

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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New law establishes the Hazard Mitigation Revolving Loan Fund to be administered by the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP), for the purpose of providing financial assistance for projects that reduce disaster risks.

New law provides the purpose of the fund, what monies may be deposited into the fund, and how interest earned and unexpended money at the end of each fiscal year is credited.

New law specifies that the fund, subject to legislative appropriation, may be used to make loans to eligible recipients (as defined in new law.) for mitigation efforts, for costs of administering the fund, and any other use consistent with the federal grant program.

New law provides the types of projects and activities that loans may be used for, including projects that address natural hazards; zoning, land use, floodplain management, and hazard mitigation planning changes; and establishment and implementation of current building code standards relevant to disasters and natural hazards.

New law requires GOHSEP to establish application procedures and eligibility criteria for loans from the fund.

New law authorizes a political subdivision that receives proceeds from the fund to use the money for the purpose of offering loans to private property owners to use for hazard mitigation projects for buildings. Requires each private property owner applying for a loan pursuant to the provisions of new law to demonstrate on the loan application both a need for the loan and the ability to repay the loan, if required.

New law requires a loan used by a private property owner for hazard mitigation to be repaid upon sale of the property, unless the purchaser assumes the loan.

New law authorizes GOHSEP to provide loan subsidies to disadvantaged individuals and communities. If such subsidies are offered, new law requires GOHSEP to promulgate rules regarding such subsidies.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Adds R.S. 29:726.7)