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As part of the state's Gustav and Ike recovery, the Louisiana Recovery Authority and the state Department of Agriculture and Forestry began awarding grants and loans to farmers and agribusiness owners in the fourth quarter of 2009. The \$44.5 million to be disbursed represents the first federal Community Development Block Grant funds to be used for agricultural recovery. Louisiana farmers grow and harvest a wide diversity of crops, like the corn pictured above. *Photo courtesy of the state Department of Agriculture and Forestry.*

VISION

Hurricane-impacted regions of the state are rebuilt and revitalized to be physically safe and economically strong, providing a high quality of life while maintaining Louisiana's rich cultural heritage.

MISSION

The mission of the Louisiana Recovery Authority is to ensure that Louisiana rebuilds safer, stronger and smarter. There are five areas of focus: securing funding and other resources needed for the recovery, establishing principles and policies for redevelopment, leading long-term community and regional planning efforts, ensuring transparent accountability in the investment of recovery funds, and communicating progress, status and needs of the recovery to officials, community advocates and the public. Throughout its initiatives, the LRA is committed to a recovery process that is fair and equitable to everyone.

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New LRA Executive Director Robin Keegan speaks at the grand opening of the Nine 27 Apartments in New Orleans in October.

RAINWATER JOINS GOVERNOR'S STAFF, KEEGAN NAMED LRA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

On Dec. 23, 2009, Governor Jindal appointed Louisiana Recovery Authority Executive Director Paul Rainwater as his new deputy chief of staff. Robin Keegan, LRA deputy director, became the agency's new executive director effective Jan. 1, 2010.

Rainwater had served as the LRA head since Jindal took office in Jan. 2008.

Keegan returned to Louisiana from New York in 2005 following hurricanes Katrina and Rita to serve as the LRA's director of economic and workforce development policy. In this role, she worked with other state agencies to develop a \$350 million portfolio of economic and workforce programs to meet the immediate priorities of economic recovery.

In April 2008, Keegan was appointed deputy director and chief of staff of the LRA, where she oversaw management of personnel and interacted with federal and state partners to ensure delivery of recovery programs.

Keegan holds a master's degree in urban planning from Columbia University.

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As the Louisiana Recovery Authority enters its last six months, I am honored to step into the role of executive director that was vacated by Paul Rainwater, who was appointed by Gov. Jindal to be his deputy chief of staff. We wish Paul the best and thank him for two years of hard work and dedication to the LRA that led to great productivity.

One of the more exciting events in the last quarter of 2009 was a visit by President Obama and several of his Cabinet members to New Orleans. By visiting schools, the Coast Guard facility and a proposed wetlands restoration project, as well as hosting a Town Hall meeting, the president and his staff got a broad view of the many facets of recovery and rebuilding. We have been encouraged by the relationships we have formed with federal officials during the first year of this administration and look forward to continued progress in 2010.

As the LRA board prepares to sunset in June, we will continue the transition of recovery efforts into the state Office of Community Development's Disaster Recovery Unit, as well as leaving behind a set of best practices and lessons learned by those who have worked through the recovery from four hurricanes in three years.

Major milestones were met in 2009, and another significant victory for the state has already occurred in 2010. An independent arbitration panel, after hearing from state officials and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, awarded Louisiana \$474.7 million for damages to Charity Hospital from Hurricane Katrina. We were not expecting a ruling until March at the earliest, but we are pleased with the quick decision. The panel's ruling is final and binding.

As we prepare for the fifth anniversaries of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, we also recognize that other needs remain, including continued blight removal and neighborhood redevelopment, as well as finalizing scope alignment for other FEMA Public Assistance projects. We are committed to setting up the state's recovery efforts for success after the board's term of service is complete.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robin Keegan".

Robin Keegan
Executive Director
Louisiana Recovery Authority



PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT VISIT, BRING FURTHER AID TO STATE

