

OPTIONAL RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

PURPOSE

To offer eligible current permanent, primary IDJC residents and former IDJC households that have been displaced from IDJC since August 28, 2012 (the initial Louisiana landfall date of Hurricane Isaac) with assistance towards securing safe interim housing while permanent resettlement housing solutions are designed and constructed. It is a needs-based, voluntary program.

LENGTH OF PROGRAM

From now until the new IDJC Resettlement is built or 42 months, whichever comes first. The program administrator will re-evaluate and renew eligibility every 12 months.

ELIGIBILITY

Current permanent IDJC households whose primary home is on IDJC and who commits in writing to relocate from IDJC into permanent housing that is “safe, sanitary, secure, functional, and in good repair” through participation in the IDJC Resettlement Program.

OR

Former permanent IDJC households that satisfy four requirements: (1) Household was displaced from IDJC on or after August 28, 2012; (2) Household presently resides in an NDR eligible parish (Terrebonne, Lafourche, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. John the Baptist, or St. Tammany); (3) Household is determined to be homeless or at risk of homelessness; (4) Household commits in writing to relocate from IDJC into permanent housing that is “safe, sanitary, secure, functional, and in good repair” through participation in the IDJC Resettlement Program.

APPLICATION STEPS

1. Contact Mary Russo or Lauren Fitch of Start Corporation: **(985) 879-3966**.
2. They will give you an Application. Complete and sign it.
3. Application will be processed within 5 days after it's received.
4. If Application is approved, applicant must sign an IDJC Resettlement Optional Relocation Assistance Program Participation Agreement committing to securing permanent housing through the IDJC Resettlement Program.

Moving Expenses and Rent:

The Program will pay 100% of the rent. Moving expenses will be paid for all households that are awarded an IDJC Resettlement Optional Relocation Assistance Program Voucher, subject to Program caps and schedules. Fifty percent of the moving allowance is paid at time of move-in and the remaining fifty percent at time of move-out. Moving expenses will only be paid for 1 total move.

Participants: Participants in the (IDJC) Resettlement Optional Relocation Assistance Program will continue to have access to the Island, until which time the Island is submerged, with a few exceptions, including unsafe housing. Participating in this Program will not affect eligibility for future residence or associated amenities in the new Resettlement. Applicants participating in the IDJC Optional Relocation Assistance Program keep all rights and financial or other responsibilities for their current residence.

Program Administration: The IDJC Resettlement Optional Relocation Assistance Program will be administered by the Louisiana Housing Authority (LHA) and their third party administrator, Start Corporation, in coordination with the Louisiana Office of Community Development – Disaster Recovery Unit (OCD-DRU). The program is being conducted as part of fulfilling the aims of the State of Louisiana's National Disaster Resilience (NDR) award.