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LAGOV AGENCY: I certify the availability of appropriated funds for fiscal year ____ for the payment of the above referenced publication and authorize the processing of an Interagency Billing with the following coding on the 30th of the month of the publication. Attach supplemental sheet for additional lines of coding.

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NOTICE OF INTENT
Louisiana Economic Development,
Office of Economic Development

Local Economic Development Support Fund
(LAC 13: III. Chapter 11)

Louisiana Economic Development, Office of Economic Development, as authorized by and pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., R.S. 36:104, and R.S. 51:921 et. seq., hereby gives notice of intent to repeal Rules for the administration of the Local Economic Development Support Fund.

In accordance with the Office of Governor Executive Order No. JML 25-038, LED reviewed and evaluated these program rules, determined the rules to be obsolete and unnecessary and therefore seeks a repeal.

Title 13
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Part III. Financial Assistance Programs
Chapter 11. Local Economic Development Support Fund

§1101. Definitions

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 51:921 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Commerce, Office of Commerce and Industry, LR 10:741 (October 1984), amended LR 12:663 (October 1986), repealed by Louisiana Economic Development, Office of Economic Development, LR 52:

§1103. Urban

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 51:921 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Commerce, Office of Commerce and Industry, LR 10:741 (October 1984), amended LR 12:663 (October 1986), repealed by Louisiana Economic Development, Office of Economic Development, LR 52:

§1105. Rural

Repealed.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 51:921 et seq.

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Family Impact Statement

The proposed repeal of the Rule is not anticipated to have an impact on family formation, stability, and autonomy as described in R.S. 49:972.

Poverty Impact Statement

The proposed repeal of the Rule is not anticipated to have an impact on poverty as described in R.S. 49:973.

Provider Impact Statement

The proposed repeal of the Rule is not anticipated to have an impact on providers of services as described in HCR 170 of the 2014 Regular Legislative Session.

Small Business Analysis

The proposed repeal of the Rule is not anticipate to have a significant adverse impact on small businesses as described in R.S. 49:974.5.

Public Comments

Interested persons should submit written comments on the proposed Rules to Leticia Johnson, Louisiana Economic Development, 100 North Street, 7th Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70802 or via email to Leticia.Johnson@LA.GOV. All comments must be received no later than close of business day, August 24, 2026.

Public Hearing

A meeting for the purpose of receiving the presentation of oral comments on the Notice of Intent will be held at 10 a.m. on August 27, 2026, in the LaBelle Conference Room at the LaSalle Building, 617 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802.

Anne G. Villa
Deputy Secretary/CFO, LED

Title 13
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Part III. Financial Assistance Programs

Chapter 11. Local Economic Development Support Fund

§1101. Definitions

~~Urban—an organization, the service area of which includes a parish with a population of 50,000 or over.~~

~~Rural—an organization, the service area of which includes no parish with a population of 50,000 or over.~~

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 51:921 et seq.

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§1103. Urban

~~A. Applicant. Applicant organization may not be a tax levying body.~~

~~B. Staff. Must employ professional full-time executive director. Must submit résumé and evidence of employment by applicant organization.~~

~~C. Service Area~~

~~1. If organization has been active for the past three years and has had no change in service area during that time, a list of parishes and/or cities served must be submitted.~~

~~2. If applicant has been organized during past three years, evidence of acceptability to parish/local government must be presented. This may take the form of a resolution, a letter of approbation from the chief elected official, evidence that elected officials sit (by virtue of their position) on the board of the applicant and/or evidence that dues are paid or contributions made by local governing bodies to the applicant organization.~~

~~D. Budget~~

~~1. A budget, developed according to state guidelines, covering use of the grant for the negotiated scope of work must be submitted and will be made part of the contract. Monies received through the LEDS program may constitute no more than 50 percent of the current budget of the organization. Satisfactory evidence of this ratio must be submitted at the time of application and at the time of the fourth quarter financial report.~~

~~2. No monies received under this program shall be used for acquisitions.~~

~~3. At the discretion of the Department of Commerce, up to 75 percent of the monies may be used for one major project.~~

~~E. Authorization to Enter into Contract. A resolution from the board of the applicant organization must be submitted authorizing entering into contract and naming signator.~~