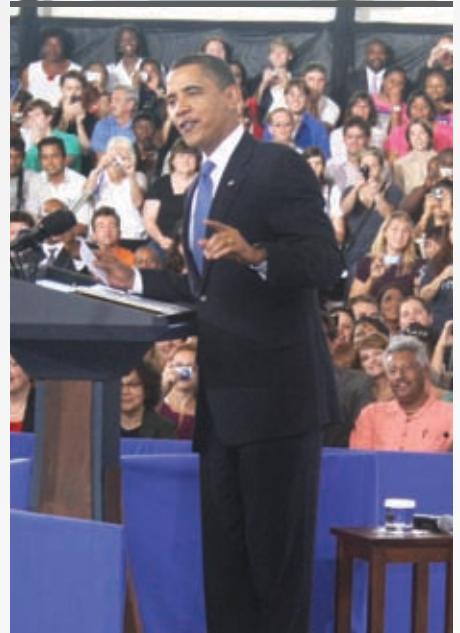
President Barack Obama visited New Orleans on Oct. 15, 2009, touring the Martin Luther King, Jr. Charter School and holding a town hall meeting at the University of New Orleans. The president was accompanied by Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan, Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano and Department of Education Secretary Arne Duncan, who each took part in other ceremonies and tours throughout Orleans Parish and the southeast region of the state.

During the visit HUD Secretary Donovan presented to the LRA a letter approving the state's request to lift the \$50,000 cap on Additional Compensation Grants in the Road Home program. With the lifting of the cap, an estimated 20,000 low- and moderate-income homeowners will be awarded additional funds to finish repairing their home.

Vice President Joe Biden visited the St. Bernard Recreation Center in New Orleans and the Grand Lake Elderly Apartments in Cameron Parish Jan. 15, 2010. While in the state, the vice president announced that local governments could apply for forgiveness of Community Disaster Loans.

Statewide, 52 local governments received the special Community Disaster Loans from FEMA following hurricanes Katrina and Rita. These municipalities must show that they had operating deficits during the three years following the storms.

Applicants cannot begin to apply for loan forgiveness until Mar. 20. FEMA will host technical assistance workshops in New Orleans and Southwest Louisiana at the end of February to help officials familiarize themselves with the application process.



President Barack Obama addresses the crowd at a Town Hall Meeting at the University of New Orleans during his first presidential visit to the city.

LRA BOARD ADVANCES CONTAMINATED DRYWALL AID FOR ROAD HOME APPLICANTS All homeowners with drywall problems encouraged to let the state know

In November, the LRA board of directors unanimously approved a plan to devote \$5 million to assisting Road Home applicants affected by contaminated drywall. The dollars will not be distributed until the federal government has released its testing and remediation protocol for dealing with these drywall problems, the method for best helping Road Home applicants has been determined and a final plan has been approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission in January provided interim guidance on how to identify problem drywall by an initial inspection and corroborating evidence. The initial inspection must show blackening of copper electrical wiring and/or air conditioning evaporator coils and the installation of the problem drywall between 2001 and 2008.

Corroborating evidence includes:

- Corrosive conditions in the home, demonstrated by the formation of copper sulfide on test strips of metal;
- Confirmation that the drywall is of Chinese origin;
- Elemental sulfur levels in samples of drywall
- Elevated levels of hydrogen sulfide or carbon sulfide emitted from the drywall; and
- Corrosion of copper metal to form copper sulfide when tested.

Homes where drywall was installed between 2005 and 2008 must meet two of these criteria, while homes with drywall installed between 2001 and 2004 must meet at least four.

This guidance is an important first step for homeowners; however the federal government has not yet issued protocol regarding replacement of contaminated drywall and repair of those homes.

The federal government is still investigating the possible health effects of contaminated drywall. Some homeowners have reported health problems, including nose bleeds, headaches, coughs, upper respiratory or sinus issues and rashes. Homeowners experiencing health issues they think are connected with contaminated drywall in their homes should see a doctor or healthcare provider.

The CPSC requested in late 2009 that each governor let the agency know the level of contaminated drywall problems in their state. Because of the number of homes rebuilt after hurricanes Katrina and Rita, there was concern that the state's cases were underreported, with only 415 Louisiana homeowners accounted for in early December.

The Louisiana Recovery Authority, working with other state agencies to compile a comprehensive list of homes with problem drywall, provided a list of 574 homeowners, and the LRA will continue to update the CPSC regularly as homeowners continue to report problems.

Homeowners are asked to fill out an online survey if they suspect their home has contaminated drywall at <http://lra.louisiana.gov/drywallform>.

For more information about contaminated drywall:

- United States Consumer Product Safety Commission:
<http://www.cpsc.gov/info/drywall>
- Louisiana Office of the Attorney General:
<http://www.ag.state.la.us>
- Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals:
<http://www.dhh.louisiana.gov/officespage.asp?id=205&detail=8921>

MORE THAN 1,000 FARMERS RECEIVE GUSTAV-IKE AID Amendments target unmet needs while parishes continue submitting proposals

The Louisiana Recovery Authority and the state Department of Agriculture and Forestry have disbursed approximately \$37 million to 1,019 farmers and agribusiness owners throughout the state who were affected by hurricanes Gustav and Ike.

