



Safer, Stronger, Smarter:

Office of Community Development – Disaster Recovery Unit

Recovery Snapshot

Louisiana received **\$13.4 billion** in disaster Community Development Block Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for recovery from hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The national objectives when using CDBG dollars are to: benefit citizens of low to moderate income; eliminate or prevent slum and blight; and provide for an urgent need.

Other Gulf Coast states affected by hurricanes Katrina and Rita received the following in CDBG funds:

- Mississippi, \$5.4 billion
- Texas, \$503 million
- Florida, \$182.9 million
- Alabama, \$95.6 million

Louisiana has expended 96% of our allocated funds. Only Alabama at 100% and Texas at 99% have spent more.

OCD-DRU Recovery Programs

Housing - \$11.5 billion

- More than **\$9 billion** disbursed to **130,039** Road Home grantees
- **4,510** Small Rental applicants have received **\$433.9 million** to create **8,870** rental units, **7,605** of which provide affordable rents to citizens of low to moderate income
- Repaired **154** homes through the Nonprofit Rebuilding Pilot Program using **9** nonprofit organizations and **2,668** volunteers
- Created **59** multi-family developments in **9** parishes creating **7,475** rental units, **4,420** of which offer affordable rental rates, through the Low Income Housing Tax Credit "Piggyback" Program
- Assisted **1,861** individuals with purchasing their first home
- Provided disabled households with **8,967** months of rental assistance through the Permanent Supportive Housing Project-Based Vouchers
- Provided **8,267** months of rental, security and utility deposit assistance to households through the Homelessness Supports and Housing Services Program



Infrastructure - \$1.4 billion

- **314** infrastructure projects funded, including the replacement or reconstruction of:
 - 82 - preK-12 schools
 - 11 - higher education facilities
 - 13 - healthcare facilities
 - 8 - libraries
 - 10 - public facilities
 - 20 - parks and recreational facilities
 - 52 - water/sewer improvements
 - 42 - street and road improvements
- Funded **22** fisheries projects in **9** coastal parishes to improve and expand infrastructure critical to the recreational and commercial fisheries industries, including but not limited to:
 - Docks
 - Icehouses
 - Boat launches
 - Processing and shipping facilities
- Provided **\$200 million** to Entergy New Orleans to restore the electric and gas infrastructures and prevent rate increases to the ratepayers; restoring **1.2 million** linear feet of lines and sparing **467,013** New Orleans customers rate increases.



Economic Development - \$317.4 million

- Provided grants to the state Office of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and parishes to purchase advertising, update websites and promote out-of-state tourism post-hurricanes Katrina and Rita
- Funded **3,482** grants and **1,044** loans through nine community-based nonprofit organizations through the Business Recovery Grant and Loan Program.
- Through a partnership with the state Department of Economic Development and the Louisiana Public Facilities Authority, **789** bridge loans were provided to **748** businesses around the state. The **\$6.1 million** provided leveraged an additional **\$42.5 million**.
- Trained more than **15,000** workers, including **12,000** of low to moderate income, through the Recovery Workforce Training Program in partnership with the Louisiana Workforce Commission. More than **7,400** workers were placed into jobs, including nearly **5,000** of low to moderate income.
- More than **6,000** clients served through the Technical Assistance to Small Firms Program.
- Thirty-six (**36**) loans made to small businesses and **21,120** unique technical assistance services provided to nearly **7,000** small business.
- Through the Research Commercialization and Educational Enhancement Program: **258** higher education faculty members were recruited or retained; **1,655** articles were published in, or under consideration by, peer-reviewed publications; **609** technology transfers, patents, disclosures or licenses applied for or received; and **47** businesses started.
- Through the Project-Based Recovery Opportunity Program, **15** projects have been completed and **101** jobs created.

