

# Overview of Substantial Amendment to Action Plan

# LA Office of Community Development

2020-2021 FEDERALLY DECLARED DISASTERS

June 21, 2022







# **Comments or Questions?**

- There will be a Question and Answer session at the end of the presentation
- If you have questions or comments, please use the "Raise Hand" function on Zoom and we will unmute you to speak
- Public comments, including chats submitted, will be recorded and become part of the official record
- If we do not answer your question before the meeting ends, we will send you a follow up email response



# Agenda/purpose

- Update on timeline of funding from HUD
- II. Unmet needs and understanding funding requirements
- III. Overview of state's proposed programs and funding allocations
- IV. Citizen Engagement process
- V. Questions, comments, and feedback



# I. OVERVIEW



# State of Louisiana's Allocations for 2020 and 2021 Federally Declared Disasters

Louisiana has been allocated more than \$2.25 billion to support long-term recovery needs, including over \$1 billion for Hurricanes Laura and Delta, and \$1.27 billion for Hurricane Ida and May 2021 Severe Storms.

QUALIFYING EVENT	TIME PERIOD	FUNDING ALLOCATION	
Hurricane Laura	August 22, 2020 - August 27, 2020	\$1 billion	
Hurricane Delta	October 6, 2020 - October 10, 2020		
Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding	May 17, 2021 - May 21, 2021	\$10 million	
Hurricane Ida	August 26, 2021 - September 3, 2021	\$1.27 billion	



# **Disaster Funding Timeline**



Disaster recovery funding package authorized by Congress.

### OCT. 2021

The U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development allocates \$600M in funding to the state of Louisiana for all recovery needs associated with Hurricanes Laura and Delta.

### JAN. 31, 2022

HUD releases Federal Register Notice, providing guidance for how the state must spend allocated funding.

The state opens survey for homeowners affected by Hurricanes Laura and Delta.

### FEB. 21, 2022

The state finalizes proposed action plan to receive public comment for initial \$600M allocation for Hurricanes Laura and Delta.



# Disaster Funding Timeline continued



HUD allocates additional \$450M in CDBG-DR which brings total to \$1B for Hurricanes Laura, Delta.

HUD also allocates \$1.27B in new funding for Hurricane Ida.

### **APRIL 1, 2022**

The state publishes revised proposed action plan to receive public comment following the additional allocation announcement from HUD for Hurricanes Laura, Delta.

Public comment period opens.

### MAY 1, 2022

Deadline to receive public comments on initial Hurricanes Laura, Delta action plan for \$600M allocation.

### MAY 6, 2022

The state submits proposed action plan to HUD for \$600M funding allocation for Hurricanes Laura, Delta.

State awaits approval of action plan by HUD before accessing federal funds.



# Disaster Funding Timeline continued



HUD releases Federal Register Notice providing guidance for how the state must spend allocated funding, including additional \$450M for Hurricanes Laura, Delta, and \$1.27B in new funding for Hurricane Ida and May 2021 severe storms.

### **JUNE 1, 2022**

The state publishes substantial amendment to action plan to receive public comment following the additional allocation announcement from HUD for Hurricanes Laura, Delta and the new allocation for Hurricane Ida.

Public comment period opens.

### **JUNE 30, 2022**

Deadline to receive public comments on substantial amendment to action plan for new allocations.

### **JULY 2022**

The state will submit proposed action plan to HUD for additional \$450M for Hurricanes Laura, Delta and \$1.27B in new funding for Hurricane Ida.

State must await approval of action plan by HUD before accessing federal funds.

### **SUMMER 2022**

Anticipated launch of all recovery programs, following HUD's approval of the state's action plan and execution of contract with HUD.

Funds for Hurricane Laura, Delta to flow first.