Thirty-four farmers received \$5.9 million, while 985 agribusiness owners received loans in the amount of \$31.3 million. The remaining loans will be closed and dollars disbursed in early 2010.

The funds are part of the \$54.8 million Farm and Agribusiness Recovery Grant and Loan Program, the first of its kind to use federal Community Development Block Grant funds for a state's agricultural recovery.

Governor Bobby Jindal, Ag Commissioner Mike Strain and former LRA Executive Director Paul Rainwater met with more than 100 farmers in Monroe who received grants or loans through the program. Farmers and ranchers were offered a mix of grants and low-interest loans to help with their 2009 production costs. Agribusinesses, such as aerial applicators and cotton gins, received 1.5 percent interest loans.

The LRA will work with the state Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to implement a similar program for Louisiana's fishermen in 2010.

In other Gustav and Ike recovery news, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development approved LRA's Action Plan Amendments No. 2 and No. 3 during the fourth quarter. APA No. 2 finalized how the state will spend HUD's second allocation of \$620 million in Gustav and Ike recovery funds. APA No. 3 allocates \$112 million of the \$212 million set aside for statewide unmet needs. The amendment calls for the design of the following programs:

- Municipalities Infrastructure Program - \$30 million
- Economic Revitalization - \$40 million
- Fisheries Industry Modernization - \$5 million
- Pilot Comprehensive Resiliency Program - \$10 million and
- Nonprofit Homeowner Rehabilitation Program - \$5 million

HUD rejected the use of \$22 million for first responders' interoperable communications equipment but will work with the state to identify other funding options.

More than 80 percent of the \$565 million dedicated to parish-level recovery has been accounted for through 29 parish proposals. The state held a technical assistance workshop for local and parish government officials on Dec. 16 in Lafayette that focused on the steps for implementing parish-managed recovery projects. The workshop was attended by 83 local government officials representing 43 parishes. Parish proposals will continue to be received and reviewed until all of the dollars have been allocated.

Gustav-Ike Temporary Housing

As of Dec. 31, 2009, there were 505 families living in temporary FEMA trailers and 3,473 receiving HUD Disaster Housing Assistance as a result of hurricanes Gustav and Ike. Both programs were scheduled to end in March 2010 but, after a request from the LRA, they have agreed to extend temporary trailer housing and DHAP through March 2011.



Gov. Bobby Jindal (right) visits with Ken Thornhill, a sweet potato farmer, at the presentation of agricultural recovery dollars in Monroe in December. Thornhill Farms, located in the Town of Wisner in Franklin Parish, received more than \$36,000 in grants and loans to aid in their recovery from hurricanes Gustav and Ike. *Photos courtesy of the state Department of Agriculture and Forestry.*



INDEPENDENT ARBITRATION PANEL AWARDS STATE NEARLY \$475 MILLION FOR DAMAGES TO CHARITY HOSPITAL

Just two weeks after a hearing on the amount due to Louisiana for damages to Charity Hospital from Hurricane Katrina, an independent arbitration panel awarded the state \$474.7 million.

State officials went to Washington, D.C. the week of Jan. 11, 2010, to testify before the independent arbitration panel, which was established in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act last February to settle funding disputes between the Federal Emergency Management Agency and state and local agencies.

HOMEOWNERS BENEFIT FROM CHANGES, ADDITIONS TO PROGRAMS

The Road Home program reached a milestone in the fourth quarter of 2009, having disbursed more than \$8 billion to 125,000 homeowners across the state. With changes to existing programs and the launch of Individual Mitigation Measures, the Louisiana Recovery Authority has taken steps to further ensure that homeowners affected by hurricanes Katrina and Rita can not only rebuild, but do so safer, smarter and stronger.

Additional Compensation Grant Cap removal

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development allowed the LRA to remove the cap on Additional Compensation Grants, which will affect approximately 20,000 low- and moderate-income homeowners.

Eligible applicants for additional ACG funds:

- Are Road Home Option 1 homeowners who still own the damaged home
- Have a gap between compensation received and cost of repairs
- Have not reached the \$150,000 Road Home cap
- Had an income at or below 80 percent of the Area Median Income at the time they first qualified for ACG funds and
- Have complete documentation of eligibility in their Road Home files.

