**CITY OF LAKE CHARLES**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The City of Lake Charles (COLC) will accept public comments for 15 days regarding a proposed substantial amendment to the City of Lake Charles CDBG-DR Action Plan for Louisiana Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding 4606-DR-LA (CDBG-DR Action Plan). The 15-day public comment period starts May 20, 2025 and ends at 4:00 p.m. CT on June 4, 2025.

The CDBG-DR Action Plan details the City’s proposed manner and use of $17,818,000 in federal funding for disaster recovery and mitigation projects, allocated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the aftermath of multiple disasters in 2020 and 2021.

The amendment is intended to maximize the effectiveness and availability of funding for the Hope Center and Business Innovation Center (LA Launch) projects, both of which were included in the HUD-approved CDBG-DR Action Plan. The amendment proposes to make the following changes:

1. Reallocate $677,053.50 from the planning activity to the Hope Center project; change the scope and location of the project; revise the HUD activity type; and clarify the HUD National Objective.

2. Reallocate $1,029,746.50 of planning dollars to the LA Launch Business Innovation Center project and to clarify the HUD National Objective.

3. Reduce funding for the Planning Activity.

4. General revisions throughout for clarity and to make updates in accordance with current federal guidance and requirements.

The HUD-approved CDBG-DR Action Plan, as previously amended, and a draft of the substantial amendment is available on the city’s CDBG-DR webpage:

 <https://www.cityoflakecharles.com/department/division.php?structureid=277>

and the following locations:

City of Lake Charles Transit Center Central Library

1155 Ryan Street 301 W. Claude Street

Lake Charles, LA 70601 Lake Charles, LA 70605

City of Lake Charles

Community Development Department Allen August Multi-Purpose Center

326 Pujo Street, 5th Floor 2001 Moeling Street

Lake Charles, LA 70601 Lake Charles, LA 70601

Additionally, members of the public may submit comments via email to dena.jourdan@cityoflc.us with the subject line “Proposed CDBG-DR Action Plan Amendment”; or by mail to the City of Lake Charles, Community Development Division, 326 Pujo Street, 5th Floor, Lake Charles, LA 70601. All comments received by 4:00 p.m. CT on June 4, 2025 will be incorporated into the submission of the amendment to HUD and therefore will become part of the official public record

After accepting public comments, the COLC will submit the draft amendment to HUD for final approval. Once approved, the COLC will implement the programmatic changes.

If you have a need for information or materials in a language other than English, please view the Language Assistance Request Form located at the following web address: <https://www.cityoflakecharles.com/egov/documents/1572988348_1176.pdf> or contact the Community Development Department at 337-491-1440.

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), qualified individuals who need accessible communication aids and services or other reasonable accommodations to participate in City of Lake Charles provided services, programs, and activities are invited to contact the City's Title VI/ADA Coordinator at (337) 491-1440. Please provide at minimum 72-hour advance notice to allow the City sufficient time to accommodate your need.

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