

Louisiana Office of Community Development – Disaster Recovery

AGENCY UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 2024

The **Louisiana Office of Community Development – Disaster Recovery** leads recovery and mitigation efforts for Louisiana communities.

Using established state and federal partnerships and proven best practices, LOCD-DR has implemented dozens of programs for almost 20 years to help residents, businesses and communities not only rebuild and recover, but establish resilient practices to mitigate future impacts from disaster events.



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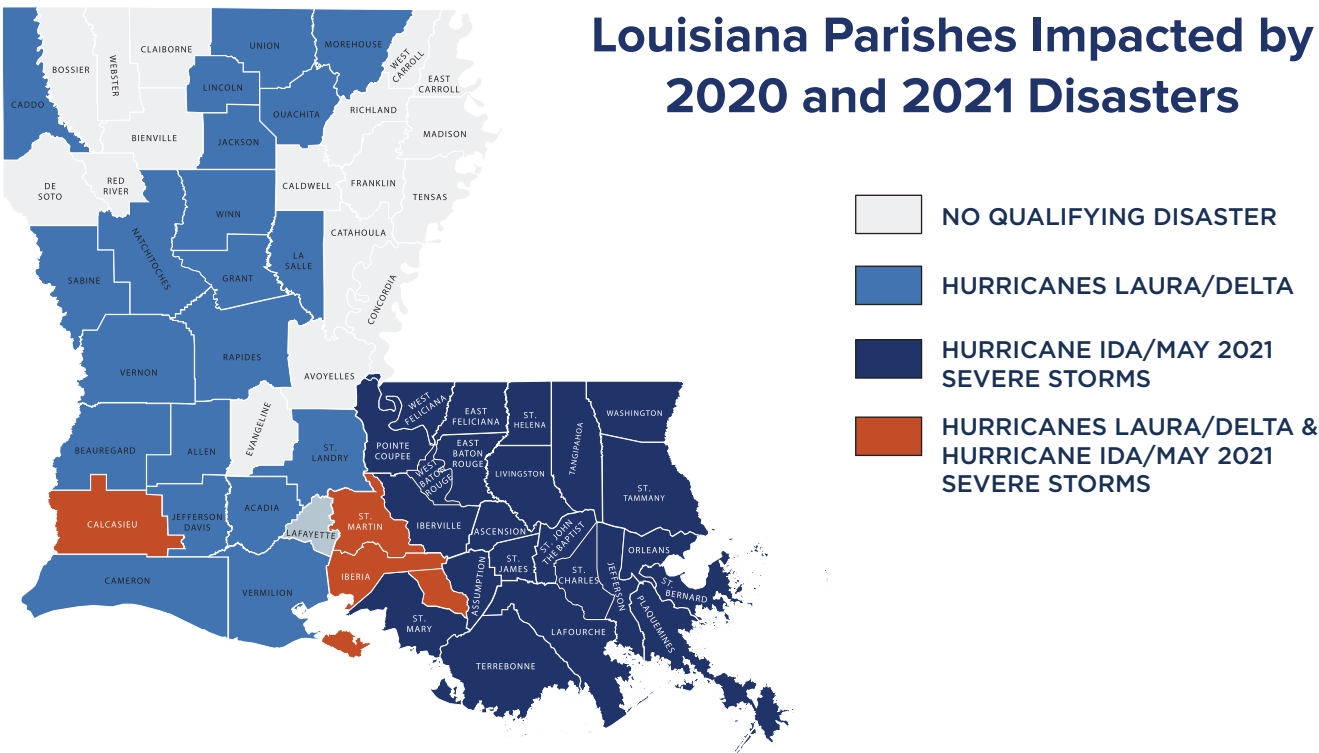
CDBG-Disaster Recovery

In 2020, Louisiana was hit by five named storms—including Hurricanes Laura and Delta—breaking the state’s record for the most strikes in a single season. Additional storms hit Louisiana throughout 2021, with Hurricane Ida striking the state as a Category 4 hurricane, producing 150-mph winds, large amounts of rain and extremely high tides.

In September 2021, through the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (Pub. L. 117-43), Congress appropriated \$650 million to Louisiana for recovery efforts related to Hurricanes Laura and Delta (2020).