# Hurricane Ida & May 2021 Flood Impacted Parishes

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### **HURRICANE IDA IA IMPACTED:**

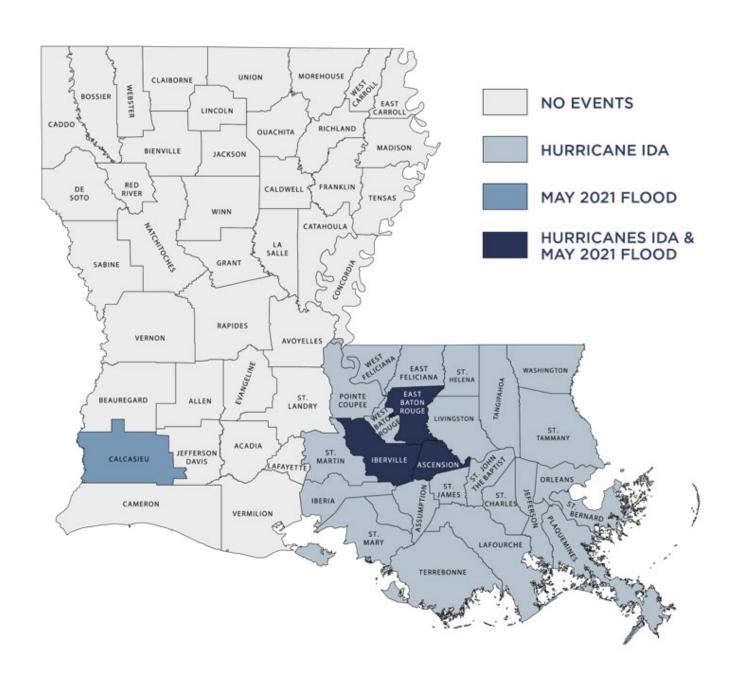
Ascension, Assumption, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Martin, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Washington, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana

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### **MAY 2021 FLOOD IA IMPACTED:**

Calcasieu, East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Ascension





## **HUD-Identified**

### MOST IMPACTED AND DISTRESSED AREAS FROM HURRICANE IDA & MAY 2021 FLOODS

An additional requirement is that 80% of funding must be spent in the HUD-designated Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) areas

- Ascension
- Assumption
- Calcasieu
- East Baton Rouge
- Jefferson
- Lafourche
- Plaquemines
- St. Bernard
- St. Charles
- St. Helena
- St. James

- St. John the Baptist
- St. Mary
- St. Tammany
- Tangipahoa
- Terrebonne
- Washington
- Iberville (70764 & 70788)
- West Baton Rouge (70767)



# State-Identified

### MOST IMPACTED AND DISTRESSED AREAS FROM HURRICANE IDA & MAY 2021 FLOODS

In addition to the 20 areas identified as Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) by HUD from Hurricane Ida and the May 2021 Floods, the state has also identified the following parishes as MID.

- East Feliciana
- Iberia
- Iberville
- Pointe Coupee
- St. Martin
- West Feliciana
- West Baton Rouge



# **HUD-Defined Funding Criteria**

HUD requires that at least 70% of all funding must be provided to homeowners at or below 80% of the Area Median Income.

### LMI CATEGORIES

- Very Low Income: Household's annual income is up to 30% of the area median income, as determined by HUD, adjusted for family size.
- Low Income: Household's annual income is more than 30% and up to 50% of the area median income, as determined by HUD, adjusted for family size.
- Moderate Income: Household's annual income is more than 50% and up to 80% of the area median income, as determined by HUD, adjusted for family size.



# **HUD Income Limits**

PARISH	FY 2022 INCOME LIMIT	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS					
	T T ZOZZ INGOME ZIMIT	1	2	3	4		
	50% AMI	\$23,350	\$26,700	\$30,050	\$33,350		
Assumption	80% AMI	\$37,350	\$42,700	\$48,050	\$53,350		
Orleans, Plaquemine, St. Bernard, Jefferson. St.	50% AMI	\$27,450	\$31,400	\$35,300	\$39,200		
Charles, St. John, St. Tammany	80% AMI	\$43,900	\$50,200	\$56,450	\$62,700		
St. James	50% AMI	\$24,450	\$29,100	\$32,750	\$36,350		
	80% AMI	\$40,750	\$46,550	\$52,350	\$58,150		
St. Mary	50% AMI	\$19,850	\$22,650	\$25,500	\$28,300		
	80% AMI	\$31,750	\$36,250	\$40,800	\$45,300		
St. Martin	50% AMI	\$26,800	\$30,600	\$34,450	\$38,250		
	80% AMI	\$42,850	\$49,000	\$55,100	\$61,200		

