

Hurricanes Gustav-Ike Recovery Programs

Gustav-Ike Parish Programs

Parish Recovery Program

More than half of the \$1.09 billion appropriated to Louisiana by HUD for recovery from hurricanes Gustav and Ike was allocated to the 53 impacted parishes. Based on damages, the parishes received a total allocation of \$562.5 million to implement their own housing, infrastructure and economic development programs. OCD-DRU parish liaisons provide technical assistance to the parishes in designing their programs, drawing down funds, finding contractors, etc.

Parishes in the G/I Recovery Program, Amount Allocated and Number of Projects

Parish Affordable Rental Program

The five most impacted parishes -- Terrebonne, Cameron, Iberville, East Baton Rouge and Lafourche -- were allocated a share of \$24 million to invest in affordable housing.

Gustav-Ike Housing Programs

All Housing programs managed by the [Louisiana Housing Corporation](#)

Affordable Rental

The Affordable Rental program restores and creates affordable rental housing for individuals with low and moderate incomes. Municipalities, parishes, nonprofit organizations and developers in the 53 affected parishes were eligible to compete in the program. Thirteen of the 16 approved developments have been completed; three are awaiting closing or under construction. When all 16 developments are finished, a total of 664 units will be created, 553 of which will be affordable.

Multi-Family Rental: Low-Income Housing Tax Credit "Piggyback"

Modeled after the Katrina/Rita program of the same, this program has awarded low-interest loans to 11 developers who will build rental housing for market-rate and low- to moderate-income tenants and create permanent supportive housing (PSH) units for disabled individuals. A total of 758 rental units will be created, of which 713 will be affordable and 153 will be PSH.

Louisiana Housing Council Disaster Recovery

Provides funding to Louisiana Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) to cover insurance deductibles due to property damage as a result of hurricanes Gustav and Ike. PHAs provide affordable housing for approximately 17,000 of Louisiana's low-income residents and more than one-fourth are elderly and/or handicapped. The program is administered by the Louisiana Housing Council Inter-Local Risk Management Agency. An additional \$13 million has been dedicated to B.W. Cooper, a large PSH development in New Orleans.

Homelessness Prevention**

The Short-Term Assistance and Rental Services program provided rental assistance to Gustav/Ike-affected applicants. Families who did not make the conversion to Housing Choice Vouchers were also assisted through this program, which ended in June 2013.

***Program activities have been completed.*

Infrastructure

Coastal Communities Recovery

Funds projects to restore, harden and improve critical infrastructure, including: water control structures, levees, economic centers, and other critical storm protection and wetland restoration. Administered in partnership with the state Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration, there are eight approved projects in this \$30 million program.

Municipal Infrastructure

Funds unmet disaster recovery needs in 60 local municipalities located within the 53 parishes impacted by Gustav/Ike. Project categories include:

- Flood drainage improvements;
- Water/sewer improvements;
- Street improvements;
- Fire and emergency equipment; and

Other public facilities and improvements.

An additional \$5 million has been made available for unmet disaster recovery needs specifically in coastal communities.

Economic Development and Growth

Administered in partnership with the Louisiana Office of Economic Development, focuses on major economic development initiatives that are primarily aimed at established industries and workforce appropriate for the unique geographic, climatic, population and growth conditions of the state. The program is designed to have a large impact by providing jobs, infrastructure and workforce development to hurricane damaged regions.

Interoperable Communications*

The Interoperable Communications program supported the seamless communication among all first responders and the improvement of information sharing and systems in the event of a disaster. Administered by the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, the new equipment funded through this program aided first responders during Hurricane Isaac. The number of users, available sites and channels available for communication were all doubled during the storm, and the number of busy calls decreased by 40.5 percent.

**Program has completed activities*

Economic Development

Economic Revitalization (Business Grant and Loan)

Provides grants or loans for economic development projects to businesses, nonprofit organizations, parishes, local governments and political subdivisions. Depending on the nature of the project, jobs will be created, services will be provided to individuals, slum and blight will be eliminated or an urgent need will be met.

