



LOUISIANA RECOVERY AUTHORITY AND THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ DISASTER RECOVERY UNIT



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Gustav and Ike Impact



Hurricanes Gustav and Ike impacted Louisiana on September 1 and 12, 2008:

- ★ Flooded 12,000 – 13,000 homes and damaged 150,000 to 300,000.
- ★ Gustav severely impacted 43 parishes; Ike severely impacted 14 parishes.
- ★ Caused an estimated \$8 - \$20 billion in physical damage and more than \$1 billion in public infrastructure damage.
- ★ Caused \$2-7 billion in housing damages, including \$1.7 billion in uninsured losses.
- ★ Economic activity losses could reach \$5 billion.
- ★ Losses to the agricultural economy of over \$700 million, in crop loss and impacts on agribusinesses.
- ★ Fisheries, still overcoming devastation by Katrina, endured additional \$250 million in damages.

Gustav and Ike Recovery Programs

Louisiana has been awarded **\$438,223,334*** from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for disaster recovery assistance related to Gustav and Ike. The LRA and OCD have developed an **Action Plan** and subsequent proposed **Action Plan Amendment No. 1** describing eligible programs and activities available to assist parishes meet unmet housing, business, public service, public infrastructure and other needs.

By statute, \$46,520,525 of Louisiana's allocation (10.6%) must be spent on affordable rental housing.

At least 50 percent of total funds must benefit low to moderate income individuals.

No funds may be used for matching requirement, share or contribution for any other Federal programs.

Over 70% of the funds will be directed to the most impacted parishes based on their level of damage, allocated by the State using HUD's methodology. The Parish Allocations are on-line noted in the Action Plan Amendment No. 1. Parishes will select from a menu of options and prioritize with community participation how they will spend the funds.

The programs include:
Agricultural and Fisheries Recovery
Coastal Restoration
Housing
Infrastructure
Economic Development

The first allocation was determined in November 2008. HUD is expected to make the second allocation in April 2009.

| LRA/OCD Programs | Dollars |
|---|-----------------|
| State Implementation | |
| Agriculture | \$30 M |
| Coastal Restoration | \$15 M |
| Fisheries | \$15 M |
| Affordable Rental Housing | \$46.5 M |
| Parish Implementation | |
| Housing Recovery | \$309.8 M |
| Infrastructure | |
| Economic Development and Community Revitalization | |
| Admin | \$21.9 M |
| * TOTAL | \$438.2M |

For more information visit:

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- ◆ [View the Action Plan](#)
- ◆ [View the Action Plan Amendment No. 1](#)
- ◆ [Obtain Program Guidelines and Resource Links](#)
- ◆ [Parish Recovery Proposal Forms On-Line](#)
- ◆ [Contact LRA Outreach Representatives.](#)