

PROPOSED GUSTAV/IKE ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT 12

**DISASTER RECOVERY INITIATIVE
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AND CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS
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**Louisiana Recovery Authority
Louisiana Office of Community Development**

**AMENDMENT Number 12 – *NON SUBSTANTIAL Clarification Related to Economic
Revitalization Programs (approved in APA 3, APA 5 and APA 8)*
TO THE STATE OF LOUISIANA ACTION PLAN
FOR THE UTILIZATION OF CDBG FUNDS IN RESPONSE TO HURRICANES
GUSTAV AND IKE**

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Amendment Number 12 (Non-Substantial) to the State of Louisiana Action Plan for Disaster Recovery – Utilizing Funding from the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009 (Public Law 110-329)

The Office of Community Development/Disaster Recovery Unit (OCD-DRU) has developed the following *Action Plan Amendment Number Twelve (Non-substantial)* to provide clarification to program language noted in approved Action Plan Amendment Three and Action Plan Amendment Five and DREF funds under Action Plan Amendment Eight under the *Economic Revitalization Program*.

It is non-substantial and primarily for technical clarification, as it does not involve a funding change, does not create a program, and does not change who the beneficiaries are of the program. As the program has developed and specific revitalization projects have been identified to meet the critical pressing and unmet needs, it is evident that clarification of the program language will make it more accurately describe the intended activities.

I. AMENDED LANGUAGE

The following clarification pertains to APA Number Three, Section V. A. 3. Economic Revitalization, as amended in APA Number 5, Section III. C; and APA Number Eight, Section V.A.1.

Two programs are approved in support of Economic Revitalization:

a) Business Recovery Grant and Loan

- Clarify that universities and technical and community colleges throughout Louisiana's disaster impacted parishes are eligible recipients. Previous language allowed 'political subdivisions' which intended to encompass these types of entities. The State wishes to state clearly the intent that these entities be considered eligible recipients.

b) Louisiana Innovation Program

- Consistent with the entire Economic Revitalization program as noted above, the State wishes to clarify that eligible recipients of this component include universities, technical and community colleges, parishes, local governments and political subdivisions throughout Louisiana's disaster impacted parishes. Previous language more generally stated "non-profit organizations, businesses, and community-based economic development organizations." Many of the technical assistance, workforce development, and loan recipients providing the services and loans fall into categories better explained through the clarified, comprehensive definition. The State wishes to state clearly the intent that these entities be considered eligible recipients.
- General Conditions as stated in the APA are further clarified to explain the state's intent that awards may be given to recipients in order to administer technical assistance and/or workforce development programs and/or loans for the eligible activities associated with this program. The original language states that "the state will provide direct grants and low-cost loans...to businesses and non-profit organizations..." This clarification describes that there are allowed direct grants/loans and grants/loans through intermediary entities that administer these objectives.
- Under Project Criteria, the State wishes to clarify that while the program emphasizes participation in business development courses for administrators, it is best applied where appropriate and not considered as "mandatory." Additionally, more appropriate to the program and specific projects is to clarify that the applicants must provide a plan and budget detailing their intentions to implement, as well as to demonstrate their ability to achieve the objectives proposed in the applications. This can be sufficient in lieu of "business and development plans, financial pro forma, etc."