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Hurricane Isaac Action Plan Amendment 2**

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*Family Promise Faith-Based Sheltering Program for  
Homeless Families***

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## Non-Substantial Amendment Number 1 to St. Tammany Parish Government's Action Plan for Disaster Recovery – Utilizing Funding from the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013 (Public Law 113-2).

### 1. Introduction

This Action Plan Amendment describes a change in the utilization of funding allocated to the Family Promise Faith-Based Sheltering Program for Homeless Families. This Amendment replaces the Project Description located within the section entitled *Proposed Use of Funds & Activity Information* (see page 21) as well as language within the section entitled *Public Housing, HUD Assisted Housing, and Housing for the Homeless* (see page 30). The remainder of the Action Plan is unchanged.

### 2. Amended Language

- The first section being amended currently reads:

**Project Description:** Family Promise is a faith-based congregational collaborative that is able to address the sheltering need for homeless families with children. The mission and purpose of the Family Promise program is to help homeless and low-income families achieve sustainable independence. There are 182 independent Family Promise affiliates in 41 states. Over the past 20 years this interfaith network of 6000 congregations has served over 500,000 people. The faithbased network provides for homeless families by hosting them in their church facilities 3-4 times per year and providing lodging, meals and support services for one week at a time. All families must pass the initial screening that consists of background checks, drug testing, and a face-to face interview.

It is anticipated that 4 to 5 families will be served through the Family Promise Program at any given time during the year. The participating churches will expect to house anywhere from 16 – 20 people for one week at a time. The estimated average length of program participation for each family will be about 60 days. This means that roughly 24 families will be served through this program in a 12 month period. Transportation services will be provided through this program for the adults and children so that they may get to and from work and school without any disruption regardless of the location of their weekly host church.

CDBG-DR funds will be used to rehabilitate a facility that will function as the Family Promise Program's day center. The day center will be accessible to all program participants and will host the program's staff offices as well. At the day center, the families will have access to counseling, job-search assistance, showers and a kitchen as well as educational, supportive and social services.

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The section is amended as follows:

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The Family Promise organization will acquire a facility that will serve as the program's hub of operations. CDBG-DR funds will be utilized to cover a portion of the day center's operating expenses, including staff salaries, insurance, utilities, and other ancillary costs. The day center will be accessible to all program participants and will host the program's staff offices as well. At the day center, the families will have access to counseling, job-search assistance, showers and a kitchen as well as educational, supportive and social services.

- The second section being amended currently reads:

### **Public Housing, HUD Assisted Housing, and Housing for the Homeless**

A portion of the Isaac CDBG-DR funds will go to rehabilitate a building to be used as a day center and administrative office for the Family Promise Faith-Based Sheltering Program for Homeless Families, but the aforementioned building will serve as only a day center and office and will not provide any housing as the churches will be the shelter providers for the program. At this time, St. Tammany Parish does not intend to utilize these CDBG-DR funds for rehabilitation or reconstruction and replacement of public housing, HUD-assisted housing, or permanent housing for the homeless.

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### **Public Housing, HUD Assisted Housing, and Housing for the Homeless**

A portion of the Isaac CDBG-DR funds will be utilized to cover operating expenses at a day center and administrative office for the Family Promise Faith-Based Sheltering Program for Homeless Families, but the aforementioned building will serve as only a day center and office and will not provide any housing as the churches will be the shelter providers for the program. At this time, St. Tammany Parish does not intend to utilize these CDBG-DR funds for rehabilitation or reconstruction and replacement of public housing, HUD-assisted housing, or permanent housing for the homeless.

### **3. Conclusion**

As the aforementioned modifications to St. Tammany's approved Action Plan do not result in a change in program benefit or eligibility criteria, allocate or re-allocate more than \$1 million, or add or delete an activity, it is being submitted as a non-substantial amendment. The end result and beneficiaries of the funding as well as the amount of funding allocated to the project remain unchanged.