# **HUD Income Limits**

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Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, Pointe Coupee,	50% AMI	\$31,050	\$35,500	\$39,950	\$44,350		
St. Helena, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana	80% AMI	\$49,700	\$56,800	\$63,900	\$70,950		
	50% AMI	\$21,000	\$24,000	\$27,000	\$30,000		
Iberia	80% AMI	\$33,600	\$38,400	\$43,200	\$48,000		
lberville	50% AMI	\$22,300	\$25,450	\$28,650	\$31,800		
	80% AMI	\$35,650	\$40,750	\$45,850	\$50,900		
Tangipahoa	50% AMI	\$23,700	\$27,050	\$30,450	\$33,800		
	80% AMI	\$37,900	\$43,300	\$48,700	\$54,100		
Calcasieu and Cameron	50% AMI	\$22,650	\$25,900	\$29,150	\$32,350		
	80% AMI	\$36,250	\$41,400	\$46,600	\$51,750		

# II. UNMET NEEDS ASSESSMENT



# Ida and May 2021 Floods: Impacted Housing

183,686 Housing units damaged in 2021 storms

19,337

Displaced to shelters

Orleans (26%) and Jefferson (25%) parishes comprise 50% of all housing unit damages

HOMEOWNERS

82,474 Homeowners Impacted

- 26,556 Major/severe damage\*
- 55,918 Minor damage\*\*

RESTORE LOUISIANA RENTERS

101,212

Renters Impacted

- 85,510 LMI
- 15,702 Non-LMI
- 13,329 Major/severe damage\*
- 87,973 Minor damage\*\*

INSURANCE

31,663

Wind damage (74% without homeowners' insurance)

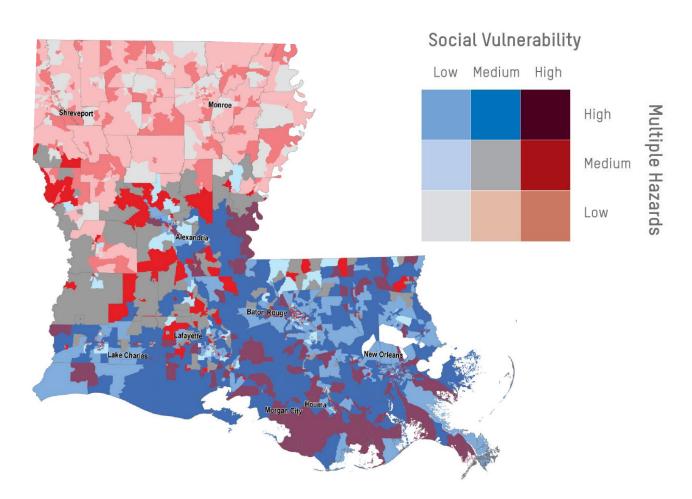
9,345

Flood damage (69% without flood insurance)

<sup>\*</sup> Major/severe damage: >\$8K FVL Real Property/repair

<sup>\*\*</sup> Minor damage: < \$8K FVL Real Property/repair

# **Prioritizing Vulnerable Populations**



Vulnerable populations include:

- Persons under the age of 20,
- Persons over the age of 64,
- Persons with disabilities,
- Persons living in poverty, and
- Persons living in manufactured homes



# III. PROPOSED PROGRAMS & FUNDING ALLOCATIONS



# Restore Louisiana Programs – Laura / Delta

### RESTORE LA HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

\$300M

### AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAMS

Flood Insurance Program

\$500K

Interim Housing
Assistance

\$1M



### AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING PROGRAMS Soft Second \$5M Mortgage Assistance Middle-Market Loan \$30M Program (MMLP) PRIME (Piggyback) \$356,078,744 Program \$5M Rapid Rehousing Program Neighborhood Landlord \$20M Rental Program Permanent Supportive \$5M Housing Program (PSHP)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS			
Small Business Loan and Grant Program	\$50,455,482		
Hometown Revitalization Program	\$50M		

FEMA MATCH PROGRAMS				
Nonfederal Share Match Program	\$100M			
HMGP Global Match Program	\$42,095,605			
Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program	\$50M			

# Restore Louisiana Programs – Ida

### RESTORE LA HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

\$380M

### AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAMS

Flood Insurance Program

\$1M

Interim Housing
Assistance

\$3M



## AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING PROGRAMS Soft Second \$10M Mortgage Assistance Middle-Market Loan \$30M Program (MMLP) PRIME (Piggyback) \$407,873,287 Program \$10M Rapid Rehousing Program Neighborhood Landlord \$20M Rental Program Permanent Supportive

