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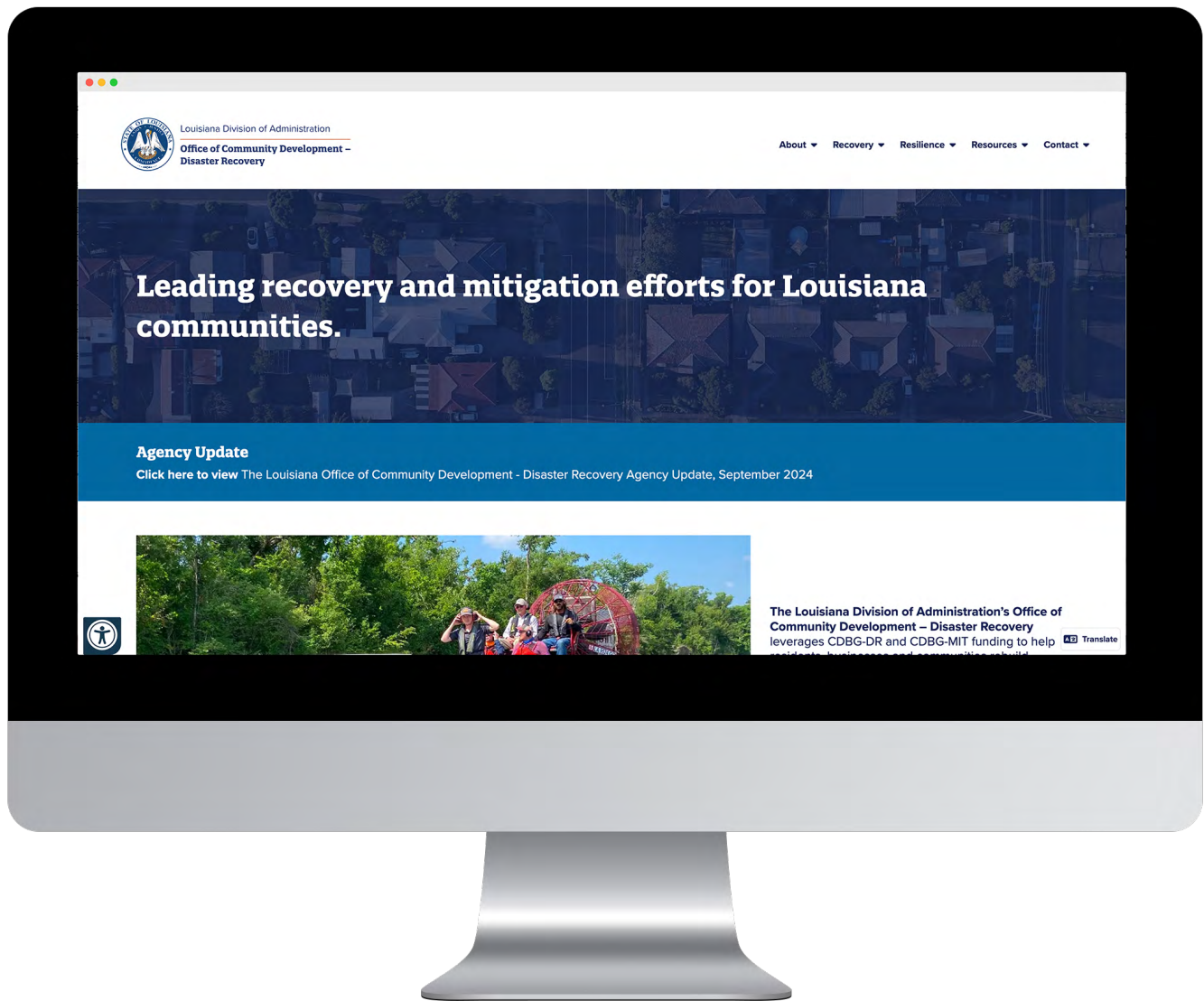
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Agency Update

Louisiana Office of Community
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This issue of the Agency Update highlights our current efforts to create a resilient Louisiana. Through our housing and infrastructure programs, LOCD-DR is investing in resilient building and implementation standards to mitigate the impacts of future storms on Louisiana communities.