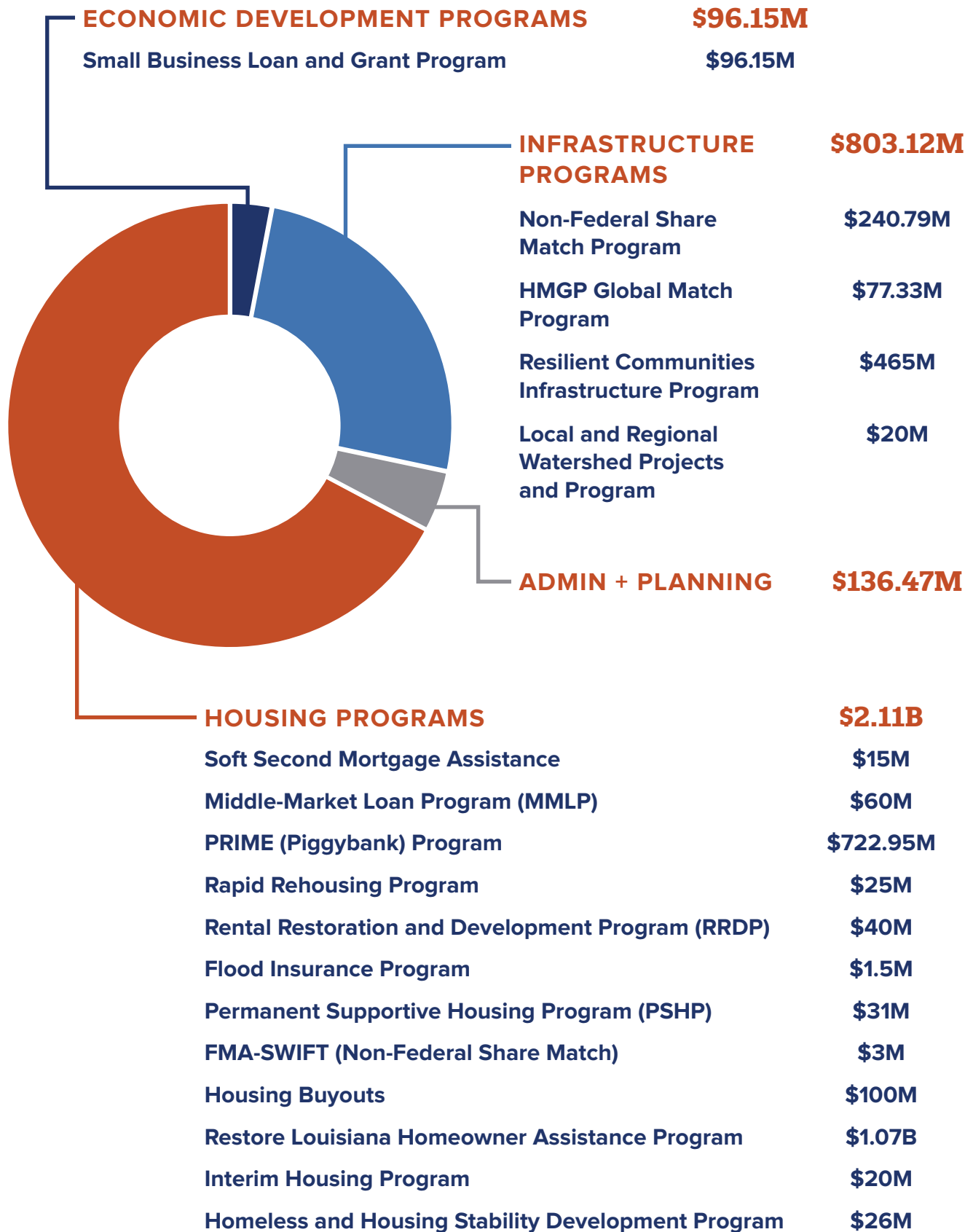
Six months later in March 2022, Congress appropriated \$1.27 billion to Louisiana for Hurricane Ida and the May 2021 Severe Storms (2021), as well as an additional \$450 million for Hurricanes Laura and Delta, bringing the total allocation amount for recovery efforts related to 2020-21 disaster events to \$2.3 billion.

Congress then appropriated an additional \$831.5 million to Louisiana in September 2022, specifically for the 2021 disaster events (Hurricane Ida and the May 2021 Severe Storms), bringing the total amount to more than **\$3.1 billion**.



QUALIFYING DISASTER	GRANT AGREEMENT SIGNED BY HUD	FUNDING ALLOCATION
Hurricane Laura	First Allocation of \$600M: Sept. 28, 2022	\$1.05 billion
Hurricane Delta	Second Allocation of \$450M: Nov. 4, 2022	
Severe Storms, Tornadoes and Flooding	First Allocation of \$1.2B: Nov. 4, 2022	\$2.1 billion
Hurricane Ida	Second Allocation of \$831M: Sept. 27, 2023	

2020-2021 Program Allocations



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

This table is not inclusive of every funded program but includes the programs directly administered by LOCD-DR with quantifiable obligations by parish.