Housing Program (PSHP)

\$6M

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS			
Small Business Loan and Grant Program	\$45,695,232		
Hometown Revitalization Program	\$75M		

FEMA MATCH PROGRAMS				
Nonfederal Share Match Program	\$140,788,035			
HMGP Global Match Program	\$42,095,605			
Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program	\$50M			

# Affordable Homeownership Programs

### FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

• This assistance will cover the costs of flood insurance premiums for properties for one year for eligible applicants who sustained damage to their home as a result of Hurricanes Laura, Delta and/or Ida, and the May 2021 Severe Storms.

Proposed budget: \$1,000,000

### INTERIM HOUSING ASSISTANCE

- Provides interim mortgage assistance for up to 20 months, or rental assistance for up to 20 months, and/or temporary hotel assistance for up to an estimated 90 days to eligible homeowners whose households are at or below 80 percent AMI, are actively working through the RLHP and are either:
  - Currently incurring additional mortgage and/or rental costs when compared to the mortgage costs incurred prior to the applicable flood event, after removing duplicative assistance from other funding sources provided as support for interim housing expenses; or
  - Currently housed in FEMA temporary units without a housing plan after the FEMA temporary unit deadline.

Proposed budget: \$3,000,000



# **Affordable Rental Housing Programs**

### SOFT SECOND MORTGAGE PROGRAM

- Provides homeownership assistance to first time low- and moderate-income homebuyers by providing soft second mortgages and closing cost assistance to acquire site-built homes outside the Special Flood Hazard Area.
- Helps eligible renters to become homeowners in the relatively lower risk areas of storm-impacted parishes, directly serves LMI households, and assists in decreasing demand on affordable rental housing.

**Proposed budget: \$10,000,000** 

### MIDDLE-MARKET LOAN PROGRAM

- Supports development of affordable rental housing units to address the impact of the disasters in reducing the supply of
  affordable housing and increasing the demand for housing stock with goal of achieving below-market rent affordability for
  LMI households.
- Embeds units with deeper affordability into higher-income areas and encourages socioeconomic integration into communities.

**Proposed budget: \$30,000,000** 



# **Affordable Rental Housing Programs**

### PRIME PIGGYBACK PROGRAM

- Provides funding for the construction of quality, affordable multifamily rental developments.
- PRIME requires that all new units incorporate disaster resilience measures to provide better outcomes in a major storm or rain event.
- With the additional proposed resources from PRIME, the state can ensure that rental units created to address rental needs in impacted areas will also protect low-income rentals from future disasters.

**Proposed budget: \$407,873,287** 

### RAPID REHOUSING PROGRAM

- Provides rental assistance and supportive services to households displaced by Hurricanes Laura, Delta and/or Ida, and the May 2021 Severe Storms at risk of becoming homeless.
- Support services that help households to be self-sufficient including preventing homelessness whenever possible by rapidly rehousing people when homelessness is imminent and providing 'wrap around' services that stabilize the cost of housing and supports self-sufficiency for the household.

**Proposed budget: \$10,000,000** 



# **Affordable Rental Housing Programs**

### NEIGHBORHOOD LANDLORD RENTAL PROGRAM

- Offer funding for landlords to rehabilitate existing housing units or construct new affordable housing units.
- Revitalize communities by reducing the blight of damaged properties as it redevelops them into affordable rental housing.

**Proposed budget: \$20,000,000** 

### PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM

- Results in long-term improved outcomes for people whose disabilities would otherwise severely compromise their housing and economic security.
- Creates affordable rental housing units in a non-institutional setting linked with flexible community-based supportive services.
- Creates a program network coordinated at the state level rather than at the provider level, systematizes access to a pipeline of affordable housing units, and opens up opportunities to leverage Medicaid funding and disaster recovery funds for long-term housing solutions.

**Proposed budget: \$6,000,000** 



# **Economic Development Programs**

### SMALL BUSINESS LOAN AND GRANT PROGRAM

- Lending program for disaster-impacted small businesses for non-construction related expenses.
- The state will enter into subrecipient agreements with implementing partners including local community development organizations (non-profit organizations, community development financial institutions, local credit unions, and other eligible organizations).
- Addresses the unmet needs for small business recovery and will fund for-profit businesses and private non-profit organizations located in eligible MIDs impacted by the disaster.

**Proposed budget: \$45,695,232** 

### HOMETOWN REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

- To revitalize designated commercial districts damaged by the Hurricanes Laura, Delta and/or Ida, and the May 2021 Severe Storms.
- By facilitating the return of commercial districts and businesses to profitability, jobs will be created or retained within the
  community and residents will continue to have access to the products and services they need within their local
  community

**Proposed budget: \$75,000,000** 



# **FEMA Match Programs**

## NONFEDERAL SHARE (PA) MATCH PROGRAM

- The state will provide non-federal match funding for FEMA Public Assistance grants to offset the burden of local match requirements for infrastructure repair and rebuilding projects.
- Any approved grants that involve systems must be brought up to current applicable codes and local ordinances.
- Eligible applicants may generally include parish and municipal governments, state agencies and authorities, schools (K-12) and universities, first responders, critical infrastructure facilities as defined by FEMA, and public housing authorities.

**Proposed budget: \$140,788,035** 

### RESILIENT COMMUNITIES INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

- To address the remaining unmet needs in the areas of infrastructure in order to expand upon and improve resilient community planning.
- Program will require mitigation components to be included within the scope(s) of awarded projects in order to advance long-term resilience.

**Proposed budget: \$50,000,000** 



# **FEMA Match Programs**

### HMGP GLOBAL MATCH PROGRAM

- The funds will be used for a global match for eligible mitigation projects that would otherwise be unable to provide the required 25 percent non-federal match for HMGP projects.
- The goal is to reduce overall risk to the population and structures from future hazard events, while also reducing reliance on federal funding in future disasters.
- Eligible projects may include: Elevation of flood prone structures, acquisition of flood-prone structures, localized drainage improvements, safe room construction, and wind retrofit of structures.

**Proposed budget: \$42,095,605** 



# Restore Louisiana Homeowner Assistance Program

### 2020 – 2021 HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- The Restore Louisiana Homeowner Assistance Program will provide critical support to homeowners impacted by Hurricanes Laura, Delta and/or Ida, and the May 2021 Severe Storms to repair or replace their homes.
- Due to the amount of time that has elapsed since the qualifying disasters, the state recognizes that homeowners are
  in varied stages of their rebuilding process and has designed a program that will assist eligible homeowners at
  different points in their recovery.
- The Restore Louisiana Homeowner Assistance Program will cover eligible costs for the repair, replacement, or elevation of storm damaged homes.
- This program is modeled after the Restore Louisiana Homeowner Assistance Program deployed in response to the Great Floods of 2016.

**Proposed budget: \$380,000,000** 



# Restore Louisiana Homeowner Assistance Program

### PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Provide grant assistance to vulnerable low-to-moderate income (LMI) homeowners impacted by 2020 and 2021 federally declared disasters who occupied their home at the time of the disaster, received major/severe damage, and have the greatest unmet needs.

### MAJOR/SEVERE AS DEFINED BY HUD

Major/severe damage is determined when at least one of the following criteria is met:

- FEMA inspected residential damage of \$8,000 or greater, OR
- FEMA inspected personal property damage of \$3,500 or greater, OR
- At least one foot of flooding on the first floor



# **Prioritization Factors: Phased Approach**

The state will prioritize homeowners in phases designed to ensure that the most vulnerable populations are prioritized for assistance:



Based on current funding limitations and federal guidance, to be placed in a phase, you must have:

- (1) owned and still own the damaged home
- (2) occupied the home at the time of the disaster
- (3) sustained major/severe damage (per FEMA)
- (4) NOT received or expect to receive structural insurance payments greater than \$25k

APPLICA	TION PHASES	PHASE I	PHASE II	PHASE III	PHASE IV	PHASE V	PHASE VI
	LESS THAN 50% AMI	<b>✓</b>					
HOUSEHOLD INCOME	BETWEEN 50% & 80% AMI		<b>⋄</b>	<b>⋄</b>			
	GREATER THAN 80% AMI				<	<	<
GEOGRAPHY	MOST IMPACTED	N/A	N/A	N/A	<		N/A
	OTHER IMPACTED					<b>⊘</b>	
HOMEOWNER 62+ AND/OR HOUSEHOLD MEMBER WITH DISABILITY	YES	N/A	<b>✓</b>		N/A	N/A	N/A
	N0			<b>⊘</b>			
STATUS OF REPAIRS	COMPLETE	N/A	N/A	N/A			<b>⊘</b>
	INCOMPLETE				<b>⊘</b>	<b>⊘</b>	