Check out LOCD-DR's **new website!**

We're excited to launch our new site, showcasing a fresh, user-friendly hub designed to keep Louisiana residents and stakeholders informed and connected to critical recovery information and resources.

Visit our new site at locddr.la.gov.

Important Update for Hurricane Francine Recovery

Program assistance will be available for qualifying homeowners located in one of the nine disaster declared parishes, including **Ascension, Assumption, Jefferson, Lafourche, St. Charles, St. James, St. John, St. Mary and Terrebonne.**

The Restore Louisiana Homeowner Assistance Program launched the initial survey for homeowners impacted by Hurricane Francine on Thursday, May 1.

The Restore Louisiana program provides grant funding for home repairs, reconstruction and/or reimbursement for repairs already completed. The survey is the required first step for homeowners in the process toward receiving assistance.

Requirements

To be eligible for program assistance, homeowners must meet the following requirements:

- ✓ Owned and occupied home at time of disaster event and still maintain ownership through the program's final project inspection
- ✓ Damaged address was the applicant's primary residence at the time of disaster event
- ✓ Received a FEMA Individual Assistance (IA) determination for repairs greater than \$8,000
- ✓ Home must be an eligible structure type as described in the program guidelines, including single family homes, owner-occupied duplexes, mobile homes and condominiums
- ✓ Must be a U.S. citizen or legally documented resident
- ✓ Located in one of the nine disaster declared parishes

The survey will only be available to homeowners who meet the FEMA IA damage determination threshold.

We will continue to provide updates about the program as information becomes available. Impacted homeowners who meet the criteria will be able to access the survey at restore.la.gov or by calling 866.735.2001.



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A RESILIENT LOUISIANA

Investing in Housing

LOCD-DR has awarded a total of \$866,895,630.50 toward funding IBHS FORTIFIED Housing resilience measures for 6,775 housing units. This funding was provided through programs launched in response to the 2020-2021 disasters, including Hurricanes Laura, Delta and Ida, as well as the May 2021 Severe Storms.

The Programs Include:			
HOMEOWNER REPAIR AND RECONSTRUCTION	AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING		
<div>Restore Louisiana Homeowner Assistance Program (RLHP)</div> <div>1,187 UNITS</div> <div>\$253.5M CDBG CONTRIBUTION</div>	<div>Rental Restoration and Development Program (RRDP)</div> <div>133 UNITS</div> <div>\$17.6M CDBG CONTRIBUTION</div>	<div>Middle Market Loan Program (MMLP)</div> <div>288 UNITS</div> <div>\$47.7M CDBG CONTRIBUTION</div>	<div>2022 Piggyback Resilience Initiative – Mixed Income (PRIME)</div> <div>5,167 UNITS</div> <div>\$548.1B CDBG CONTRIBUTION</div>

\$866.9M
INVESTED IN FORTIFIED BUILDING STANDARDS

6,775
HOUSING UNITS SERVED

5,560 MULTI-FAMILY
1,215 SINGLE FAMILY

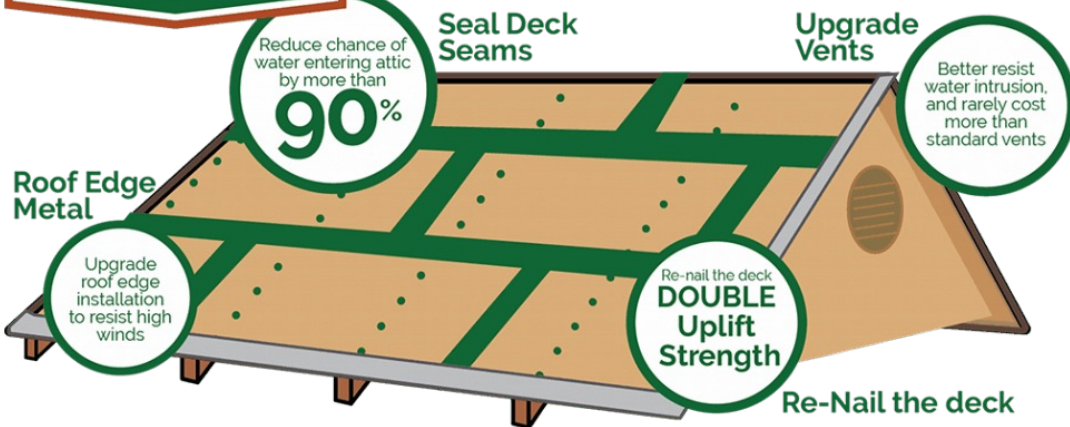
FORTIFIED Gold

FORTIFIED Gold contains all the elements of a Fortified Gold Roof and reinforces the most vulnerable areas of a home to give it the best chance to keep wind, rain and storm pressures out.

