



RESOLUTION

Overview: A resolution by the Restore Louisiana Task Force regarding the CDBG-DR allocation for mitigation activities under Public Law 115-123.

WHEREAS, on September 2, 2016, Governor John Bel Edwards established by Executive Order Number JBE 2016-65, the Restore Louisiana Task Force, directing the members of the Task Force to establish both short and long-term priorities in developing plans for recovery and redevelopment from the effects of the flooding disasters of March and August 2016; and

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2018, President Trump signed Public Law 115-123 which included an appropriation to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development of \$28 billion, of which at least \$12 billion would be allocated among CDBG-DR grantees for the specific purpose of mitigation activities; and

WHEREAS, from the mitigation activity appropriation, HUD has allocated CDBG-DR funds to the State of Louisiana in the amount of \$1,213,917,000; and

WHEREAS, the March and August 2016 flooding disasters, in addition to the devastation they have caused, have once again highlighted the need for the State of Louisiana to approach flood control from a proactive mitigation standpoint, separate and distinct from recovery from those floods; and

WHEREAS, in anticipation of the recent mitigation allocation, under the guidance of the Governor the state agencies whose various missions include the specialized knowledge and skill of the elements involved in the analysis, design and implementation of CDBG-DR funded statewide water-shed based floodplain management (referred to for the purposes of this resolution as the Louisiana Watershed Coordinated Agencies (LWCA)) and other mitigation activities have initiated the creation of the Louisiana Watershed-Based Floodplain Management Program. The LWCA comprises the following agencies and offices: the Office of Community Development, the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, the Department of Transportation and Development, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; and

WHEREAS, Through the Louisiana Watershed-Based Floodplain Management Program, the LWCA will involve stakeholders with valuable input, including opportunities for citizen and local jurisdiction input and partnering opportunities for other state and federal agencies, universities, the private sector and others with specific expertise or involvement to enhance the Louisiana Watershed-based Floodplain Management Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RESTORE LOUISIANA TASK FORCE, THAT:

The Restore Louisiana Task Force recommends to the Governor that with respect to the CDBG-DR allocated to the State of Louisiana by HUD under Public Law 115-123 specifically for mitigation activities, programmatic planning and guidance be made directly to the Governor by the Louisiana Watershed Coordinated Agencies consistent with the policies and purpose of the Louisiana Watershed-Based Floodplain Management Program and the targeted flood risk mitigation plan for CDBG Allocation 115-123 to be developed by The Office of Community Development in collaboration with the LWCA and other stakeholders.

PASSED AND UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED on this the 13TH day of April 2018.

APPROVED

Jimmy Durbin, Co-Chair

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