



Jefferson Parish — Hurricane Katrina

A decade of progress through partnerships

Ten years of progress since Hurricane Katrina

Jefferson Parish, part of the New Orleans-Metairie metropolitan statistical area, is the second-most populated parish in Louisiana. The parish sustained major damage when Hurricane Katrina made landfall near the Louisiana/Mississippi border Aug. 29, 2005. Many homes and buildings were leveled to the ground. Ten years later, the parish has rebuilt even stronger than before with elevated, reinforced structures.

In the 10 years since Katrina struck the Louisiana coast, more than **\$2 billion in federal funding** has been approved to help **Jefferson Parish survivors, local governments and private nonprofits recover and rebuild**. This includes assistance for the parish and its cities to repair and rebuild disaster-damaged infrastructure, assistance to individuals for housing and other needs, and projects designed to mitigate damage from future natural disasters. Projects include roads, bridges, schools, police and fire departments and health care facilities.



“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

More than \$1.1 billion was approved for more than 208,300 Jefferson Parish individuals and households. That includes nearly \$971.4 million for home repair and replacement costs and rental assistance. The remaining \$183.7 million helped survivors with other needs including repair or replacement of personal property, dental, medical and funeral costs, transportation and other disaster-related expenses.

Public Assistance

Nearly \$571 million in FEMA Public Assistance grants has been obligated for recovery projects in Jefferson Parish. This includes more than \$171.5 million for public infrastructure, \$152 million for educational facilities, nearly \$20.5 million for utilities, nearly \$15.2 million for fire, police and other services, and more than \$13 million for health care facilities. Another \$198 million was obligated for debris removal and emergency measures taken to protect lives and property.

Hazard Mitigation

FEMA’s Hazard Mitigation Grant Program has pledged \$1.86 billion to fund projects designed to help make Louisiana communities stronger and safer. To date, nearly \$1.4 billion of the total has been provided to the state-administered program. In Jefferson Parish, 11 mitigation projects have been approved for nearly \$355 million in total funding from Hurricane Katrina. The top projects to receive grants in Jefferson Parish include home and building elevations, modifications to existing structures to strengthen them against high winds and future damage and drainage improvements to protect communities from floodwaters.



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



Jefferson Parish Project Highlights



Academy of Our Lady High School Campus — \$28.2 million

The Archdiocese of New Orleans utilized donor funding from other projects in the form of an Alternate Project to construct a new 132,000 square-foot high school campus in Marrero, including roads, utilities, athletic facilities and parking. FEMA grants were not used to fund the chapel or ministry and associated circulation spaces/support services. FEMA has obligated nearly \$28.2 million in Public Assistance grant funding for the project.



Terrytown Elementary School — \$22 million

Hurricane Katrina caused severe damage to the Terrytown Elementary campus. The Jefferson Parish Public School System replaced the original 46,000 square-foot building with a new 84,000 square-foot facility. FEMA obligated more than \$22 million in Public Assistance grant funding for the project. The new school opened in August 2011.



Woodmere Elementary School — \$23 million

Hurricane Katrina caused severe damage to the Woodmere Elementary campus. The Jefferson Parish Public School System replaced the original 73,500 square-foot building with a new 82,000 square-foot facility. FEMA obligated approximately \$23 million in Public Assistance grant funding for the project. The new school opened in August 2011.

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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