



RESOLUTION

Overview: A resolution by the Restore Louisiana Task Force recommending to Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards that the Restore Louisiana Housing Programs (“Program”) be formally modified to reallocate funding from the Neighborhood Landlord Program, as follows: (a) \$7,000,000 (7million dollars) to the Piggyback Program, dedicated specifically for projects in a rural area. And also recommending that Governor Edwards instruct the Office of Community Development to immediately include the details of these changes to the Program into an Action Plan Amendment for submission to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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, to date, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has allocated \$1,708,407,020 in Community Development Block Grant disaster recovery (CDBG-DR) grants, funded through three separate congressional appropriations, to the State of Louisiana as a resources to recover from the catastrophic and destructive floods that impacted the state in both March and August 2016; and

WHEREAS, the State continues to vigilantly analyze methods in which to appropriately distribute funds to address unmet needs; and

WHEREAS, based upon submitted applications for multifamily developments in the Restore Piggyback Program, spanning locations across the 51 affected parishes, adjustments in the distribution of funds may be made to further address unmet needs in connection with the availability of housing.

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

Section 1: In light of lower applications meeting eligibility criteria than expected for the Neighborhood Landlord Program, the Restore Louisiana Task Force recommends to the Governor the following modifications to the Restore Louisiana Housing Programs:

- Reallocate \$7,000,000 million from the Neighborhood Landlord Program to the Piggyback Program, dedicated specifically for projects in a rural area.

Section 2: In order to continue expediting the process of federal fund approval, the Restore Louisiana Task Force recommends to the Governor that the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development incorporate and provide appropriate details on the

above recommended changes to the Restore Louisiana Housing Programs into an Action Plan Amendment for submission to HUD as soon as possible, for its review.

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

APPROVED

Jimmy Durbin, Co-Chair

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