



## Budgets/Money

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### **Question: How much money has the Corp spent on the levee since Hurricane Katrina?**

Answer: Funds appropriated by Congress for the Hurricane Protection System in New Orleans and the vicinity through the 4th Emergency Supplemental total \$5.7 billion. \$1.5 billion was appropriated for repairing the existing HPS and restoring to design height. \$748 million of those funds have been obligated and \$349 million has been expended.

In addition, the Corps received \$3.9 billion for FEMA missions in Louisiana and Mississippi following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Of that total, \$3.2 billion has been obligated.

The \$5.7 billion appropriated to the Corps for the work that will take place between now and 2010 is equivalent to the Corps' annual civil works budget which funds projects nationwide.

### **Question: Why is it going to take so long to get this done?**

Answer: The scope of this work is enormous and requires careful planning and new processes before we can move to execution. We are accountable for the American people's tax dollars and we want to do the work quickly and responsibly.

### **Question: How many miles of levees and floodwalls have been repaired or restored?**

Answer: 220 miles or 1.16 million feet

### **Question: What are the highest elevations of floodwalls and levees in the Hurricane Protection System?**

Answer: Twenty feet. Two areas are probably the highest in the system. One area is the recently repaired levees along the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet, known as MR-GO, which is about 20 feet high. The others are in New Orleans East. The existing Michoud Canal is at an elevation of 20 feet and the newly repaired CSX R/R floodgate was constructed to an elevation of 20 feet.

**Question: How many contractors are involved in the levee construction projects?**

Answer: There are 59 projects being done by 26 contractors. Ninety percent of the work is being done by local contractors. Thirty-eight percent of the contractors are from small or disadvantaged businesses.

**Question: How much money is involved in the construction activity?**

Answer: \$557 million.

**Question: What funding has been supplied by FEMA?**

Answer: Total allocated is \$3.5 billion with \$2.9 billion obligated.

**Question: How is this being distributed?**

Answer: In Louisiana, \$2.2 billion has been allocated and \$1.7 billion obligated.

Mississippi was allocated \$1.3 billion and \$1.1 billion has been obligated.

**Question: What about the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers funding for Hurricane Protection System?**

Answer: \$5.7 billion has been allocated and \$759 million has been obligated in Louisiana.

Mississippi did not receive Hurricane Protection System funding.