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	\$902,114,527.82	\$35,300,439.35	\$465,000,000.00	\$114,139,754.28	\$557,514,950.81	
Acadia	\$3,000,514.61	—	—	—	—	\$3,000,514.61
Allen	\$8,849,948.48	—	\$2,071,420.00	\$635,956.11	—	\$11,557,324.59
Ascension	\$16,027,998.05	\$485,785.19	\$3,777,481.64	\$682,290.25	—	\$20,973,555.13
Assumption	\$15,499,214.14	—	\$885,014.85	—	—	\$16,384,228.99
Beauregard	\$14,422,920.74	\$381,352.11	\$2,889,896.00	\$793,894.09	\$9,770,556.00	\$28,258,618.94
Caddo	\$1,347,901.39	\$150,000.00	—	—	\$47,598,045.00	\$49,095,946.39
Calcasieu	\$115,261,549.74	\$2,592,128.04	\$76,100,781.87	\$48,716,507.25	\$170,910,265.00	\$413,581,231.90
Cameron	\$9,085,865.75	\$761,827.78	\$11,489,968.00	\$2,518,707.07	—	\$23,856,368.60
East Baton Rouge	\$15,109,988.54	\$950,000.00	\$4,915,205.80	\$15,000,908.80	\$30,071,353.00	\$66,047,456.14
Iberville	\$2,435,443.52	—	\$305,645.71	—	\$6,597,000.00	\$9,338,089.23
Jefferson	\$61,967,298.80	\$3,769,934.23	\$85,595,593.88	\$3,733,403.08	\$15,696,719.00	\$170,762,948.99
Jefferson Davis	\$8,764,480.97	\$285,136.22	\$1,765,588.00	\$16,234,750.26	—	\$27,049,955.45
Lafayette	\$4,363,686.18	\$2,597,766.01	\$1,424,818.00	\$800,458.48	\$65,901,658.00	\$75,088,386.67
Lafourche	\$109,575,877.62	\$3,106,237.38	\$43,385,290.25	\$6,064,516.39	—	\$162,131,921.64
Livingston	\$21,259,923.10	\$238,060.54	\$4,964,389.26	—	\$16,700,000.00	\$43,162,372.90
Natchitoches	\$1,142,651.25	\$37,409.92	—	—	\$8,422,624.00	\$9,602,685.17
Orleans	\$54,456,140.58	\$3,303,063.65	\$33,280,853.85	\$1,368,208.27	\$65,225,871.00	\$157,634,137.35
Ouachita	\$4,302,516.61	—	—	—	\$21,710,047.00	\$26,012,563.61
Plaquemines	\$10,012,588.18	\$1,518,509.35	\$4,964,422.98	\$790,946.55	—	\$17,286,467.06
Rapides	\$6,714,694.30	\$417,119.26	\$2,974,974.00	—	\$18,272,416.00	\$28,379,203.56
St. Bernard	\$4,159,776.73	\$624,668.71	1958708.34	\$105,986.85	—	\$6,849,140.63
St. Charles	\$38,659,517.61	\$1,498,738.48	\$11,066,576.98	\$1,039,564.23	—	\$52,264,397.30
St. Helena	\$23,871,860.08	—	\$1,029,503.21	\$350,895.34	—	\$25,252,258.63
St. James	\$30,910,606.18	\$150,000.00	\$4,545,295.40	\$136,704.72	—	\$35,742,606.30
St. John the Baptist	\$54,975,342.03	\$766,774.99	\$19,559,196.33	—	\$10,870,653.00	\$86,171,966.35
St. Landry	\$2,841,100.87	—	—	—	—	\$2,841,100.87
St. Martin	\$2,279,000.43	—	—	—	—	\$2,279,000.43
St. Mary	\$7,382,120.78	\$331,206.86	\$361,707.60	\$582,757.29	\$5,706,842.81	\$14,364,635.34
St. Tammany	\$10,387,885.94	\$781,346.54	\$7,068,752.90	\$4,738,016.53	\$15,197,751.00	\$38,173,752.91
Tangipahoa	\$80,480,127.85	\$436,628.86	\$15,724,537.28	\$3,331,439.32	\$17,861,959.00	\$117,834,692.31
Terrebonne	\$148,048,139.19	\$8,403,746.38	\$117,627,676.87	\$6,304,874.06	\$24,714,849.00	\$305,099,285.50
Vermilion	\$3,362,759.78	\$1,384,855.75	\$4,110,380.00	\$208,969.34	—	\$9,066,964.87
Vernon	\$1,787,721.27	—	—	—	—	\$1,787,721.27
Washington	\$8,260,447.91	\$176,612.89	\$1,156,321.00	—	—	\$9,593,381.80
West Baton Rouge	\$1,106,918.62	\$151,530.21	—	—	\$6,286,342.00	\$7,544,790.83

Data as of August 31, 2024

Programs Approved by HUD to Assist With Recovery

Small Business Loan Program

The Small Business Loan Program provides partially forgivable, zero percent interest loans for non-construction expenses to eligible small businesses and nonprofits affected by 2020-21 disaster events. Participating nonprofit lender partners implement and administer the lending program to assist impacted businesses and nonprofits.

STATUS: The application period for the program opened May 1, 2023. While the application deadline was originally set for Dec. 31, 2023, LOCD-DR extended it to Dec. 31, 2024, for businesses affected by Hurricanes Laura and Delta.