FORTIFIED Gold™ meets the National Standard for Resilience. It was specifically designed to reinforce the areas of a home that conventional construction may leave susceptible to damage from high winds and wind-driven rain.

FORTIFIED GOLD

- Impact* & Pressure-Rated Garage Doors
- Chimney Bracing
- Reinforced Soffits*
- Anchored Attached Structures
- Gable End Bracing
- Stronger Exterior Sheathing*
- Engineered Roof-to-Wall Connections
- Engineered Story-to-Story connections
- Engineered Wall-to-Foundation connections



Stronger edges

Uses specific materials and installation methods, including a wider drip edge and a fully adhered starter strip. Together, this creates a stronger system.

Sealed roof deck

Prevents water damage.

Better attachment

Uses ring-shank nails installed in a specific pattern to help keep the roof deck attached to the home. This nearly doubles the strength of a roof against high winds.

Impact-resistant shingles

In hail-prone areas, FORTIFIED requires shingles tested to withstand hail up to 2 inches in diameter. These outperform typical Class 4 shingles.

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Investing in Infrastructure

Through the Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program, the state will address unmet needs in the area of infrastructure across impacted areas to expand upon and improve resilient community planning. The goal of this program is to reduce overall risk from future hazard events on the population and structures while also reducing reliance on federal funding in future disasters.

The program requires construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation projects to meet the definition of mitigation. Mitigation activities are defined as activities that:



Increase resilience against disasters



Reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship by lessening the impact of future disasters

\$465M

ALLOCATED TO
RESILIENT PRACTICES
FOR LA COMMUNITIES

100

INFRASTRUCTURE
PROJECTS
AWARDED

\$327M

FUNDS OBLIGATED

28

GRANTEES

Resilience Performance

Through RCIP, LOCD-DR promotes high quality, durable, energy-efficient, sustainable and mold-resistant construction methods.

- **High Quality Construction**
- **Sustainable and Mold Resistant Methods**
- **Compliance with Building Codes**
- **Minimization of Future Property Damage**

Project Examples

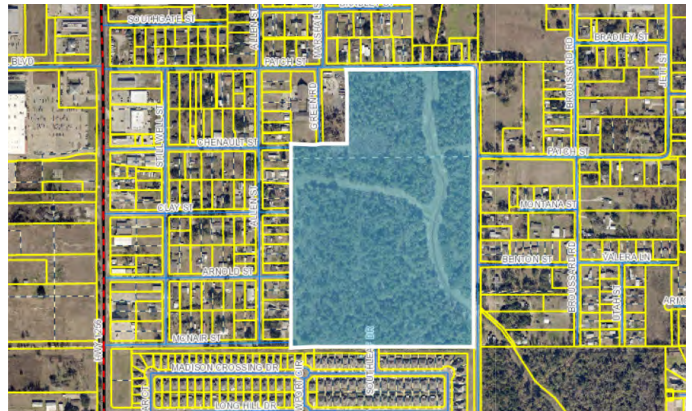
Ascension Parish, National Guard Gym Armory

- The National Guard Armory is being designed as a retrofit into an existing structure that was built in the middle of the 20th century.
- Efforts will:
 - » Modernize the interior of the facility
 - » Improve energy efficiency
 - » Incorporate technologies to reduce the overall water demand of the facility
 - » Utilize roof components to reduce the urban heat island effect



Calcasieu Parish, Wright Road Detention Pond

- The detention pond will be constructed in an area where storm water naturally flows and overtops channels during major rain events.
- By integrating resiliency efforts and performance metrics, the Wright Road Detention Pond Project aims to:
 - » Provide effective flood protection
 - » Support sustainable development
 - » Enhance the overall resilience of Calcasieu Parish against future natural disasters



Terrebonne Parish, Activate the Bayou Program

- This program aims to ensure the longevity and functionality of new facilities by incorporating key resiliency measures, such as:
 - » Designing structures to withstand wind, storm surge and breaking waves
 - » Using durable materials resistant to corrosion and erosion
- This project not only provides improved recreational opportunities for local communities but also stimulates economic growth by attracting visitors and supporting businesses like fishing charters, bait shops and seafood markets.