Innovation Loan and Technical Assistance

Funds sub-recipients who provide technical assistance, small loans, or a combination of both, to small or start-up businesses. The technical assistance includes:

- Financial management;
- One-on-one counseling;
- Business plan development; and
- Development of a website.

Loans range in size from \$50,000 to \$500,000 and can be used for equipment, inventory and either real estate acquisition or construction. The current Innovation program combines both Katrina/Rita and Gustav/Ike CDBG funds and began in 2010.

Innovation Grant Program - Workforce

Provides grants up to \$1 million to community-based nonprofit organizations and technical colleges to deliver workforce training to individuals. The training that individuals receive can occur over varying lengths of time and typically results in a tangible skill and/or certification in a particular industry.

Innovation Grant Program - Unmet Needs

Provides technical assistance funding in geographic areas identified as underserved by the Innovation Loan and Technical Assistance program. Provides funding to Fast Forward Restart, the South LA Economic Council and the Louisiana Small Business Development Center to provide technical assistance to small and start-up businesses.

Public Service - Cecil J. Picard/LA4 Early Childhood Education**

Provided funding to the Louisiana Department of Education for the Cecil J. Picard LA4 program to provide high-quality early childhood education to children who are from low- to moderate-income families and are eligible to attend kindergarten the following year. Funding for this program combined both \$15.7 million in Katrina/Rita funds and \$20 million in Gustav/Ike, which was made available to the state Department of Education for the 2012-13 school year.

***Program has completed activities*

Fisheries

Sustainable Coastal Communities



This program funds 17 infrastructure projects such as boat landings, docks, storage facilities, etc. in 14 different parishes. Projects were selected by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), but the parishes are responsible for implementation and construction.

Fisheries Technical Assistance

Administered by LSU, this is an online bidding marketplace, [LA MarketMaker](#), where fishermen can sell their catch.

Vessel Monitoring System

Funds used by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to initiate a pilot planning study for a vessel monitoring system program. The collected data will enable LDWF to better manage the public oyster and shrimp resources and, in particular, where reef building efforts need to be focused. The pilot study will help LDWF determine if this type of data collection is feasible long term.

Commercial Fisherman Grant and Loan**

Provided grants to commercial fishermen who suffered losses from hurricanes Gustav and Ike.

***Program has completed activities*

Wholesale Dealer Broker Grant and Loan**

Provided grants to wholesale dealers and brokers who suffered losses from hurricanes Gustav and Ike.

***Program has completed activities*

Fisheries Industry Modernization**

OCD-DRU contracted with LSU to provide assistance with the design and development of the Fisheries Gear Modernization program. After LSU had conducted extensive research and developed the preliminary design, it was decided that the program would not be implemented as intended. LSU was reimbursed for costs incurred during the design phase.

***Program has completed activities*

Agriculture

Farm Recovery Grant and Loan **

Helped farmers and ranchers affected by the 2008 hurricanes with their 2009 production costs by providing a 20 percent grant and 80 percent low-interest loan.

***Program has completed activities*

Agribusiness Recovery Loan Assistance**

Provided low-interest loans for agribusinesses providing critical services such as aerial applicators, cotton gins and elevators.

***Program has completed activities*

LA Critical Farm Infrastructure**

Partially funded, by grant, the relocation and construction of refrigerated storage warehouses under the jurisdiction of the Port of Orleans. These shipping facilities benefit statewide sectors of the agricultural economy, as well as serving a significant component of the shipping industry, or the parishes within the jurisdiction of the Port of Orleans, and serving the import and export of produce to and from the United States.

***Program has completed activities*

Gustav-Ike Planning Programs

Comprehensive Resiliency

Funds non-construction projects such as planning for land use, the creation of forward-thinking zoning ordinances and the augmentation of local building code enforcement staffs.



[Louisiana Resiliency Assistance Program](#) - website that connects architects, scientists, citizens and coastal managers so that we can support Louisiana communities together. This constantly updated clearinghouse of information offers state-of-the-art resources about resilience planning, while also identifying ways for communities to work with other partners.