

# LOUISIANA RECOVERY AUTHORITY

## Statewide Generator Program

April 21, 2008

**OVERVIEW:** A resolution to request that the Louisiana Recovery Authority Board reallocate \$30 million of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds to create a Statewide Generator Program to purchase generators for critical facilities of local and parish governments and to create regional generator holding facilities that will store and distribute mobile generators for emergencies across Louisiana.

Whereas, the State has allocated \$1.47 billion of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds allocated since Hurricanes Katrina and Rita;

Whereas, the Road Home Elevation Program is being funded with HMGP; that program presents the largest single allocation of these disaster funds which is moving forward now through the Office of Community Development, Disaster Recovery Unit;

Whereas, the Louisiana Recovery Authority, Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and Office of Community Development have determined that a portion of HMGP funds can now be reallocated to prevent future losses through the acquisition of generators for use during future emergencies;

Whereas, federal HMGP regulations allow for a portion of funds – 5% of the total federal share of HMGP funds – to be used in more flexible ways than other HMGP dollars to meet non-traditional, but nonetheless critical, mitigation needs;

Whereas, parish and local governments have expressed to the Louisiana Recovery Authority and the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness a need for generators to mitigate against future storms and to more quickly restore services when disasters occur;

Whereas, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, the lead state agency responsible for recovery and preparedness, has studied the need for generators and requests in an expedited manner the ability to purchase the appropriate number of generators and equipment to respond to disasters in the future; and

Whereas, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness has confirmed with the Federal Emergency Management Agency that funds for a generator program are an allowable expense under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Louisiana Recovery Authority Board does hereby recommend the reallocation of \$30 million of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds to create a Statewide Generator Program to purchase generators for critical

facilities of local and parish governments and to create regional generator holding facilities that will store and distribute mobile generators for emergencies across Louisiana.

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Louisiana Recovery Authority Board does hereby recommend that the \$30 million reallocation of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds be sent to the Governor and the Louisiana Legislature for approval.