ALLOCATION: \$96.1 million	OBLIGATED: \$82 million	EXPENDED: \$35.3 million	AVERAGE AWARD AMOUNT: \$146,475
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NUMBER OF LOANS PROCESSED AS OF AUGUST 31, 2024: **241**

Data as of August 31, 2024

Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program

The Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program addresses unmet mitigation, business growth, economic and infrastructure recovery needs in impacted areas and improves resilient community planning and implementation.

The goal of this program is to reduce overall risk to people and structures from future storm events while also reducing reliance on federal funding in future disasters.

ALLOCATION: **\$465 million**

Application Status Summary

156 projects have been proposed by 28 local grantees

AS OF AUGUST 31, 2024:

120
Applications in Progress

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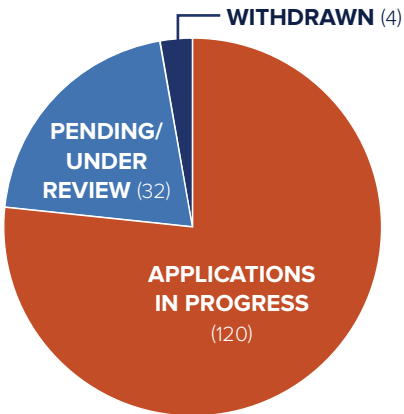
32
Pending/Under Review

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4
Withdrawn

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156 projects submitted



Non-Federal Match Program

The state provides federal or non-federal match funding for FEMA Public Assistance grants to offset the burden of local match requirements for infrastructure repair and rebuilding projects.

Eligible applicants may include parish and municipal governments, state agencies and authorities, schools (K-12) and universities, first responders and critical infrastructure facilities as defined by FEMA and public housing authorities.

The program provides the non-federal match for projects of \$1 million and greater for Debris Removal (Category A) and Emergency Protective Measures (Category B).

STATUS: The application period closed on June 30, 2023.

ALLOCATION: **\$240.8 million**

Debris Removal and Emergency Protective Measures (FEMA Category A&B)

	ALLOCATION:	AMOUNT AWARDED:	NUMBER AWARDED:
2020 Disaster Events (Hurricanes Laura and Delta)	\$100,000,000	\$78,728,127.92	75
2021 Disaster Events (Hurricane Ida and the May 2021 Severe Storms)	\$140,788,036	\$35,411,626.36	61
GRAND TOTAL:	\$240,788,036	\$114,139,754.28	136

Data as of August 31, 2024

HMGP Global Match Program

Program funds are used for a global match for eligible mitigation projects that would otherwise be unable to provide the required 10% non-federal match for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program projects approved by FEMA.

The goal is to reduce overall risk to populations and structures from future hazard events, while also reducing reliance on federal funding for future disasters.

Eligible projects may include acquisition of flood-prone structures, localized drainage improvements, safe room construction and wind retrofit of structures.

STATUS: The state is reviewing applications submitted to GOHSEP to identify projects for funding that meet low-to-moderate income requirements.

ALLOCATION: **\$77.3 million**

Local and Regional Watershed Projects and Programs

The nine watershed districts of the Louisiana Watershed Initiative were created in 2018 to foster a regional approach to managing flooding.

LWI was funded by a separate mitigation grant, but funding to certain parishes was restricted due to federal rules.

This allocation provides funding for eligible parishes within the state's watershed regions 5, 6 and 8.

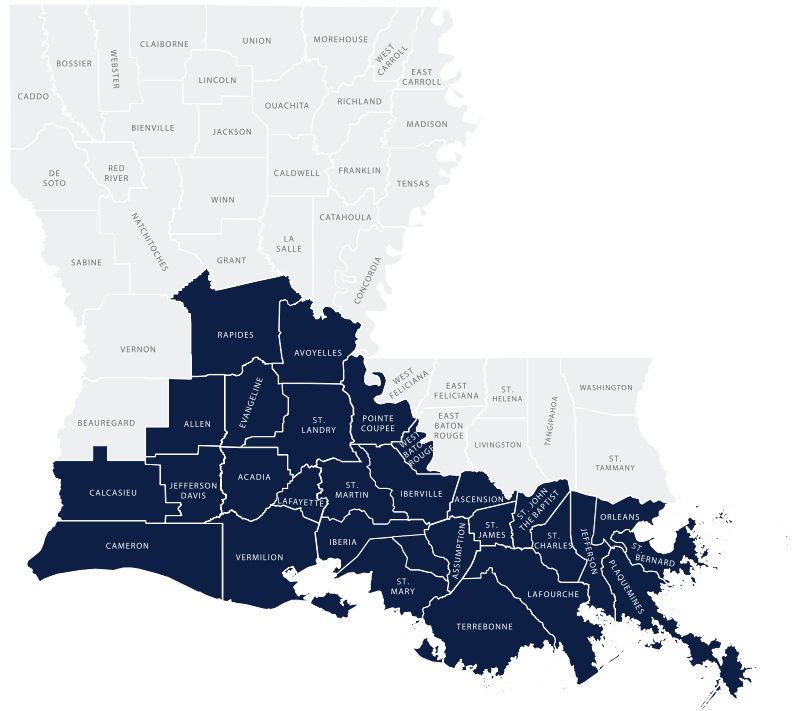
Funded through appropriated disaster recovery funds, this program supports mitigation efforts for regions 5, 6 and 8 under the Louisiana Watershed Initiative.

