

LOUISIANA RECOVERY AUTHORITY

State Buildings Funding Allocation

December 14, 2006

OVERVIEW: A resolution of the Louisiana Recovery Authority Board to recommend the development and publication for public comment of an Action Plan Amendment allocating up to an additional \$135 million of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to the State Building Infrastructure Program, increasing the funding for this program from \$142.5 million to \$277.5 million to cover the estimated cost of performing FEMA-ineligible repairs to state buildings due to storm-related damage. Upon final approval of this Action Plan Amendment by the LRA board at a subsequent meeting, it would be forwarded for approval to the Governor, Louisiana Legislature, and federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Whereas, state-owned buildings suffered approximately \$1.71 billion in damage from Hurricane Katrina.

Whereas, state-owned buildings suffered approximately \$43 million in damage from Hurricane Rita.

Whereas, the total amount of damage from the Hurricanes comes to approximately \$1.75 billion, according to the Louisiana Office of Facility Planning and Control.

Whereas, FEMA-ineligible repairs to state buildings due to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita are expected to cost approximately \$219 million.

Whereas, the rebuilding of state buildings is important to delivery of vital services throughout the State.

Whereas, it is requested that expenditures for FEMA-ineligible repairs be allowed as an eligible activity under the State Building Infrastructure Program.

Whereas, it is requested that the State Building Infrastructure Program receive an additional \$135 million of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, to cover the estimated cost of performing FEMA-ineligible repairs to state buildings due to storm-related damage.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the LRA Board hereby directs LRA and OCD staff to develop and publish for public comment an Action Plan Amendment for the allocation of up to an additional \$135 million of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to the State Building Infrastructure Program, increasing the available funding from \$142.5 million to \$277.5 million, to cover the estimated cost of performing FEMA-ineligible repairs to state buildings due to storm-related damage, and to make expenditures of CDBG funds for FEMA-ineligible repairs allowed as an eligible activity under the State Building Infrastructure Program. After final approval of this Action Plan Amendment by the LRA at a subsequent board meeting, it would be forwarded to the Governor and Louisiana Legislature for their approval, before submission to the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).