A CLOSER LOOK:

Les Maisons de Bayou

LOCD-DR has successfully showcased the implementation of FORTIFIED construction standards through various projects, with the Les Maisons de Bayou Lafourche development in Lockport, Louisiana, being a prime example.



About the Project

- Nine-acre development in Lockport, Louisiana
- Spearheaded by Gulf Coast Housing Partnership (GCHP) under the LOCD-DR administered LA SAFE program
- Construction completed October 29, 2021
- \$7 million in funding came from CDBG-National Disaster Resilience funds
- Housing units created in the development withstood Hurricane Ida with minimal damage

First government-funded housing in Louisiana to incorporate high-level resilience features

Key Features

- Stronger materials
- Innovative design techniques
- Rigorous construction practices

Development Features

- 35 units across 16 duplex and tri-plex homes
- Affordable housing for families at 50-60% AMI
- Special units for people with disabilities

Mechanisms For Adoption

- Uniform building codes
- Best practices sharing
- Training programs
- Incentives and funding
- Legislative support



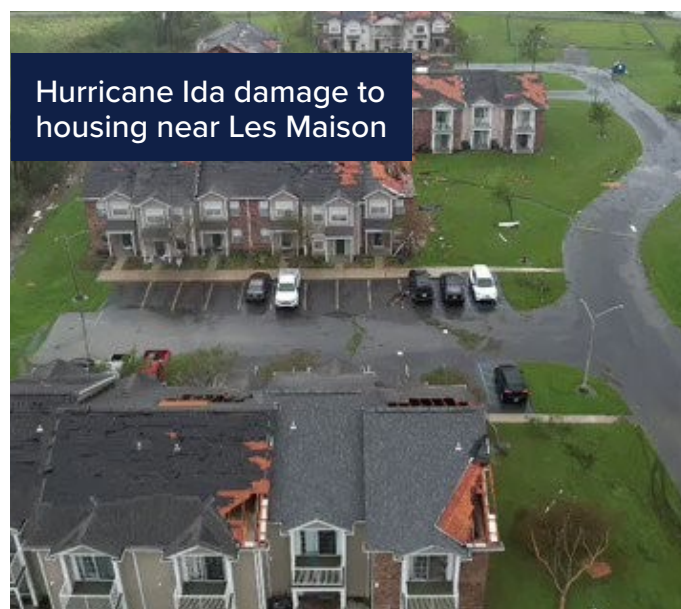
Project Summary

Les Maisons de Bayou Lafourche serves as a model for resilient construction and demonstrates the importance of FORTIFIED standards for future developments.

Les Maisons de Bayou Lafourche became the first government-funded housing project in Louisiana to incorporate advanced resilience techniques. This 35-unit multifamily development demonstrated its resilience when Hurricane Ida struck while it was 90% complete, sustaining only minor damage. Its ability to withstand severe storm impacts highlights the effectiveness of FORTIFIED construction standards, which strengthen the durability of buildings against natural disasters by using stronger materials and innovative design.

This project's impact extends beyond its own success. Lessons learned have directly influenced programs like Piggyback Resilient Mixed-Income (PRIME), which refined its guidelines, certification processes and compliance monitoring to strengthen future housing developments. Further, the success of Les Maisons de Bayou Lafourche has demonstrated the practical benefits of FORTIFIED construction, setting a precedent for wider adoption nationwide. As Louisiana continues to pave the way in resilient construction, it provides a model for sustainable, disaster-ready housing across the country.

For its work on Les Maisons de Bayou Lafourche, LOCD-DR was the recipient the 2024 COSCDA President's Award.