STATUS:

Applications accepted through late summer 2024.

ALLOCATION:

\$20 million



The Bayou Lacombe Channel Improvements Project Groundbreaking, June 2024. This project will benefit watershed regions 2 and 5.

Housing

Restore Louisiana Homeowner Assistance Program

The Restore Louisiana Homeowner Assistance Program provides grant funding to homeowners affected by the 2020-21 disasters for home repairs, reconstruction and/or work already completed. The program prioritizes helping low-to-moderate income residents and other vulnerable populations in their recovery process.

The first step in the process was to complete a program survey. Homeowners who met qualification criteria based on their survey responses were placed in phases for assistance and then invited to complete a full application.

Eligible Activities

Eligible activities under the Restore Louisiana Homeowner Assistance Program include:

- Home Repairs
- Home Reconstruction
- Manufactured Housing Unit Replacement
- MHU Repairs
- Reimbursement for Repairs Completed
- Voluntary Buyouts (Solution 4)
- Flood Insurance Assistance
- Interim Housing Assistance



Program Summary to Date

- **20,740** applications submitted, representing **81%** of the invited population.
- Of submitted applications, only **262 (1%)** applications are still pending grant determination.
- **12,742** grant awards offered to homeowners, totaling **\$930,376,429.16**. Of those, **10,377** homeowners have closed on their grant agreements, obligating **\$761,741,300.54**.

STATUS: The survey deadline ended Aug. 1, 2023, with the application deadline ending Oct. 31, 2023. The program is underway in impacted areas throughout the state.

GRANT AWARDS ACCEPTED:

\$761,741,300

(82% of grants offered)

PAID OUT:

\$373,757,719

AVERAGE AWARD AMOUNT:

\$72,981

NUMBER OF PROJECTS COMPLETED AS OF AUGUST 31, 2024: 6,983

Data as of August 31, 2024

For the most up-to-date program information, see the latest Pipeline Report at restore.la.gov/situation-and-pipeline-reports.

Comparison to Other States

Drawing from its wide experience in administering recovery programs, LOCD-DR has leveraged lessons learned and implemented best practices to launch programs that provide Louisiana homeowners with timely, effective and efficient recovery assistance.

When compared to other states who received disaster recovery funding under the Federal Register Notice, released Feb. 3, 2022, Louisiana was the first state to make progress in every category.

Action Plan Submitted



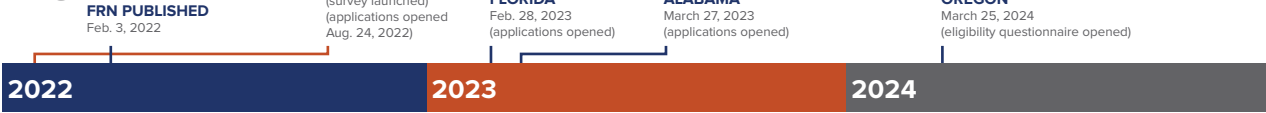
Action Plan Approved



Grant Agreement Signed

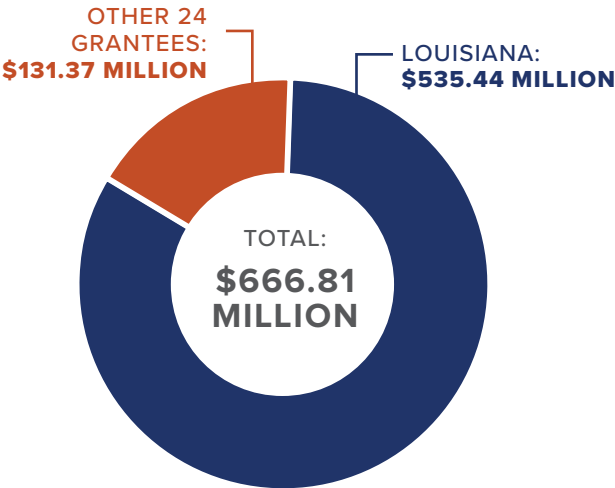


Program Launched



EXPENDITURE COMPARISON

- For 2020-21 disaster events, Congress appropriated a total of \$6.036 billion in CDBG-DR funding to 25 grantees.
- As of Aug. 1, 2024, grantees have drawn down \$666.81 million, totaling only 11%.
- Louisiana has drawn down 80% of the \$666.81 million, totaling \$535.44 million.
- 7 of the 25 grantees have not yet expended any of their available funds.



