A".

"N/A"

4. Does the grantee's application require the applicant to include a description of the eligible activities to be conducted with HTF funds? If not distributing funds by selecting applications submitted by eligible recipients, select "N/A".

Yes

5. Does the grantee's application require that each eligible recipient certify that housing units assisted with HTF funds will comply with HTF requirements? If not distributing funds by selecting applications submitted by eligible recipients, select "N/A".

Yes

6. Performance Goals and Benchmarks. The grantee has met the requirement to provide for performance goals and benchmarks against which the grantee will measure its progress, consistent with the grantee's goals established under 24 CFR 91.315(b)(2), by including HTF in its housing goals in the housing table on the SP-45 Goals and AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives screens.

Yes

7. Maximum Per-unit Development Subsidy Amount for Housing Assisted with HTF Funds. Enter or attach the grantee's maximum per-unit development subsidy limits for housing assisted with HTF funds.

The limits must be adjusted for the number of bedrooms and the geographic location of the project. The limits must also be reasonable and based on actual costs of developing non-luxury housing in the area.

If the grantee will use existing limits developed for other federal programs such as the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) per unit cost limits, HOME's maximum per-unit subsidy amounts, and/or Public Housing Development Cost Limits (TDCs), it must include a description of how the HTF maximum per-unit development subsidy limits were established or a description of how existing limits developed for another program and being adopted for HTF meet the HTF requirements specified above.

The State will use existing HOME maximum per-unit subsidy limits. Historically, the maximum subsidy limits set by the HOME program have proven to be sufficient to produce affordable housing units. The most recently published limits are included in this plan as Attachment -

8. Rehabilitation Standards. The grantee must establish rehabilitation standards for all HTF-assisted housing rehabilitation activities that set forth the requirements that the housing must meet upon project completion. The grantee’s description of its standards must be in sufficient detail to determine the required rehabilitation work including methods and materials. The standards may refer to applicable codes or they may establish requirements that exceed the minimum requirements of the codes. The grantee must attach its rehabilitation standards below.

In addition, the rehabilitation standards must address each of the following: health and safety; major systems; lead-based paint; accessibility; disaster mitigation (where relevant); state and local codes, ordinances, and zoning requirements; Uniform Physical Condition Standards; and Capital Needs Assessments (if applicable).

The Rehabilitation Standards are included in this plan as Attachment -

9. Resale or Recapture Guidelines. Below, the grantee must enter (or attach) a description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HTF funds when used to assist first-time homebuyers. If the grantee will not use HTF funds to assist first-time homebuyers, enter “N/A”.

The Resale or Recapture Guidelines are included in this plan as Attachment -

10. HTF Affordable Homeownership Limits. If the grantee intends to use HTF funds for homebuyer assistance and does not use the HTF affordable homeownership limits for the area provided by HUD, it must determine 95 percent of the median area purchase price and set forth the information in accordance with §93.305. If the grantee will not use HTF funds to assist first-time homebuyers, enter “N/A”.

The grantee will use the HUD issued affordable homeownership limits.

11. Grantee Limited Beneficiaries or Preferences. Describe how the grantee will limit the beneficiaries or give preferences to a particular segment of the extremely low- or very low-income population to serve unmet needs identified in its consolidated plan or annual action plan. If the grantee will not limit the beneficiaries or give preferences to a particular segment of the extremely low- or very low-income population, enter “N/A.”

Any limitation or preference must not violate nondiscrimination requirements in § 93.350, and the grantee must not limit or give preferences to students. The grantee may permit rental housing owners to limit tenants or give a preference in accordance with § 93.303(d)(3) only if such limitation or preference is described in the action plan.

12. Refinancing of Existing Debt. Enter or attach the grantee’s refinancing guidelines below. The guidelines describe the conditions under which the grantee will refinance existing debt. The grantee’s refinancing guidelines must, at minimum, demonstrate that rehabilitation is the primary eligible activity and ensure that this requirement is met by establishing a minimum level of rehabilitation per unit or a required ratio between rehabilitation and refinancing. If the grantee will not refinance existing debt, enter “N/A.”

Discussion:

