

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 24-120

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the Office of the Governor has many agencies, offices, and divisions within it which provide a wide range of services for the citizens and local governments of the State of Louisiana;

WHEREAS, R.S. 46:2581 creates the Office of Disability Affairs as a state agency within the Office of the Governor;

WHEREAS, R.S. 46:219.2 creates the Drug Policy Board as a body corporate within the Office of the Governor;

WHEREAS, R.S. 46:2525 creates the Office of Women's Policy within the Office of the Governor;

WHEREAS, R.S. 46:2602 creates the Children's Cabinet within the Office of the Governor;

WHEREAS, R.S. 46:2169 creates the Office of Human Trafficking Prevention within the Office of the Governor;

WHEREAS, R.S. 51:2233 creates the Louisiana Commission on Human Rights within the Office of the Governor;

WHEREAS, R.S. 46:931 creates the Office of Elderly Affairs within the Office of the Governor;

WHEREAS, citizens of the State of Louisiana benefit from centralized efforts to effectively coordinate community outreach and the delivery of community programs; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Community Programs, within the Office of the Governor, was originally established by executive order to coordinate the operation and delivery of services provided by these agencies, offices, and divisions.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, order and direct as follows:

<u>Section 1:</u> The Office of Community Programs ("Office") is reestablished and recreated within the executive department, Office of the Governor.

Section 2: The Office shall be composed of the following agencies and divisions of the Office of the Governor:

- A. Office of Disability Affairs;
- B. Office of Drug Policy;
- C. Office of Women's Policy;
- D. Office of Children's Programs;
- E. Office of Human Trafficking Prevention;
- F. Louisiana Commission on Human Rights; and
- G. Office of Elderly Affairs.

Section 3: The duties and functions of the Office shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. Coordinating, directing, and monitoring the services of the agencies, offices, and divisions of the Office of the Governor that are listed in Section 2 of this Order are provided to the citizens and local governments of the State of Louisiana;
- B. Promoting and coordinating initiatives that are designed to improve the quantity, quality, and delivery of the state services provided for the benefit of the citizens and local governments of the State of Louisiana;
- C. Disseminating information about state services to state, federal, and private agencies which provide services to the citizens and local governments of the State of Louisiana;
- D. Working with relevant task forces, councils, or other bodies to implement the recommendations and strategies;
- E. Promoting collaboration between relevant task forces, councils, or other bodies to ensure a holistic approach to challenges; and
- F. Advising the Governor on issues related to services provided through the Office of Community Programs for the benefit of citizens and local governments of the State of Louisiana.

Section 4: The director of the agencies, offices, and divisions contained in Section 2 of this Order will report to the Deputy Chief of Staff. The Deputy Chief of Staff, Programs and Planning, shall be the appointing and budget authority for the Office of Community Programs.

Section 5: All programs contained within Section 2 of this Order are required to maintain records of all contract, loan and/or grant sources that are issued or awarded by the agencies, offices, or divisions of the Office of the Governor.

<u>Section 6:</u> Support staff, facilities, and resources for the Office of Community Programs shall be provided by the Office of the Governor.

<u>Section 7:</u> All departments, commissions, boards, offices, entities, agencies, and officers of the state of Louisiana, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Office in the provisions of this Order.

Section 8: Executive Order Number JBE 2016-50 is hereby rescinded.

<u>Section 9:</u> This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the Governor, or terminated by operation of law.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 29th day of July, 2024.

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