



**EAG Gulf Coast, LLC (EisnerAmper)** is willing and able to provide financial controls and federal compliance assurance to the BLN Team for the IOED's Home Energy Rebate programs.

#### **EisnerAmper's Qualifications:**

- Over 15 Years of Experience Helping Governmental Agencies, Municipalities, Non-Profit Organizations & Small Businesses Manage Federal Funds
- Disbursed Over \$3 Billion in Federal & State Funded Programs, Including CDBG-DR, CBDG-CV, CARES Act & U.S. Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance & Homeowners Assistance
- Unparalleled Experience Navigating Federal & State Regulatory Requirements, Program Compliance Requirements, Vendor Management & Resource Availability
- Direct Experience Assisting State Clients Implement Programs Involving Large Volumes of Disbursements With Various Disbursement Methods
- Over 70 Years Working With Individuals & Businesses to Provide Accounting, Consulting & Technology Services

#### **EisnerAmper's Experience:**

##### **Indiana Homeowner's Assistance Fund (January 2022 - present):**

- **Funding Source:** ARPA Homeowner Assistance Program
- **Agency:** Indiana Housing & Community Development
- **Total Payment Amount:** \$89 Million
- **Total Payments:** 28,000 ACH & Checks

The Finance Team was contracted to assist the Indiana Homeowner's Assistance Fund program with the design and execution of the financial management and disbursement function to provide seamless and quick payments to mortgage companies, insurance companies, homeowners associations, and taxing authorities. The Finance Team assisted with program standup of the financial management systems, process, and procedures. The Finance Team continues to work with internal and external stakeholders to account for and reconcile proper payments and returns, as well as provide input into program design, policy, reporting, and system improvements. The Finance Team initiates high volumes of same-day ACH and check payments on a weekly basis by diligently overseeing receipt and transfer of funds. The quick turnaround allows proper application of payments for monthly mortgage payments and other mortgage-related payments.

##### **Restore Louisiana Homeowner Assistance Program (April 2017 – present):**

- **Funding Source:** HUD Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)
- **Agency:** State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, Office of Community Development (OCD)
- **Total Payment Amount:** \$667 Million (HUD); \$4 Million (escrow)
- **Total Payments:** 42,000 Checks

The Finance Team is responsible for designing, implementing, and leading the financial processes and disbursements for Restore Louisiana, which assists Louisiana homeowners affected by the 2016 flooding and 2020/2021 hurricanes. Prior to issuance of payments, the Finance Team utilizes the HUD-established award calculation formula and supporting documentation to review and confirm calculated awards and payment requests. The team performs a quality control review of all award calculations and payments requests, as well as requests funds from Louisiana's Office of Community Development (OCD) and subsequently disburses those funds to applicants. In most cases, applicants are eligible for multiple payments per file/application with the potential for payees (homeowners and construction contractors) to be different on each payment. Additionally, the Finance Team oversees the collection and disbursement of escrow funds from homeowners to meet program needs. Since it is a HUD-funded Program, it is vital all funds are accounted for, disbursed and reported appropriately. The Finance Team has successfully completed a reconciliation of OCD Disbursed Funds to Program Disbursements, as well as OCD and Escrow bank reconciliations, for every month by the OCD determined deadline.

### State of Louisiana's U.S. Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Program (February 2021 – Present):

- **Funding Source:** ARPA Emergency Rental Assistance Program
- **Agency:** Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC) & Office of Community Development (OCD)
- **Total Payment Amount:** \$162 Million
- **Total Payments:** 61,800 ACH & Checks

EisnerAmper is currently engaged with The Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC), Office of Community Development (OCD), and Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) to manage the state-wide Emergency Rental Assistance Program. They are leading the design and execution of the financial management function of the program. The Finance Team has assisted with Program standup of the financial management systems, process, and procedures, as well as policy and system design. The Finance Team manages the processes of receiving and transfers of funds, disbursements (to tenants, landlords, and utility companies), and reporting on payments and statuses for the U.S. Treasury.

The Finance Team is able to initiate same-day payments which has attributed to the success of the program, including ability to receive additional funding and initiating of closeout phase prior to program projections.