# POTENTIAL PROGRAM SOLUTIONS

# Solution 1 PROGRAM-MANAGED

- Program manages and completes construction process
- Homeowners do not select contractors or deal directly with the contractor
- The program's contractors will repair or reconstruct damaged properties

# Solution 2 HOMEOWNER-MANAGED

- Homeowners manage repair or reconstruction work
- Homeowners select contractors and deal directly with the contractor
- Program provides advisory services and monitoring
- Program reimburses for economy-grade finishes only but homeowner is allowed to pay the difference for higher grade materials/finishes



# POTENTIAL PROGRAM SOLUTIONS

# Solution 3 REIMBURSEMENT

 Homeowners who have completed partial or full repairs before applying to the assistance program may qualify for reimbursement of eligible expenses incurred before the application process

# Solution 4 BUYOUT

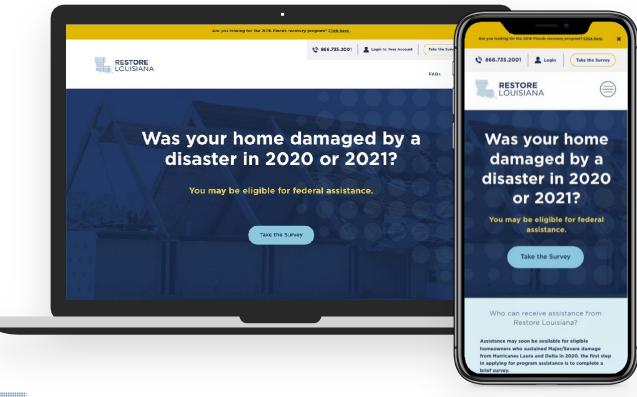
- Homeowners whose primary residence is in a floodway or V-zone
- Voluntary program
- Moves eligible homeowners out of harm's way and reduces future flood risk

THESE OPTIONS WILL BE LIMITED AND BASED ON FUNDING AVAILABILITY



# Homeowner Survey: Opened Jan. 31

### TAKE THE SURVEY AT RESTORE.LA.GOV



OR BY CALLING







# IV. CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT



# **Action Plan Public Comment Period – ends June 30**

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SUBMIT COMMENTS

- Submit comment at this public hearing
- Email to ocd@la.gov
- Mail to Disaster Recovery Unit, P.O. Box 94095, 70804-9095
   Attn: Janice Lovett; or
- Fax to the attention of Janice Lovett at 225.219.9605

A copy of the Action Plan can be requested by calling 225.219-9600. Translations available in Spanish and Vietnamese.



# **Action Plan Public Hearing Dates**

Posted at: restore.la.gov











6 p.m.











# TIMELINE RECAP

- Launch homeowner assistance program survey
  - January 31, 2022
- Action Plan Substantial Amendment public comment period and public hearings
  - Ends on June 30, 2022
- OCD submits Action Plan Substantial Amendment to HUD for approval
  - OCD incorporates comments and finalizes plan in July 2022
- HUD approval of Action Plan and access to funding
  - Timeline determined by HUD
- Launch disaster assistance programs
  - Summer 2022

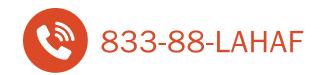


# V. OTHER PROGRAMS FOR ASSISTANCE



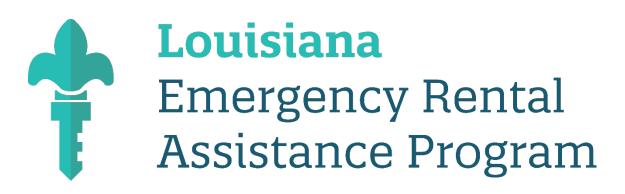


Financial relief program for **homeowners** financially impacted by COVID-19 who are behind on their mortgages and at risk of foreclosure.









Financial relief program for **renters** and **landlords** financially impacted by COVID-19 who are behind on their rent and at risk of eviction.







# Questions? Contact us.







