



Orleans Parish — Hurricane Katrina

A decade of progress through partnerships



Ten years of progress since Hurricane Katrina

Orleans Parish, home to the City of New Orleans, sustained catastrophic damage from wind and flooding when Hurricane Katrina made landfall near the Louisiana/Mississippi border Aug. 29, 2005. 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 **\$10.2 billion in federal funding** has been approved to help **Orleans 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



“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

Nearly **\$2.9 billion** was approved for approximately **278,500** Orleans Parish individuals and households. That includes nearly **\$1.9 billion** for home repair and replacement costs and rental assistance. The remaining **\$997.4 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 **\$7 billion** in FEMA Public Assistance grants has been obligated for recovery projects in Orleans Parish. This includes nearly **\$2.5 billion** for educational facilities, more than **\$1.2 billion** for public infrastructure, more than **\$842 million** for health care facilities, more than **\$855 million** for utilities, and nearly **\$460 million** for fire, police and other services. Another **\$1.16 billion** 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** statewide 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 Orleans Parish, **10** mitigation projects have been approved for more than **\$361.8 million** in total funding from Hurricane Katrina. The top projects to receive grants in Orleans 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 floodwater.



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

Orleans Parish Project Highlights



Public School Revitalization — \$1.8 billion

Through a single-settlement agreement, 88 New Orleans public schools are being repaired or rebuilt, funded on the basis of community needs and repopulation demographics. Combined into one large overall project, a lump sum FEMA Public Assistance grant of \$1.8 billion is funding the construction of 88 campuses that meet modern educational needs and demands, as well as contents to support the associated curriculum of a modern educational program. The Orleans Parish School Board and the Recovery School District chose to use the funding to implement their school facilities master plan in Orleans Parish. To date, the status of construction on the 88 campuses, including renovations, new schools and additions to existing schools, is as follows: 33 projects complete; 31 projects currently under construction; 4 projects in the procurement phase; 16 projects in design; and four projects have not yet begun.



University Medical Center — \$700 million

Louisiana's Office of Facility, Planning and Control has utilized an improved project funding option to apply eligible FEMA Public Assistance funding from Hurricane Katrina damage to the Medical Center of Louisiana in New Orleans, including Charity Hospital, toward the construction of the new University Medical Center. FEMA has obligated more than \$700 million in Public Assistance grant funding for this project. The new University Medical Center is tentatively slated to open in the summer/fall of 2015.



Subsidized Housing Transformation Projects — \$96.8 million

The Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) has utilized FEMA Public Assistance grant funding to help overhaul its portfolio of affordable housing and associated structures damaged as a result of Hurricane Katrina. After assessing the damage, HANO, under the guidance of HUD, undertook a massive redevelopment program to replace and modernize its housing communities. FEMA has obligated nearly \$96.8 million, which HANO has used to address the needs of New Orleans' public housing stock, resulting in newly built, pedestrian-oriented and safer communities with larger, modernized units. Some of those projects include: Florida Housing (\$8.1 million), Guste III (\$21.5 million), Lafitte Senior Housing (\$11.4 million) and Lafitte Homeownership (\$7.1 million).

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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