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STATE ACCEPTING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT 20 FOR THE UTILIZATION OF CDBG FUNDS IN RESPONSE TO THE GREAT FLOODS OF 2016

The Louisiana Office of Community Development is accepting public comments on Action Plan Amendment 20. The purpose of APA 20 is to reduce the Community Development Block Grant allocations of multiple programs, using those funds to increase the budget for the Middle Market Loan program. The increase to the Middle Market Loan program is intended to provide more gap assistance for construction that will continue to benefit low to moderate income renters. This amendment will further clarify the administration and distribution of funds for the Pecan Acres Resettlement Program, the High-Risk Community subset of the Solution 4 Restore Louisiana Homeowner Assistance Program.

The action plan and the ability to submit public comments are available on the OCD website at https://www.doa.la.gov/doa/ocd/policy-and-reports/apa/.

This APA is considered substantial, as it involves the re-allocation of more than \$5 million or a reallocation which constitutes a change of 15 percent or greater of a program budget. This amendment also results in a change in program benefits.

The formal public comment period for APA 20 will end at 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, 2023. At the end of the formal public comment period, the state will submit APA 20 to HUD for approval.

A copy of the plan is available at <u>doa.la.gov/doa/ocd/policy-and-reports/apa/</u>or by calling 225.219.9600.

Members of the public can submit comments several ways:

- Emailing them to <u>ocd@la.gov</u>;
- Mailing them to Disaster Recovery Unit, P.O. Box 94095, 70804-9095,
- Faxing them to the attention of Janice Lovett at 225.219.9605.

To view APA 20, visit the <u>Action Plans page</u> of OCD's website.