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Mitigation and Flood Risk Reduction

Benefit + Impacts of Projects Underway and Completed

Flood mitigation projects:

392,190

people served in project benefit areas

10

pump stations repaired or replaced

94,827

linear feet of public improvements

3,500

linear feet of stream restoration

12

water control structures repaired or replaced

Buyout projects:

195

flood-prone properties acquired

100

acres converted to green space

Under Construction or Closings Underway:

- **MARINGOUIN DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS**, Iberville Parish, Region 6
- **LEE STREET DRAINAGE PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS**, St. Tammany, Region 7
- **MERMENTAU BASIN INUNDATION RELIEF PROJECT**, Cameron Parish, Region 4
- **UNIVERSITY LAKES FLOOD RISK REDUCTION PROJECT**, East Baton Rouge Parish, Region 9
- **COUSHATTA CASINO RESORT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT FLOODWALL**, Allen Parish, Region 4
- **BALL DRAINAGE CROSSING REPLACEMENTS**, Rapides Parish, Region 2
- **BAYOU LACOMBE CHANNEL IMPROVEMENTS**, Avoyelles Parish, Region 5
- **GREINWICH TERRACE BUYOUT PROGRAM**, Calcasieu Parish, Region 4
- **SCOTT BUYOUT PROGRAM**, Lafayette Parish, Region 5

Completed:

- **WHITE CASTLE CANAL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**, Iberville Parish, Region 6
- **EMERGENCY BACKUP PUMPS FOR PUMP STATIONS**, Lafourche Parish, Region 6
- **LSU ALEXANDRIA DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS**, Rapides Parish, Region 5
- **HORSESHOE CANAL HARDENING**, Rapides Parish, Region 5
- **BONADONA-CATALDO DRAINAGE PUMP**, Ascension Parish, Region 6

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT: REDUCING RISK ACROSS PARISH LINES

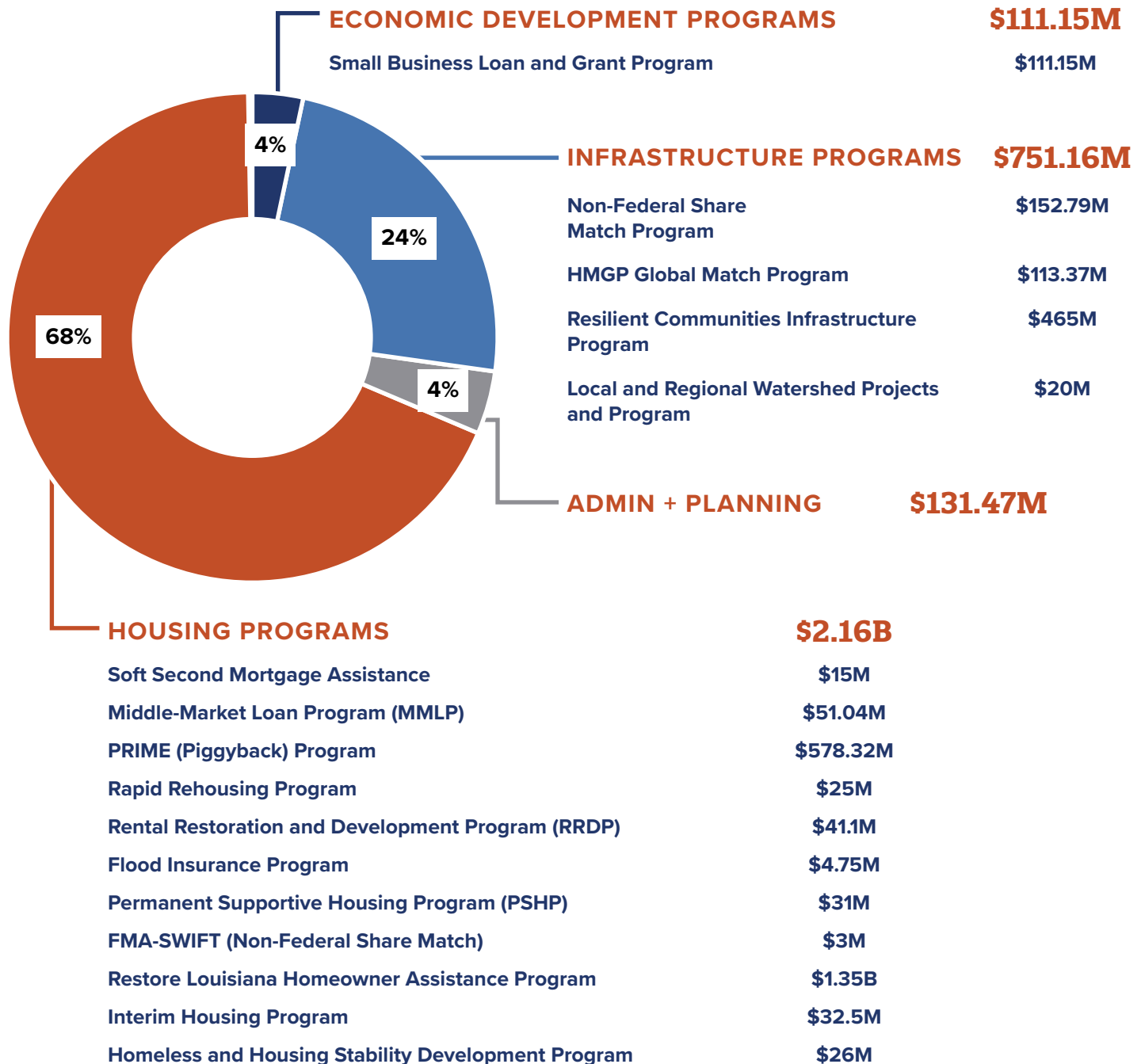
\$25.4 Million Mermentau Basin Inundation Relief Project