Supplemental Programs to the Restore Louisiana Homeowner Assistance Program

Flood Insurance Program

The Flood Insurance Program covers the costs of property flood insurance premiums for one year for eligible low-to-moderate income homeowners participating in the Restore Louisiana Homeowner Assistance Program. This assistance is supplemental to a Homeowner Assistance Program award grant and only available to Restore Louisiana program applicants.

STATUS	ALLOCATION
The program is underway, aligning with the Restore Louisiana Homeowner Assistance Program and open to Restore Louisiana applicants who qualify.	\$1.5 million

Interim Housing Assistance Program

This program provides up to 90 days of interim mortgage assistance for up to 20 months, or rental assistance for up to 20 months, to eligible low-to-moderate income homeowners whose homes are being reconstructed by the Restore Louisiana Homeowner Assistance Program.

STATUS	ALLOCATION
The program is underway, aligning with the Restore Louisiana Homeowner Assistance Program and open to Restore Louisiana applicants who qualify.	\$20 million

Solution 4 Voluntary Buyout Program

The Solution 4 Voluntary Buyout Program is available for Restore Louisiana Homeowner Assistance Program applicants who are located in floodways. The program is designed to move residents out of harm’s way and help facilitate the natural watershed by improving local drainage and the resilience of impacted communities. Homeowners may also be eligible for a Resilient Housing Incentive if they relocate to homes outside the Special Flood Hazard Area. Each buyout is contingent upon acceptance of the disposition plan by parish where damaged property is located.

STATUS	ALLOCATION
The program is underway, aligning with the Restore Louisiana Homeowner Assistance Program and open to Restore Louisiana applicants who are located in a floodway and qualify.	\$20 million

Housing Match Program

FMA-SWIFT (Non-Federal Share Match) Program

FEMA has provided GOHSEP with a Flood Mitigation Assistance Swift Current Grant to mitigate flood damage to substantially damaged and repetitively damaged structures from Hurricane Ida. These CDBG-DR funds will be used to offset the burden of the non-federal share match requirements faced by state and local entities and jurisdictions.

STATUS	ALLOCATION
The program is underway, aligning with GOHSEP’s program requirements and amending the environmental reviews provided by FEMA.	\$3 million



Affordable Housing Programs Administered by the Louisiana Housing Corporation

PROGRAMS	STATUS	ALLOCATION	# OF AWARDS
MIDDLE-MARKET LOAN PROGRAM The Middle-Market Loan Program creates multifamily rental units using conventional financing and CDBG-DR funds. All developments funded through the program are to benefit low- to-moderate income populations.	The application period for the program closed on Dec. 15, 2023.	\$60 million	4 awarded
THE RESILIENT AND MIXED INCOME PIGGYBACK PROGRAM (PRIME) The Resilient and Mixed Income Piggyback Program (PRIME) provides funding for the construction of quality, affordable multifamily rental developments. The program requires that all new units incorporate disaster resilience measures to provide better outcomes in a major storm or rain event. Through PRIME, the state can address rental needs in impacted areas and protect low-income rentals from future disasters.	All awards have been identified.	\$722.95 million	57 awarded
SOFT SECOND MORTGAGE PROGRAM This program provides homeownership assistance to first time low-to-moderate income homebuyers by providing soft second mortgages and closing cost assistance to acquire site-built homes outside the Special Flood Hazard Area. The Soft Second Mortgage Program allows eligible renters to become homeowners.	Underway, aligning with our other housing programs and open to low-to-moderate income applicants who qualify.	\$15 million	71 awarded
RAPID REHOUSING PROGRAM The Rapid Rehousing Program provides rental assistance and supportive services to households displaced by Hurricanes Laura, Delta and/or Ida and the May 2021 Severe Storms who are at risk of becoming homeless. This program also benefits households supported by FEMA's non-congregate shelters and direct housing programs. Program services help households become self-sufficient by preventing homelessness when possible by rapidly rehousing residents if homelessness is imminent and providing 'wrap around' services that stabilize the cost of housing and support self-sufficiency for the household.	Underway; successful in assisting direct housing and open to Restore Louisiana program applicants who qualify.	\$25 million	143 families received supportive assistance and 154 families received rental subsidy
PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM The Permanent Supportive Housing Program creates affordable rental housing units in a non-institutional setting linked with flexible community-based supportive services and establishes a program network coordinated at the state level rather than at the provider level, systematizes access to a pipeline of affordable housing units and opens up opportunities to leverage Medicaid funding and disaster recovery funds for long-term housing solutions.	Underway; executed new three-year contract with the Louisiana Department of Health as the service provider.	\$31 million	Newly executed contract, no current awards
RENTAL RESTORATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM The Rental Restoration and Development Program offers funding for landlords to rehabilitate existing rental housing units or construct new affordable housing units. The program intends to revitalize communities by reducing the blight of damaged properties as it redevelops them into affordable rental housing.	Application period closed on July 30, 2023.	\$40 million	211 awarded
HOMELESS AND HOUSING STABILITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM The Homeless and Housing Stability Housing Development Program will provide financing to support the rehabilitation and/or construction of multi-family buildings in impacted parishes to address unmet affordable housing needs for vulnerable households at risk of homelessness or housing instability. Funded projects will positively influence design and building standards for Louisiana's affordable housing industry.	Program in beginning stages.	\$26 million	No current awards

