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## Office of the Governor Office of Community Development

### Consolidated Annual Action Plan FY 1996

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 four state agencies participating in this consolidated planning process and the HUD funded program administered by each agency include the Division of Administration/Office of Community Development (Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program), the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency (HOME Investments Partnership Program), and the Department of Health and Hospitals/HIV Program Office (Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program).

A consolidated plan was prepared which outlined the state's overall housing and community development needs and a strategy for meeting those needs for federal fiscal years 1995-1999 and included a one-year action plan for FY 1995 federal funds received for the four aforementioned HUD programs. An annual update or action plan for the distribution of funds must be prepared and publicized for each of the subsequent four program years.

A proposed FY 1996 Consolidated Annual Action Plan which identifies the proposed method of distribution of FY 1996 funds under the four HUD programs has been prepared and will be available for review beginning February 2, 1996, at the Office of Community Development, State Capitol Annex, 1051 North Third Street, Room 168, Baton Rouge, LA. Copies of the proposed annual action plan will also be available at the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency at 200 Lafayette Street, Suite 300, and the Department of Social Services/Office of Community Services at 333 Laurel Street, Room 802, in Baton Rouge and the Department of Health and Hospitals/HIV Program Office at 1600 Canal Street, Ninth Floor, in New Orleans.

The following presents a summary of the FY 1996 Annual Action Plan.

The state's anticipated federal allocation for the FY 1996 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program is approximately \$39,000,000. The Office of Community Development is proposing to establish the following five program areas for the distribution of these funds. (1) Housing-\$2.0 million will be set aside to provide safe and sanitary living conditions through housing rehabilitation or replacement housing for low/moderate income persons. (2) Public Facilities - approximately \$25.6 million will be allocated to improve existing or to construct new water and sewer systems and streets. (3) Economic Development - approximately \$6.4 million will be allocated to provide loans to local governing bodies which will assist a for-profit business and to provide grants to local governing bodies for infrastructure improvements which will assist a for-profit business. (4) Demonstrated Needs - \$2.7 million will be set aside to alleviate critical/urgent needs involving improvements to existing water, sewer, and gas systems. (5) Comprehensive Community Development - \$1 million will be set aside to fund one pilot project which uses a holistic approach to solving some of its economic and social problems.

The Louisiana Housing Finance Agency, as the administrator of the state's HOME Program, expects to receive an allocation of \$12,599,000 in FY 1996 funds. These funds are intended for use in support of the following affordable housing categories: (1) \$1,964,000 (or 15 percent of the HOME allocation) will be set aside for the exclusive use of state designated community housing development organizations in developing or sponsoring rental or home ownership projects. (2) Approximately \$5.2 million will be reserved to provide second mortgage, down payment and closing cost assistance for first time homebuyers. These funds are to be used in combination with state mortgage revenue bonds which provide below market rates for first mortgage financing. (3) Approximately \$4.2 million will be available for primary or secondary financing to for-profit and nonprofit developers of multi-family rental housing in non-HOME entitled areas. The balance of the grant is to be used by the agency in support of the administration of the various HOME supported programs.

Funding allotted to the state under the Emergency Shelter Grants Program is dedicated for the rehabilitation, renovation, or conversion of buildings for use as emergency shelters for the homeless, for payment of certain operating costs and social services expenses in connection with emergency shelter for the homeless and for homeless prevention services. The Louisiana Department of Social Services, administrative agency for the Emergency Shelter Grants Program, proposes to distribute the State's funding allocation to eligible units of general local government which may make all or part of the grant amounts available to private non-profit organizations for use on eligible activities. Eligible applicants are defined as governmental bodies for all parish jurisdictions and those city jurisdictions with a minimum population of 10,000. The Department of Social Services shall continue use of a geographic allocation formula (based on factors for low income population) to ensure that each region of the state is allotted a specified minimum of

Emergency Shelter Grant assistance. Within each region, grant distribution will be conducted through a competitive grant award process. Among other evaluation criteria, this selection process will consider the extent to which proposed activities will address local needs to "complete the development of a comprehensive system of services which will provide a continuum of care to assist homeless persons to achieve independent living."

The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals/HIV Program Office proposes to allocate the FY 1996 Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS funds through a 70/30 percent funding split. HIV/AIDS residential facilities in eight different regions of the state will be allocated approximately 70 percent of the funds; these funds are for new construction, renovation, rehabilitation, acquisition, conversion, lease and repairs of facilities or purchase of capital equipment. The remaining 30 percent will be allocated through a Request for Proposal through the Ryan White Title II Regional Consortia (this includes the entire state excluding Region I - the New Orleans EMSA). The funds will be used to fund all rent and utilities assistance for low income persons with AIDS within the eight regions.

Written comments on the proposed plan may be submitted beginning February 2, 1996, and ending March 4, 1996, to the Office of Community Development, Box 94095, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9095.

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