The project, spanning Cameron and Vermilion parishes, will connect drainage laterals along La. Hwy. 82 to redirect stormwater north of the highway. This will involve widening downstream channels and installing new gates at the East End Locks and other drainage features, which will help manage increased flow and improve flood storage within the basin.

"We could not be more excited for the Mermentau Basin Inundation Relief project to begin construction. **This flood resilience project will reduce flood inundation during periods of heavy rainfall and storms for not only our parish but multiple parishes in Southwest Louisiana,**" said Ronald Nunez, Cameron Parish Police Jury President. "This project directly aligns with the Louisiana Watershed Initiative's goal of working together to create a more flood-resilient Louisiana."

2020-2021

Program Allocations



These allocations are included in Substantial Action Plan Amendment No. 6, which as of May 1, 2025, is pending HUD approval.

For more information, see LOCD-DR's quarterly expenditure reports on [the LOCD-DR website](#).

Update on Recovery Funds Administered

Obligations of Program Funds for 2020-2021 Disaster Events by Parish

This table includes CDBG-DR funds obligated to each parish through administered programs.

Note: Only programs with measurable funding metrics are included.

Parish	Restore Louisiana Homeowner Assistance Program	Small Business Loan Program	Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program	Non-Federal Match Program	PRIME (Piggybank) Program	Parish Total
Program Totals	\$1,053,303,220.33	\$73,571,517.28	\$464,723,396.41	\$115,065,862.44	\$557,642,339.81	
Acadia	\$4,446,604.34	\$316,879.64	—	—	—	\$4,763,483.98
Allen	\$10,251,740.07	\$400,000.00	\$2,173,911.00	\$635,956.11	—	\$13,461,607.18
Ascension	\$18,891,814.04	\$1,215,073.53	\$3,817,219.54	\$682,290.25	—	\$24,606,397.36
Assumption	\$18,032,225.04	\$105,000.00	\$929,264.74	—	—	\$19,066,489.78
Beauregard	\$16,131,898.94	\$746,363.96	\$2,780,906.41	\$793,894.09	\$9,770,556.00	\$30,223,619.40
Caddo	\$1,800,194.45	\$894,236.62	—	—	\$47,598,045.00	\$50,292,476.07
Calcasieu	\$129,197,762.02	\$18,062,745.34	\$73,455,556.83	\$48,716,507.25	\$170,910,265.00	\$440,342,836.44
Cameron	\$10,429,225.63	\$1,980,948.05	\$11,489,958.00	\$2,518,707.07	—	\$26,418,838.75
East Baton Rouge	\$18,155,623.78	\$2,293,828.02	\$5,001,750.35	\$15,268,887.53	\$30,071,353.00	\$70,791,442.68