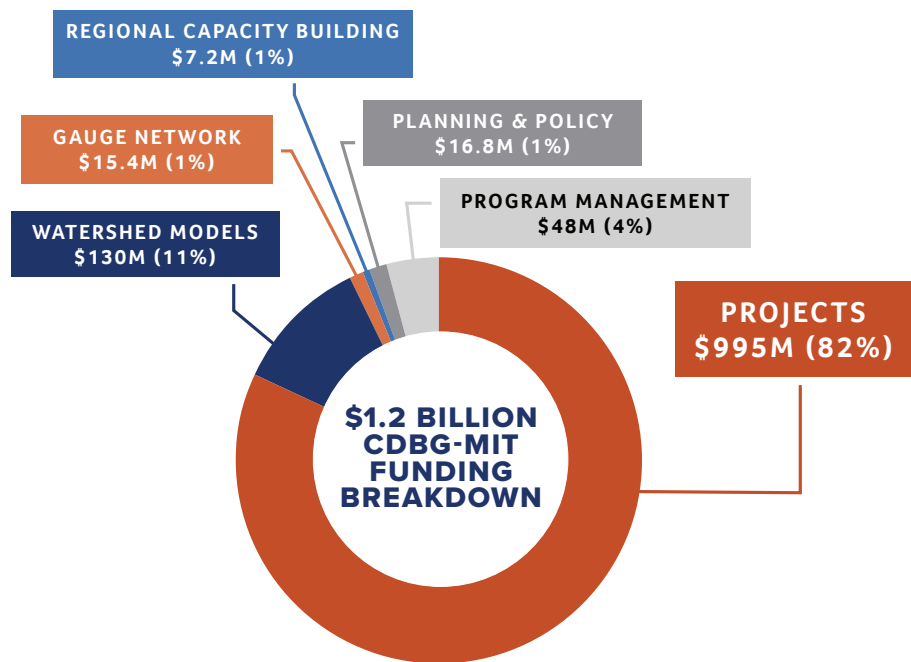
CDBG-Mitigation

Louisiana Watershed Initiative

Following the 2016 floods, the state launched the Louisiana Watershed Initiative, introducing a new watershed-based approach to reduce flood risk in Louisiana. LWI coordinates funding, data and resources among state agencies, guided by the following principles:

- Using scientific tools and data
- Enabling transparent, objective decision-making
- Maximizing the natural function of floodplains
- Establishing regional, watershed-based management of flood risk

LWI was launched via Executive Order in 2018 and initially funded through a \$1.2 billion CDBG-MIT grant allocated to the state following the 2016 floods.



LWI Initiatives and Progress:

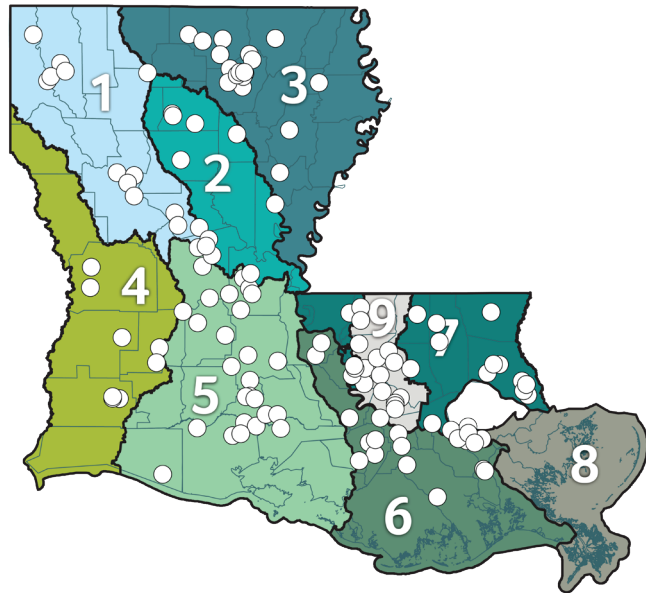
- Established nine provisional watershed regions, with steering committees guiding watershed-based flood risk management efforts among parishes and municipalities
- Developing watershed models for each major watershed to assess flood scenarios and potential solutions, as well as enhancing the statewide river and rain gauge network
- Launched a nature-based solutions training program, as well as a workforce development program to fund training for occupations critical to flood resilience efforts
- Facilitating property buyout and incentive programs in flood-prone areas across the state

On the Horizon:

- Model completion and public release
- Training for local and professional users for downloading and using regional models
- LWI-funded project timelines with projected construction and completion dates

The state has dedicated \$900 million to 127 flood mitigation projects throughout the state.

