

**LOUISIANA RECOVERY AUTHORITY  
SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT  
REALLOCATION RECOMMENDATION  
JUNE 15, 2006**

*Resolution recommending the reallocation of unused or returned Social Services  
Community Block Grant funds to Tulane University Health Sciences Center.*

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of the devastating 2005 hurricane season, the United States Congress issued a \$550,000,000 supplemental appropriation of Social Services Block Grants. On Wednesday, February 8, 2006, the Secretary of Health and Human Services announced the distribution of funds among all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana was allocated \$220,901,534 in supplemental SSBG funds to meet the social service, behavioral health and health care needs of people affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Recovery Authority endorsed the following allocations of supplemental SSBG funds, which were approved by the Louisiana Legislature and are being administered by the Department of Social Services – Office of Community Services:

- The Department of Social Services shall be allocated \$34,200,000
  - \$17,600,000 for the provision of Child Welfare Services
  - \$14,400,000 for the provision of Child Care Services
  - \$ 2,200,000 for the monitoring and oversight of the entire SSBG allocation to Louisiana
- The Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) shall be allocated \$101,701,534
  - \$80,000 for the provision of Behavioral Health Services
  - \$21,701,534 for the provision of Preventive and Primary Care
- The Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center (LSU-HSC) shall be allocated \$70,000,000
  - \$50,000,000 for the Health Sciences Center
  - \$20,000,000 for the Health Care Services Division
- The Louisiana Family Recovery Corps shall be allocated \$15,000,000

WHEREAS, the immediate recovery and long-term sustainability of the health care systems in Greater New Orleans, and all of Louisiana, is dependent upon the adequate and timely delivery of care by the state's academic medical centers, and is further dependent upon the supply of health care providers produced by those centers.

WHEREAS, Tulane University Health Sciences Center (TUHSC) specifically has provided consistent and much needed health care in Greater New Orleans beginning shortly after Hurricane Katrina.

WHEREAS, TUHSC continues to face financial challenges that threaten to irreversibly impair its ability to fulfill its role in the delivery of care, in advancing competitive health sciences research, and in education and training of the future health care providers that will serve Louisiana.

WHEREAS, an alternative means of finance for LSU-HSC that stands to be authorized in HB 1208 of the 2006 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature will reduce the need for SSBG assistance from LSU-HSC by \$13,000,000 upon approval by the Legislature.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Louisiana Recovery Authority recommends that, upon enactment of HB 1208, the Department of Social Services – Office of Community Services (OCS) reduce the allocation of SSBG funds for LSU-HSC from \$50,000,000 to \$37,000,000, and that OCS reallocate \$13,000,000 in SSBG funds for distribution to TUHSC.