

State of Louisiana



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 2016 – 50

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

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

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 and/or divisions.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: 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 (La. R.S. 46:2581 *et seq.*);
- B. Statewide Independent Living Council (Executive Order No. JBE 16-14);
- C. Office of Indian Affairs (La. R.S. 46:2301 *et seq.*);
- D. Louisiana State Interagency Coordinating Council for Child Net, sometimes referred to as “Early Steps” (La. R.S. 17:1979 and La. R.S. 36:4(R));
- E. Louisiana Youth For Excellence (Executive Order No. JBE 16-49);
- F. Drug Policy Board (La. R.S. 49:219.1 *et seq.*);
- G. Office on Women’s Policy (La. R.S. 46:2521 *et seq.*);
- H. Children’s Cabinet (La. R.S. 46:2602 *et seq.*);
- I. Governor’s Council on Homelessness (Executive Order No. JBE 16-22);
- J. Louisiana Animal Welfare Commission (La. R.S. 3:2364 *et seq.*); and
- K. The Latino Commission (La. R.S. 49:1222 *et seq.*)

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

- A. Coordinating, directing, and monitoring the manner in which the services of the agencies, divisions, and/or programs of the Office of the Governor that are listed in Section 2 and Section 3 of this Order are provided to the citizens and local governments of the State of Louisiana;
- B. Promoting and coordinating legislative 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 and legislative initiatives to state, federal, and/or private agencies which provide services to the citizens and/or local governments of the State of Louisiana; and
- D. Advising the Governor on issues related to services provided through the Office of Community Programs for the benefit of citizens and/or local governments of the State of Louisiana.

SECTION 4: The director and/or executive directors of the agencies, divisions, and/or programs contained within section 2 of this order will report to the Deputy Chief of Staff, Programs and Planning. The Deputy Chief of Staff, Programs and Planning, shall be the appointing and budget authority for the Office of Community Programs. The Coordinator of Programs and Planning will assist the Deputy Chief of Staff and provide program and operational coordination to ensure the duties and functions of section 3 of this order are successfully performed.

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 and/or awarded by the agencies, divisions, and/or programs of the Office of the Governor.

SECTION 6: Support staff, facilities, and resources for the Office shall be provided by the Office of the Governor.

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

SECTION 8: 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, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 5th day of August, 2016.


GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE