



Louisiana — Hurricanes Katrina & Rita

A decade of progress through partnerships

Above: The Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System is a \$14.6 billion project funded by the USACE, includes 350 miles of levees and floodwalls and is accredited by FEMA.

Louisiana's recovery is a Whole Community effort

The unprecedented destruction caused by hurricanes Katrina and Rita in Louisiana demanded extraordinary efforts to rebuild communities and restore livelihoods.

Partnerships at the local, state and federal levels — as well as **partnerships** with and among voluntary agencies, nonprofits, Native American tribes, the private sector and individual citizens — have left communities stronger and safer than they were before the storms.

The remarkable progress toward Louisiana's recovery over the past decade is the result of tireless efforts by the whole community.

Today, FEMA/State assistance to survivors and their communities has topped **\$19.61 billion**, and our commitment to Louisiana's full recovery remains steadfast. We continue to work side by side with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) and other key partners on behalf of Louisiana's people and communities.



Hurricane Katrina — Aug. 29, 2005

\$18.24 billion in FEMA/State Assistance

- * **31** Parishes designated for Individual Assistance
- * **64** Parishes designated for some form of Public Assistance
- * **738,318** Individuals and households assisted
- * Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding statewide

Hurricane Rita — Sept. 24, 2005

\$1.31 billion in FEMA/State Assistance

- * **24** Parishes designated for Individual Assistance
- * **64** Parishes designated for some form of Public Assistance
- * **177,622** Individuals and households assisted
- * Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding statewide

\$19.61 billion

Total FEMA funds obligated for recovery, rebuilding and mitigation projects

\$12.38 billion

Public Assistance obligations to the state

\$1.45 billion

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding for projects

\$5.77 billion

Individual Assistance provided to survivors

915,940

Survivors assisted with housing and other needs

100

FEMA has paid 100% of the cost share for Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation projects

64

Since the hurricanes, all parishes now have approved hazard mitigation plans

\$16.21 billion

Total National Flood Insurance Program payments to policyholders

\$6.89 billion

U.S. Small Business Administration low-interest disaster loans to survivors and businesses



FEMA

*Recovery figures as of 5/1/2015
Mitigation figures as of 6/15/2015*

“The success of Louisiana’s recovery so far has been all about solidifying and strengthening partnerships. It’s about coming together, finding common ground and focusing on rebuilding communities that are stronger and more sustainable for the future.”

Mike Womack
Director
Louisiana Recovery Office



Individual Assistance

Helping Survivors!

- More than **915,900** individuals and families affected by the hurricanes received more than **\$5.77 billion** through the Individual Assistance program, including:
 - ⇒ **\$4.16 billion** for housing assistance for rent, repairs and replacement housing.
 - ⇒ **\$1.61 billion** for other needs, including furniture, clothing and transportation.
- GOHSEP, HUD and FEMA conducted the **largest housing operation** in our country’s history. The Katrina temporary housing mission ended in February 2012, having served more than **73,800** families. The mission following Hurricane Rita ended in March 2012, having served nearly **11,000** families.
- FEMA provided **\$18.1 million** in Relocation Assistance so more than **10,000 families** could return home to their communities.
- FEMA funded more than **\$68.5 million** for adults and children needing crisis counseling as a result of the storms.
- More than **\$321.5 million** in Disaster Unemployment Assistance provided to survivors.

Public Assistance

Repairing & Rebuilding Infrastructure

- **Education:** More than **\$3.37 billion** has been obligated to the State of Louisiana for K-12 public schools and universities, including new and better facilities to provide students safe and productive learning environments.
- **Public Works/Utilities:** Nearly **\$1.44 billion** has been provided for the repair or replacement of sewage collection systems, treatment plants and lift stations.
- **Public Safety and Protection:** **\$711 million** has been obligated for the restoration of fire and police stations, court houses and jails.
- **Health Care:** **\$933 million** has been obligated to rebuild and improve hospitals and other health care facilities in disaster-affected areas.
- **Other Public Infrastructure:** More than **\$2.24 billion** has been obligated to repair and renew libraries, community centers, airports, roads and bridges, and other infrastructure that helps make communities whole.
- **Debris Removal/Emergency Protective Measures:** Nearly **\$3.37 billion** has been obligated to protect people and property, and clean up nearly 60 million cubic yards of debris — enough to fill the Superdome 13 times.
- **State Administration:** **\$311 million** has been provided for the state to manage PA grants.

Hazard Mitigation

Building Stronger, Smarter, Safer!

FEMA’s Hazard Mitigation Grant Program has pledged **\$1.86 billion** to fund projects designed to help make Louisiana communities stronger and safer. The top projects to receive grants are home and building elevations, property acquisitions to keep people out of harm’s way, modifications to existing structures to strengthen them against high winds, and drainage improvements to protect communities from floodwaters.

As of June 15, 2015, more than **\$1.45 billion** of the total has been provided to the state-administered program. The remaining is committed for currently identified projects expected to be implemented and completed over the next few years.

FEMA’s mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from and mitigate all hazards.

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