Iberville	\$3,446,302.05	\$600,000.00	\$320,924.29	—	\$6,597,000.00	\$10,964,226.34
Jefferson	\$71,849,640.72	\$4,427,052.67	\$85,595,593.88	\$4,866,711.96	\$15,696,719.00	\$182,435,718.23
Jefferson Davis	\$10,957,547.82	\$1,379,100.88	\$1,853,867.40	\$16,234,750.26	—	\$30,425,266.36
Lafayette	\$5,232,606.87	\$4,739,919.80	\$1,496,058.90	\$800,458.48	\$66,029,047.00	\$78,298,091.05
Lafourche	\$126,050,048.71	\$4,421,606.42	\$43,385,290.20	\$6,838,354.38	—	\$180,695,299.71
Livingston	\$23,795,923.94	\$538,060.54	\$4,964,389.26	—	\$16,700,000.00	\$45,998,373.74
Natchitoches	\$1,379,907.48	\$490,077.20	—	—	\$8,422,624.00	\$10,292,608.68
Orleans	\$62,893,931.79	\$3,897,665.44	\$33,280,853.85	\$504,242.69	\$65,225,871.00	\$165,802,564.77
Ouachita	\$5,376,337.71	\$504,995.49	—	—	\$21,710,047.00	\$27,591,380.20
Plaquemines	\$14,343,131.36	\$1,862,612.73	\$4,964,422.98	\$790,946.55	—	\$21,961,113.62
Rapides	\$7,829,281.35	\$1,848,317.53	\$3,123,722.70	—	\$18,272,416.00	\$31,073,737.58
St. Bernard	\$4,722,699.23	\$930,953.47	\$1,958,708.00	\$105,986.85	—	\$7,718,347.55
St. Charles	\$45,617,348.99	\$1,834,002.94	\$11,190,470.98	\$1,039,564.23	—	\$59,681,387.14
St. Helena	\$30,332,403.30	—	\$1,134,475.16	\$350,895.34	—	\$31,817,773.80
St. James	\$35,043,676.90	\$418,248.31	\$3,281,515.40	\$136,704.72	—	\$38,880,145.33
St. John the Baptist	\$60,534,479.19	\$1,278,843.81	\$19,559,196.33	—	\$10,870,653.00	\$92,243,172.33
St. Landry	\$3,408,284.66	\$348,278.28	—	—	—	\$3,756,562.94
St. Martin	\$2,541,131.65	\$1,247,803.44	—	—	—	\$3,788,935.09
St. Mary	\$10,095,325.28	\$823,113.52	\$68,085.38	—	\$5,706,842.81	\$16,693,366.99
St. Tammany	\$13,357,147.09	\$931,346.54	\$719,218.70	\$4,738,016.53	\$15,197,751.00	\$41,417,479.86
Tangipahoa	\$95,152,324.87	\$636,565.44	\$15,758,207.53	\$3,331,439.32	\$17,861,959.00	\$132,740,496.16
Terrebonne	\$173,619,495.51	\$10,494,077.78	\$120,473,608.60	\$6,502,579.49	\$24,714,849.00	\$335,804,610.38
Vermilion	\$4,022,904.37	\$3,605,656.79	\$4,315,899.00	\$208,969.34	—	\$12,153,429.50
Vernon	\$2,163,554.89	—	—	—	—	\$2,163,554.89
Washington	\$10,888,204.36	\$176,612.89	\$1,156,321.00	—	—	\$12,221,138.25
West Baton Rouge	\$1,312,491.93	\$121,530.21	—	—	\$6,286,342.00	\$7,720,364.14

Empty cells indicate grantees that have not received a financial obligation for the respective recovery program.

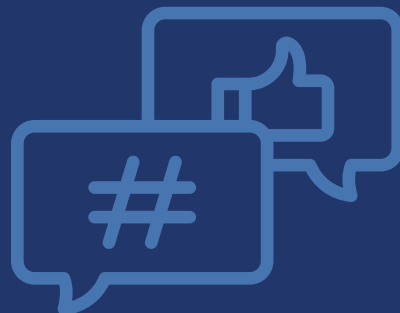
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