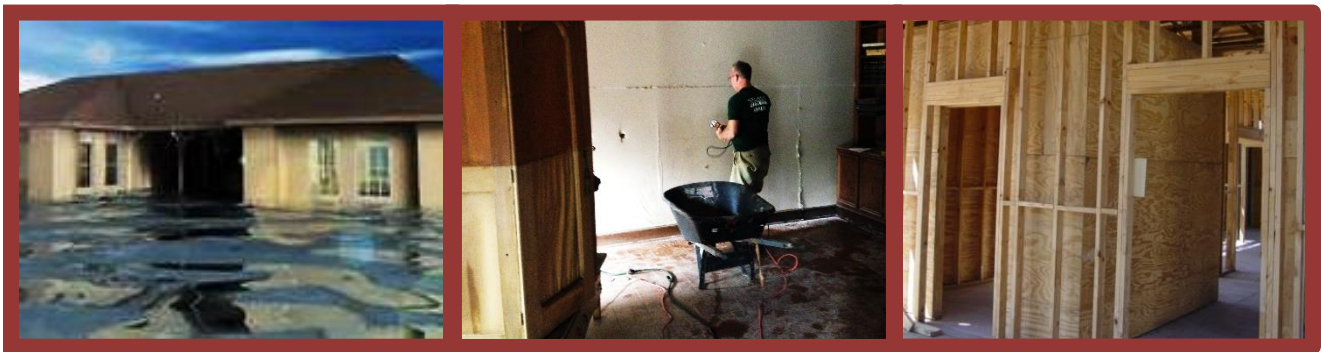


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Disaster Recovery Funds in Response to Disasters Occurring in 2016  
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STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PROPOSED SUBSTANTIAL ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 7  
FOR THE UTILIZATION OF  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS  
IN RESPONSE TO THE GREAT FLOODS OF 2016

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: JANUARY 31 – FEBRUARY 13, 2018**

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# 1. Summary of Changes

This Action Plan Amendment No. 7 modifies the allocations to the rental programs necessary for recovering from the Great Floods of 2016. The state has experienced lower than anticipated demand to the Multifamily Rental Gap Program and a higher than anticipated demand in the Neighborhood Landlord Rental Program. Furthermore, the state has assessed the current unmet affordable housing needs and will launch the Piggyback Program in the fourth quarter of 2017 or first quarter of 2018. This APA also amends the maximum award cap for the Piggyback Program in order to accommodate multiple affordable housing models.

This Action Plan Amendment is considered substantial, as it substantially amends program budgets.

State of Louisiana Total CDBG-DR Allocations			
	Previous Allocation	Change	Revised Allocation
Total Allocation	\$1,708,407,000	\$ -	\$1,708,407,000
Restore Louisiana Housing Programs	\$1,465,327,321	\$ -	\$1,465,327,321
• Homeowner Program	\$1,331,163,919	\$ -	\$1,331,163,919
• Multifamily Rental Gap Program	\$45,000,000	\$(22,484,482)	\$22,515,518
• Neighborhood Landlord Rental Program	\$49,163,402	\$4,784,482	\$53,947,884
• Piggyback Program	\$19,000,000	\$17,700,000	\$36,700,000
• Rapid Rehousing Program	\$16,000,000	\$ -	\$16,000,000
• Permanent Supportive Housing Program	\$5,000,000	\$ -	\$5,000,000
Restore Louisiana Economic Recovery and Revitalization Programs	\$62,000,000	\$ -	\$62,000,000
Infrastructure Program (FEMA Match)	\$105,000,000	\$ -	\$105,000,000
Watershed Modeling and Planning	\$9,800,799	\$ -	\$9,800,799
Administration and Other Planning Expenses	\$66,278,880	\$ -	\$66,278,880

# 2. Proposed Use of Funds

## Multifamily Rental Gap Program

<b>Eligible Activity</b>	<b>Rehabilitation, loan financing (HCDA Sec. 105 (a)(4); 105(a)(9); 105(a)(14-15))</b>
<b>National Objective</b>	<b>Benefit to low to moderate income persons</b>
<b>Previous Program Budget</b>	<b>\$45,000,000</b>
<b>Budget Change (Negative)</b>	<b>(\$22,484,482)</b>
<b>Revised Program Budget</b>	<b>\$22,515,518</b>

**Budget change summary:** The state, through the Louisiana Housing Corporation has conducted extensive outreach to encourage program participation from existing affordable housing developers, public housing authorities and market rate housing developers with properties that experienced flooding during the

Great Floods of 2016. In addition to the comprehensive outreach campaign, the Louisiana Housing Corporation allowed for two deadline extensions in order to encourage program participation and to try to include as many developers as possible in the program.

While the program yielded over \$19 million in applications, the state has determined that the remaining funds from the undersubscribed Multifamily Rental Gap Program should be reallocated to other programs that address affordable housing needs in the disaster impacted areas.

*Neighborhood Landlord Rental Program*

<b>Eligible Activity</b>	<b>Rehabilitation, new construction, loan financing (HCDA Sections 105 (a)(4)); 105(a)(8-9); 105(a)(15)).</b>
<b>National Objective</b>	<b>Benefit to low to moderate income persons</b>
<b>Previous Program Budget</b>	<b>\$49,163,402</b>
<b>Budget Change (Negative)</b>	<b>\$4,784,482</b>
<b>Revised Program Budget</b>	<b>\$53,947,884</b>

**Budget change summary:** The state, through the Louisiana Housing Corporation has been administering the program. Following the second deadline extension, the program was oversubscribed. The additional funds will allow the state to fund the eligible applicants who applied to the program.

*Piggyback Program*

<b>Eligible Activity</b>	<b>Acquisition, clearance, rehabilitation, reconstruction, and new construction, elevation, loan financing HCDA Sections 105 (a)(1),(4) and (14)</b>
<b>National Objective</b>	<b>Benefit to low to moderate income persons</b>
<b>Previous Program Budget</b>	<b>\$19,000,000</b>
<b>Budget Change (Negative)</b>	<b>\$17,700,000</b>
<b>Revised Program Budget</b>	<b>\$36,700,000</b>

**Budget change summary:** The state, through the Louisiana Housing Corporation will be implementing the program, starting in the fourth quarter 2017 or first quarter of 2018. The additional funds will allow the state to invest in long-term affordable housing across the disaster impacted parishes.

**Maximum Award:** This Program will have a maximum award as follows: no award may exceed the greater of \$100,000 per unit, or \$6,000,000 for projects of greater than 60 units.

### 3. Citizen Participation

The State of Louisiana developed a specific Citizen Participation Plan for disaster recovery from the 2016 Severe Storms and Flooding in compliance with CDBG regulations and all applicable waivers. The plan includes citizen participation requirements both for the state and also the parishes or other entities that will implement activities under this grant. This plan is fully detailed in the state’s Action Plan and subsequent amendments. In accordance with Citizen Participation Plan, this Action Plan Amendment was posted for public comment on January 31, 2018. The plan was posted online in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Public notices were published in eight newspapers, including The Advocate, the state’s journal of record, and a press release was also distributed.