

**MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
MODIFICATION 22 (SUBSTANTIAL)**

PROGRAM FUNDING REALLOCATION

OVERVIEW

This Substantial Modification pertains to the reprogramming of portions of the \$5.058 billion allocation in Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) as part of the appropriation through the Emergency Supplemental Appropriation Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Hurricane Recovery, 2006 (Public Law 109-148) and to the additional reprogramming of portions of the \$423,036,059 allocation in CDBG funding from HUD as part of the appropriation through the Emergency Supplemental Appropriation Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Hurricane Recovery, 2006 (Public Law 109-234), all of which constitute a total of \$5.48 billion federal CDBG funding provided to the State of Mississippi. 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.” These funds are being administered by the Mississippi Development Authority (“MDA”) for the State of Mississippi.

BACKGROUND

Since it designed and implemented a battery of disaster recovery programs shortly after Hurricane Katrina, the State of Mississippi’s overall recovery plan has consisted of three primary priorities: (1) recovering housing stock, (2) retaining and recruiting jobs within the storm-impacted counties, and (3) rebuilding and strengthening public infrastructure/facilities in designated disaster areas. As Mississippi’s long-term recovery needs continually evolve and are reevaluated, KCDBG funds must be reallocated to service Post-Katrina population and development trends. The programs covered under this modification are the Katrina Economic Development Program which was included in the Economic Development Action Plan approved on December 15, 2006 as Amendment 4; the Gulf Coast Regional Infrastructure Program which was approved on August 31, 2006 under Amendment 2; as well as the Homeowner Assistance Program, the Elevation Grant Program, and State Administration which were originally funded under the initial action plan.

PURPOSE

As some Economic Development Program and Gulf Coast Regional Infrastructure Program projects have been completed under budget, these savings are available for other recovery needs.

As MDA approaches grant closeout, additional administration costs will be incurred to complete the remaining programs and close out the grant activities as well. This substantial modification reallocates funds to state administration to ensure that the resources are in place to facilitate proper closeout of the grant activities. In addition, program funds that have been recaptured under the Homeowner Assistance Program and the Elevation Grant Program are also being moved to State Administration. The following chart sets forth these reallocations:

Program	Prior Allocation	Amount Reallocated	Revised Allocation
Economic Development	337,566,501.01	(4,645,000.00)	332,921,501.01
Gulf Coast Regional Infrastructure Program	630,025,000.00	(773,136.78)	629,251,863.22
Elevation Grant Program	37,432,574.99	(5,484.19)	37,427,090.80
Homeowner Assistance Program	2,010,712,744.92	(34,639.10)	2,010,678,105.82
State Administration	149,499,003.87	5,458,260.07	154,957,263.94

SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS

MDA continues to recognize that adding or deleting an activity or changing the planned beneficiaries of an activity will constitute a substantial change requiring an amendment to the action plan.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

This proposed Substantial Modification will be submitted for public comment in English, Spanish and Vietnamese versions to the website at www.msdisasterrecovery.com on March 8, 2018, with the public comment period ending 14 days later on March 22, 2018. Written comments regarding this proposed modification may be mailed to MDA at:

Mississippi Development Authority
 Post Office Box 849
 Jackson, MS 39205
 Attention: Disaster Recovery Division

Comments may also be submitted via facsimile to (601) 359-9280 or via email to disasterrecoverycomments@mississippi.org. Following this comment period, changes may be made to the proposal and a final Substantial Modification will then be submitted to HUD for approval.