

Overview

In 2016, Louisiana experienced severe storms and flooding in both March and August, collectively referred to as the 2016 Severe Storms and Flooding. The National Weather Service designated the August flooding event, which dropped an unprecedented 7 trillion gallons of rainwater in south Louisiana, as a “1,000-year” rainfall event. These disasters resulted in 56 of the state’s 64 parishes receiving a federal disaster declaration.

The U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development allocated \$1.7 billion in Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery funding to Louisiana for recovery from the Great Floods of 2016. To address unmet needs caused by the Great Floods, LOCD-DR administered housing, infrastructure and economic development recovery programs.

Funding

Louisiana received the funds in three separate allocations:

\$437.8 million

in October 2016, Continuing Appropriations and Military Constructions, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017

\$1.2 billion

in December 2016, Further Continuing and Security Assistance Appropriations Act, 2017

\$51.4 million

in May 2017, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017

**TOTAL FUNDING:
\$1.7 billion**

Reporting Highlights

As of January 1, 2025

By the Numbers

56,260

surveys submitted

45,440

application invitations

45,440

applications processed

Grant awards offered to
17,280

homeowners totaling
\$669 million

LOCD-DR launched the Restore Louisiana Homeowner Assistance Program in mid-2017 in response to the Great Floods of 2016. The program survey period closed on Oct. 1, 2018, and the application period ended on Nov. 16, 2018. All homeowners closed on their grant agreements by July 31, 2019.

The program launched, began processing applications and delivered funding to homeowners faster than any other federally funded homeowner repair program in history.

The program has offered over \$669 million in grant funds to assist more than 17,260 homeowners for repairs, reimbursement of repairs or reconstruction of their homes.

In total, 45,440 applications were processed, 100% of program award determinations have been made, the program has completed 17,175 construction projects and all SBA hardships have been processed.

Administered Programs

To address unmet needs of Louisiana residents, businesses and communities impacted by the 2020-2021 disaster events, LOCD-DR has established programs supporting housing, infrastructure and economic development recovery efforts.

HOUSING

- Restore Louisiana Homeowner Assistance Program
- FMA-SWIFT (Non-Federal Share Match) Program

HOUSING PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE LOUISIANA HOUSING CORPORATION

- Middle-Market Loan Program
- Resilient Mixed-Income Gap Funding Program
- Soft Second Mortgage Program
- Rapid Rehousing Program
- Permanent Supportive Housing Program (PRIME)
- Rental Restoration and Development Program

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- Non-Federal Share Match Program
- HMGP Global Match Program
- Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program
- Local and Regional Watershed Projects and Programs
- Small Business Loan Program

