



Mississippi Development Authority

Port of Gulfport Restoration Program  
Gulf Coast Regional Infrastructure Program  
State Administration

Amendment 5  
Modification #4 (Substantial)

Amendment 2  
Modification #5 (Substantial)

Program Funding Reallocation

September 5, 2019

## **MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

### **AMENDMENT 5 PARTIAL ACTION PLAN PORT OF GULFPORT RESTORATION PROGRAM MODIFICATION #4 (SUBSTANTIAL) - PROGRAM FUNDING REALLOCATION**

### **AMENDMENT 2 PARTIAL ACTION PLAN GULF COAST REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM MODIFICATION #5 (SUBSTANTIAL) – PROGRAM FUNDING REALLOCATION**

#### **OVERVIEW**

The Mississippi Development Authority is the recipient of a \$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 federal appropriation through the Emergency Supplemental Appropriation Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Hurricane Recovery, 2006 (Public Law 109-148) [commonly referred to as Disaster Grant 1 or “DG-1”]. 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. In accord with these public laws, the State retains these funds until expended.

#### **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, Katrina CDBG funds must be reallocated to service Post-Katrina population and development trends. The programs covered under these modifications are the Port of Gulfport Restoration Program, which was included in the Economic Development Action Plan approved on December 15, 2006 as Amendment 5; the Gulf Coast Regional Infrastructure Program, which was approved on August 31, 2006 under Amendment 2; and State Administration, which was originally funded under the initial action plan.

#### **PURPOSE**

As some Port of Gulfport Restoration Program and Gulf Coast Regional Infrastructure Program projects have been completed under budget, these funds are available for other recovery needs. As MDA undertakes to address these needs and to award projects to tackle them, as well as to complete the remaining projects and programs and move to grant closeout, additional administration costs will be incurred. In this regard, these substantial modifications reallocate

funds to state administration to ensure that the resources are in place to successfully complete existing projects and programs, undertake additional projects to address disaster recovery needs, and then facilitate proper closeout of the grant activities. The following chart sets forth these reallocations:

<b>Program</b>	<b>Prior Allocation</b>	<b>Amount Reallocated</b>	<b>Revised Allocation</b>
<b>Port of Gulfport Program</b>	\$ 570,000,000.00	\$ (3,500,000.00)	\$ 566,500,000.00
<b>Gulf Coast Regional Infrastructure Program</b>	\$ 629,251,863.22	\$ (757.93)	\$ 629,251,105.29
<b>State Administration</b>	\$ 155,963,719.78	\$ 3,500,757.93	\$ 159,464,477.71

### **SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS**

MDA recognizes 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.

The current versions of the DG-1 Action Plan and previous amendments and modifications approved by HUD are available on MDA’s website at <https://www.msdisasterrecovery.com/action-plans>.

### **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

The proposed Substantial Modifications were submitted for public comment in English, Spanish and Vietnamese versions to the website at [www.msdisasterrecovery.com](http://www.msdisasterrecovery.com) on September 5, 2019, with the public comment period ending 14 days later on September 19, 2019. Written comments regarding the proposed modifications could have been mailed to MDA at:

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

Comments could also have been submitted via facsimile to (601) 576-2506 or via email to [disasterrecoverycomments@mississippi.org](mailto:disasterrecoverycomments@mississippi.org). **No comments were received regarding the modifications.**