

DISASTER RECOVERY INITIATIVE  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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LOUISIANA OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT-DISASTER RECOVERY UNIT,  
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**  
**SUBSTANTIAL ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 68**  
**FOR THE UTILIZATION OF**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS**  
**IN RESPONSE TO HURRICANES KATRINA AND RITA**  
**FIRST APPROPRIATION**

Public Comment Period: July 18-July 31, 2018

Submitted to HUD: August 6, 2018

Approved by HUD: September 14, 2018

**John Bel Edwards**

Governor

**Billy Nungesser**

Lieutenant Governor

**Jay Dardenne**

Commissioner of Administration

*\*Through letter dated 2/15/18, HUD partially approved APA 67, specifically all proposed allocations except for the Nonprofit Rebuilding Pilot Program (NRPP) reallocation to the LIHTC/CDBG Piggyback and LA SAFE programs, until the Road Home Closeout Plan of Action was submitted and approved. On 2/22/2019, HUD fully approved APA 67. This revised APA 68 shows the updated budget for the LIHTC/CDBG Piggyback Program.*

**I. Overview**

This Action Plan Amendment No. 68 amends allocations to the LIHTC/CDBG Piggyback, First Time Homebuyer Pilot, Soft Second and Plaquemines Parish Homeowner Rehabilitation programs.

<b>Program</b>	<b><i>Previously Approved Total as of 2/15/2018</i></b>	<b>Approved Total as of 2/22/2019</b>	<b>Reallocation</b>	<b>Approved Total</b>	<b>% Change</b>
LIHTC/CDBG Piggyback	\$16,171,880.34	\$20,971,876.57	\$1,909,879.33	\$22,881,755.90	9.1%
First Time Homebuyer Pilot	\$37,922,327.00	\$37,922,327.00	(\$1,192,037.33)	\$36,730,289.67	(3.1%)
Soft Second	\$69,680,663.01	\$69,680,663.01	(\$93,965.00)	\$69,586,698.01	(<1%)
Plaquemines Parish Homeowner Rehabilitation	\$4,000,000.00	\$4,000,000.00	(\$623,877.00)	\$3,376,123.00	(15.6%)
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$127,774,870.35</b>	<b>\$132,574,866.58</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$132,574,866.58</b>	

**II. Reallocation of funds for existing programs**

A. LIHTC/CDBG Piggyback Program

The LIHTC/CDBG Piggyback budget is increased to \$22,881,755.90 in order to further address the ongoing unmet affordable housing needs in the disaster impacted areas. Additional funding for this program is critical for the long-term affordable housing needs that were exacerbated by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and will provide long-term (30-35 year) affordable housing solutions for low-income families living in these areas. This program was created in Action Plan Amendment 1, and amended in Amendments 4, 9, 18, 21, 54, 56, 64 and 67.

B. First Time Homebuyer Pilot Program

The First Time Homebuyer Pilot Program budget is reduced to \$36,730,289.67 because funds have been de-obligated from activities that are completed and closed out. This program was created in Action Plan Amendment 4, and amended in Amendments 54, 55, 66 and 67.

C. Soft Second Program

The Soft Second Program budget is reduced to \$69,586,698.01 because funds have been de-obligated from activities that are completed and closed out. This program was created in Action Plan Amendment 24, and amended in Amendments 50, 54, 55 and 66 and 67.

D. Plaquemines Parish Homeowner Rehabilitation Program

The Plaquemines Parish Homeowner Rehabilitation Program budget is reduced to \$3,376,123.00 because funds have been de-obligated from activities that are completed and closed out. This program was created in Action Plan Amendment 32.

**III. Public Comment**

A. Per the state’s Initial Action Plan, this Amendment is considered substantial as it reallocates greater than 15% of funds from the Plaquemines Parish Homeowner Rehabilitation Program. The

formal public comment period for the plan begins Wed., July 18th and runs through Tues., July 31st at 5 p.m. CT. Citizens and organizations can comment on this amendment via:

- The OCD-DRU website, [http://www.doa.la.gov/Pages/ocd-dru/Action\\_Plans.aspx](http://www.doa.la.gov/Pages/ocd-dru/Action_Plans.aspx);
- Emailing them to [ocd@la.gov](mailto:ocd@la.gov);
- Mailing them to Disaster Recovery Unit, P.O. Box 94095, 70804-9095, Attn: Janice Lovett; or
- Faxing them to the attention of Janice Lovett at (225) 219-9605.

The plan will be translated into Spanish and Vietnamese to reach the limited English proficiency citizens in the impacted areas. Citizens with disabilities or those who need other technical assistance can contact the OCD-DRU office for assistance via the methods listed above.

B. Summary of Public Comments and State's Response:

The proposed Action Plan Amendment was published for Public Comment on July 18, 2018 through July 31, 2018. The state did not receive any comments.