The state dedicated funding to 127 projects through LWI programs, including State Projects and Programs, Local and Regional Projects (Round 1, Round 2 and Design Support Program) and Non-Federal Cost Share Program (HMGP).



Project Types

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**DAM/SPILLWAY
IMPROVEMENTS**



23

**FLOOD
STORAGE**



23

**INFRASTRUCTURE
IMPROVEMENTS**



63

**DRAINAGE
IMPROVEMENTS**



3

**FLOODPLAIN
PRESERVATION**



7

**PROPERTY
BUYOUT**



LEVERAGING LESSONS LEARNED

Based on program structure and planning efforts used to create the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, the state has tools and strategies needed to establish a statewide flood risk reduction program through LWI.

On Sept. 19, 2023, state and local government leaders broke ground on the \$1.4 million Bonadona-Cataldo drainage project in Donaldsonville, which was funded through LWI Round 1.



LWI Funding by Parish

PARISH	ALLOCATION
ACADIA	\$2.94M
ALLEN	\$19.33M
ASCENSION & LIVINGSTON	\$73.01M
ASCENSION	
ASSUMPTION	\$12.79M
AVOUELLES	\$26.2M
BEAUREGARD	\$12.96M
BIENVILLE	\$4.77M
BOSSIER	\$6.30M
CADDO	\$12.04M
CALCASIEU	\$45M
CALDWELL	\$5.83M
CATAHOULA	\$2M
EAST BATON ROUGE	\$110.11M
EAST FELICIANA	\$26.94M
EVANGELINE	\$4.60M
FRANKLIN	\$14.20M
GRANT	\$2.62M
IBERIA	\$3.11M
IBERVILLE	\$3.36M
JACKSON	\$5.27M
LAFAYETTE	\$24.29M
LAFOURCHE	\$3.40M

PARISH	ALLOCATION
LIVINGSTON	\$58.34M
MOREHOUSE	\$4.86M
NATCHITOCHE	\$10.52M
OUACHITA	\$52.90M
POINTE COUPEE	\$9.50M
RAPIDES	\$30.08M
REGION 9	\$100M
RICHLAND	\$2.90M
ST. CHARLES	\$21.31M
ST. HELENA	\$12.78M
ST. JAMES	\$823,790
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	\$14M
ST. LANDRY	\$8.53M
ST. MARTIN	\$5.26M
ST. TAMMANY	\$33.58M
TANGIPAHOA	\$25M
UNION	\$4.84M
VERMILION	\$21.27M
VERNON	\$15.03M
WASHINGTON	\$10M
WEST FELICIANA	\$3.28M
WINN	\$7.55M

LWI Funding by Region

REGION	AWARD TOTAL
REGION 1	\$36.25M
REGION 2	\$38.12M
REGION 3	\$79.70M
REGION 4	\$103.12M
REGION 5	\$123.84M
REGION 6	\$38.33M
REGION 7	\$99M
REGION 8	\$21.31M
REGION 9	\$363.21M

What We've Been Up To



Students from Portland, Oregon, visited the Isle de Jean Charles Resettlement site with LOCD-DR Executive Director, Gina Campo



LOCD-DR and Pointe Coupee Parish officials attended a groundbreaking ceremony at the Audubon Estates subdivision in New Roads, launching the OCD CDBG Homeownership Pilot Program (OCHO).



Members of the LOCD-DR team attended HUD's 2024 CDBG-DR Problem Solving Clinic in St. Louis, Missouri.



LOCD-DR Housing Director Kelvin Hill celebrated the grand opening of a new affordable workforce housing development in Mid City with Baton Rouge city officials, local dignitaries and others.



LOCD-DR leadership attended the HUD conference in Washington, D.C.



LOCD-DR celebrated the historic reopening of Dew Drop Inn in New Orleans, partially funded by LOCD-DR's Project Based Recovery Opportunity Program.



LOCD-DR joined HUD for a tour of Lotus Village – a remarkable senior living community in Baton Rouge.



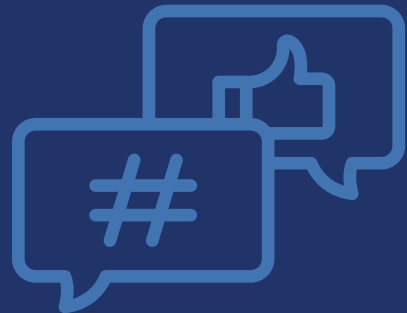
LOCD-DR attended the grand opening of the H3C affordable apartments in New Orleans.

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