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Overview

This Technical Modification pertains to the additional use of the \$5.058 billion allocation in CDBG funding from HUD as part of the \$5.48 billion federal appropriation through the Emergency Supplemental Appropriation Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Hurricane Recovery, 2006 (Public Law 109-148). These monies have been designated by Congress for “necessary expenses related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, and restoration of infrastructure in the most impacted and distressed areas related to Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, or Wilma.”

Purpose

As the overall needs of Mississippi’s post-Katrina recovery evolve, reprogramming of funding may be necessary to meet those needs. MDA is reprogramming \$30 million towards the Gulf Coast Regional Infrastructure Program, which was previously reduced \$60 million to ensure HAP needs are met.

MDA will reprogram \$25 million from the under subscription of the Elevation Grant program, which is currently funded at \$95.5 million. An applicant pool of less than 2,200 applicants who may be eligible to receive grants to elevate their homes indicates a maximum of \$70 million needed to fund the program.

An additional \$5 million will be reprogrammed from the Community Revitalization program, which is currently funded at \$282.4 million. \$47.4 million of that amount was allocated for the Gulf Opportunity Zone (GO Zone), which is undersubscribed \$5 million.

Program	Current Program Allocations/Action Plans	Reallocation of Funds To Gulf Coast Reg. Infrastructure	Proposed Program Allocations
Gulf Coast Regional Infrastructure Program (<i>Amendment 2, Mod. 1 and 2</i>)	\$581,075,000	<i>\$30,000,000</i>	\$611,075,000
Elevation Grant Program (<i>HAP Mod. #7</i>)	\$95,500,000	\$(25,000,000)	\$70,500,000
Community Revitalization Go Zone (<i>Amendment 4, Mod. 1 and 11</i>)	\$282,400,000	\$(5,000,000)	\$277,400,000

Eligible Activities

The principle eligible activities for this grant program will be the provision of public infrastructure (water, wastewater, and storm water), and other eligible activities as found in Section 105(a) of the 1974 Housing and Community Development Act.

National Objectives

The national objectives of urgent needs will be used for this program.

Complaint Referral

Complaints alleging a specific violation of a statutory requirement, including Congressional inquiries, received by HUD at the Headquarters, Regional, or Field Office level will be forwarded to the appropriate State office for the response.

Environmental

It is the intent of this program to pass the CDBG funds through to the utility authorities and local governments. Therefore, environmental requirements will be carried out by these entities. MDA and MDEQ will provide technical assistance to the utility authorities and local governments to assist in making sure the environmental requirements are met and documented.

Citizen Participant Plan

MDA will solicit public comments on this Action Plan Modification.

Public Comments

Mississippi Development Authority released a press release announcing the availability of the modification for public comment. MDA placed the draft plan of on its website at www.mississippi.org on October 20, 2008. Comments may be faxed to 601.359.4003, or e-mailed to disasterrecoverycomments@mississippi.org. The deadline for submitting comments is October 27, 2008 at 5pm Central time.

The public comment period closed on Monday, October 27, 2008 and no comments were received.