~~F. Scope of Work. Performance standards for all tasks shall be made part of the contract.~~

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 51:921 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Commerce, Office of Commerce and Industry, LR 10:741 (October 1984), amended LR 12:663 (October 1986), repealed by Louisiana Economic Development, Office of Economic Development, LR 52:

§1105. Rural

~~A. Applicant. Applicant may not be a tax levying body.~~

~~B. Staff. May employ professional full-time executive director or may contract for work. Must submit résumé and evidence of employment by applicant organization. If full- time employee or contract employee not applicable, must submit evidence of capability of completing contracted scope of work.~~

~~C. Service Area~~

~~1. If organization has been active for the past three years and has had no change in service area during that time, a list of parishes and/or cities served must be submitted.~~

~~2. If applicant has been organized during past three years, evidence of acceptability to parish/local government must be presented. This may take the form of a resolution, a letter of approbation from the chief elected official, evidence that elected officials sit (by virtue of their position) on the board of the applicant and/or evidence that dues are paid or contributions made by local governing bodies to the applicant organization.~~

~~D. Budget~~

~~1. A budget, developed according to state guidelines, covering use of the grant for the negotiated scope of work must be submitted and will be made part of the contract. If the organization is one year old or less, monies received~~

~~through the LEDS program may constitute no more than 75 percent of the current 1987 budget of the organization. If the organization is between one and two years old, the monies may constitute no more than 65 percent of the budget. If the organization is three years old or older, the monies may constitute no more than 50 percent of the budget. Satisfactory evidence of this ratio must be submitted at the time of application and at the time of the fourth quarter financial report.~~

~~2. No monies received under this program shall be used for acquisitions.~~

~~3. At the discretion of the department, up to 75 percent of the monies may be used for one major project.~~

~~E. Authorization to Enter into Contract. A resolution from the board of the applicant organization must be submitted authorizing entering into contract and naming signator.~~

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FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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		Date Rule Takes Effect:	Upon Promulgation

SUMMARY
(Use complete sentences)

In accordance with Section 961 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a fiscal and economic impact statement on the rule proposed for adoption, repeal or amendment. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS SUMMARIZE ATTACHED WORKSHEETS, I THROUGH IV AND WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE LOUISIANA REGISTER WITH THE PROPOSED AGENCY RULE.

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed repeal of the rules is not anticipated to result in any direct material effect on governmental expenditures or savings to state or local governmental units.

The proposed rule change repeals the Local Economic Development Support Fund, as this program was last promulgated in October 1986 and has not been administered within Louisiana Economic Development (LED) for several years. The proposed repeal aligns with Title 13, Part III, as required by the Office of the Governor Executive Order No. 25-038.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed repeal is not anticipated to affect revenue collections for state or local governmental units.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

There are no anticipated costs to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

There is no anticipated effect on competition and employment.

Anne G Villa
ANNE VILLA (Jul 1, 2026 15:23:39 CDT)
Signature of Head or Designee

Alan M. Boxberger
Legislative Fiscal Officer or Designee

Anne G. Villa, Deputy Secretary/CFO
Typed Name & Title of Agency Head or Designee

Date of Signature

7/6/26
Date of Signature

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

The following information is required in order to assist the Legislative Fiscal Office in its review of the fiscal and economic impact statement and to assist the appropriate legislative oversight subcommittee in its deliberation on the proposed rule.

A. Provide a brief summary of the content of the rule (if proposed for adoption, or repeal) or a brief summary of the change in the rule (if proposed for amendment). Attach a copy of the notice of intent and a copy of the rule proposed for initial adoption or repeal (or, in the case of a rule change, copies of both the current and proposed rules with amended portions indicated).

The proposed rule change repeals the Local Economic Development Support Fund, which was created to provide grants to qualified organizations that provide services within urban and rural areas. This program was last promulgated in October 1986 and has not been administered within LED for several years.

B. Summarize the circumstances, which require this action. If the Action is required by federal regulation, attach a copy of the applicable regulation.

Pursuant to the Office of the Governor Executive Order No. 25-038, this program, last promulgated in October 1986, is proposed to be repealed.

C. Compliance with Act 11 of the 1986 First Extraordinary Session

(1) Will the proposed rule change result in any increase in the expenditure of funds? If so, specify amount and source of funding.

