

LOUISIANA RECOVERY AUTHORITY

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

June 17, 2009

OVERVIEW: A resolution to request that the Louisiana Recovery Authority Board allocate \$177.6 million of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds to the Traditional Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for use by parishes, state agencies, and other entities to continue recovery efforts and to protect against future emergencies across Louisiana.

Whereas, the State has met the threshold to receive \$177.6 million of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds from FEMA for Hurricanes Gustav and Ike;

Whereas, mitigation projections have become more defined for areas across the state, the Louisiana Recovery Authority and the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness have determined that \$177.6 million, should be allocated to use in the "Traditional" HMGP program to assist parishes, state agencies and other entities in taking on mitigation measures to help protect against future damages;

Whereas, parish and local governments, state agencies and other entities have expressed to the Louisiana Recovery Authority and the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness a need for additional resources to continue to recover and to mitigate against future storms;

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 these additional resources; and

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

Whereas, 2008 DR 1786 and 1792 allocations will be allocated in the following manner:

- \$33.4 million toward coastal restoration programs and/or community safe rooms;
- \$125.6 million to 53 impacted parishes; and
- \$17.7 million to 5% initiative programs

Whereas, based on the LRA's intentions concerning the HMGP, the "2008 DR 1786 and 1792 Allocations" are weighted in favor of more grant dollars being awarded to local jurisdictions. Future allocations of Gustav/Ike HMGP funding, if available, will also be weighted in this manner.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Recovery Authority Board does hereby approve the allocation of \$177.6 million of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds to be used in the “Traditional” HMGP program to assist parishes and state agencies in taking on mitigation measures to help protect against future damages.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director shall provide a monthly report to the Louisiana Recovery Authority Board on the Traditional Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.