The proposed rule changes are not anticipated to result in an increase in governmental expenditures for the state.

(2) If the answer to (1) above is yes, has the Legislature specifically appropriated the funds necessary for the associated expenditure increase? **Not applicable**

(a) __________ YES. If yes, attach documentation.

(b) __________ NO. If no, provide justification as to why this rule change should be published at this time

D. Compliance with Act 98 of the 2025 Regular Session

(1) Will the proposed rule change result in either the expenditure of state funds or an economic impact involving costs to regulated entities estimated at $200,000 or more per year or $600,000 or more over three years?

(a) __________ YES. (proceed to question D.2 on this page)

(b) ____X____ NO.

(2) If the answer to (1) above is yes, was there a fiscal note for the enacted legislation that required this action (attach documentation)? **Not applicable**

(a) __________ YES, and all cost impacts were contemplated in the Fiscal Note.

(b) __________ YES, but cost impacts exceed those contemplated in the Fiscal Note.

(c) __________ NO.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
WORKSHEET

I. A. <u>COSTS OR SAVINGS TO STATE AGENCIES RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED</u>

1. What is the anticipated increase (decrease) in costs to implement the proposed action?

COSTS	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29
PERSONAL SERVICES	$0	$0	$0
OPERATING EXPENSES	$0	$0	$0
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	$0	$0	$0
OTHER CHARGES	$0	$0	$0
EQUIPMENT	$0	$0	$0
MAJOR REPAIR & CONSTR.	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
POSITIONS (#)	**0**	**0**	**0**

2. Provide a narrative explanation of the costs or savings shown in "A. 1.", including the increase or reduction in workload or additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.) anticipated as a result of the implementation of the proposed action. Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these costs.

   The proposed repeal to the rules are not anticipated to result in any direct material effect on governmental expenditures or savings for state or local governmental units. There will be no need for any administrative duties to be carried out utilizing any existing staff and/or resources at Louisiana Economic Development (LED), brought about by the proposed repeal.

3. Sources of funding for implementing the proposed rule or rule change.

SOURCE	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29
STATE GENERAL FUND	$0	$0	$0
AGENCY SELF-GENERATED	$0	$0	$0
DEDICATED	$0	$0	$0
FEDERAL FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
OTHER (Specify)	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

4. Does your agency currently have sufficient funds to implement the proposed action? If not, how and when do you anticipate obtaining such funds?

   Yes, the agency currently has sufficient funds to implement this action.

B. <u>COST OR SAVINGS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED.</u>

1. Provide an estimate of the anticipated impact of the proposed action on local governmental units, including adjustments in workload and paperwork requirements. Describe all data, assumptions and methods used in calculating this impact.

   There will be no costs or savings to local government from the actions of the proposed rule change.

2. Indicate the sources of funding of the local governmental unit, which will be affected by these costs or savings.

   No sources of funding of local government will be affected.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
WORKSHEET

II. EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

A. What increase (decrease) in revenues can be anticipated from the proposed action?

REVENUE INCREASE/DECREASE	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29
STATE GENERAL FUND	$0	$0	$0
AGENCY SELF-GENERATED	$0	$0	$0
DEDICATED	$0	$0	$0
FEDERAL FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
LOCAL FUNDS	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

*Specify the particular fund being impacted.

B. Provide a narrative explanation of each increase or decrease in revenues shown in "A." Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these increases or decreases.

The proposed repeal is not anticipated to affect revenue collections for state or local governmental units.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
WORKSHEET

III. COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS

A. What persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups would be directly affected by the proposed action? For each, provide an estimate and a narrative description of any effect on costs, including workload adjustments and additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.), they may have to incur as a result of the proposed action.

No persons, small businesses, or non-government groups will be directly affected by the proposed repeal, as there has been no participation in this program.

B. Also provide an estimate and a narrative description of any impact on receipts and/or income resulting from this rule or rule change to these groups.

There is no direct anticipated impact on receipts and/or income resulting from this rule repeal to these groups.

IV. EFFECTS ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT

Identify and provide estimates of the impact of the proposed action on competition and employment in the public and private sectors. Include a summary of any data, assumptions and methods used in making these estimates.

The proposed repeal of the rules is not anticipated to impact competition and employment in the public or private sectors.