Eighty percent of the AMI in the Greater New Orleans area is \$47,850 for a family of four.

The estimated cost of providing additional ACG funds to eligible applicants is roughly \$630 million dollars. At the close of 2009, more than 3,000 Road Home applicants

Once FEMA established procedures for the panel, the state chose arbitration over further appeals. The state had argued that Charity was more than 50 percent damaged by storm and therefore FEMA owed approximately \$490 million, while FEMA disagreed and offered \$150 million for repairs.

The funds will set the groundwork for creation of a new \$1.2 billion academic medical center in New Orleans' Mid-City.

had received \$107 million, with an additional \$22 million being processed for distribution to approximately 500 homeowners.

Individual Mitigation Measures

Homeowners can also now apply for funds up to \$7,500 to protect their homes from loss in future storms.

The Individual Mitigation Measures program, originally a component of the Road Home, is now administered using Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

IMMs are small-scale improvements homeowners can make to their properties to protect their investments in the event of future storms. Some examples of eligible work include:

- Strengthening doors
- Protecting windows, including by installing storm shutters
- Bolting roofs to walls and walls to foundations
- Elevating electrical panels or air conditioning units
- Raising washers, dryers, hot water heaters or furnaces
- Anchoring propane tanks or heating fuel tanks.

Road Home Option 1 applicants are eligible for these funds and were contacted in November.

Homeowners should call 1-877-824-8312 and speak to a mitigation analyst before beginning their IMM work. Those who already completed IMMs and think they are eligible for reimbursement should collect copies of receipts and invoices for the work and contact a mitigation analyst.

Changes to HMGP payment structure

Under a new FEMA policy, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds can now be paid to the homeowner upfront, rather having to be reimbursed after the work is completed.

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Owners of this home in New Orleans received Road Home funds to elevate the home to protect against future storms and flooding.

Homeowners Benefit
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Instead of the homeowner paying the contractor then providing proof of payment (receipts, canceled checks, paid invoices, etc) to get reimbursed by HMGP, the homeowner instead provides the unpaid invoices to receive the upfront payment. Verification of payment to the contractor is mandatory.

Approved funds can be advanced for unpaid eligible expenses whether the homeowner has completed the project, is in the middle of it or has not yet begun. In most cases funds are paid in a two-step process,

providing 50 percent of eligible funds in each payment. Homeowners must sign all appropriate documents and agree to complete their mitigation activity within the following time frames:

- IMMs – one month
- Elevation – three months
- Reconstruction – nine months.

Any Road Home Option 1 applicant who is interested in receiving HMGP funds for IMMs, elevation or reconstruction must opt-in to the program by March 10, 2010.

ROAD HOME CLOSINGS AND EXPENDITURES BY PARISH

PARISH	FOURTH QUARTER 2009		TOTAL AS OF JAN. 1, 2010	
	CLOSINGS	AMT. DISBURSED	CLOSINGS	AMT. DISBURSED
Acadia	2	\$266,477	288	\$10,918,670
Allen	2	\$503,520	493	\$16,196,056
Ascension	0	\$60,103	140	\$6,372,967
Assumption	1	\$66,040	203	\$6,682,156
Beauregard	6	\$744,051	933	\$28,490,257
Calcasieu	61	\$6,918,782	12,610	\$433,291,310
Cameron	18	\$2,550,283	1,633	\$102,609,272
E. Baton Rouge	1	\$178,347	178	\$6,676,817
East Feliciana	0	\$0	27	\$906,268
Evangeline	0	\$0	53	\$1,511,944
Iberia	8	\$816,376	1,017	\$46,472,266
Iberville	2	\$83,535	54	\$2,245,026
Jefferson	163	\$10,731,191	24,393	\$1,275,241,977
Jefferson Davis	9	\$530,130	850	\$27,764,741
Lafayette	1	\$36,814	112	\$3,184,724
Lafourche	9	\$703,147	780	\$34,747,567
Livingston	0	\$40,699	211	\$9,040,064
Orleans	414	\$99,228,912	45,309	\$3,872,971,090
Plaquemines	53	\$6,292,205	3,039	\$175,706,939
Pointe Coupee	0	\$0	14	\$648,098
Sabine	0	\$43,579	30	\$1,004,720
St. Bernard	202	\$23,376,081	11,936	\$977,666,094
St. Charles	6	\$160,862	960	\$40,065,259
St. Helena	2	\$191,374	259	\$10,259,122
St. James	2	\$152,243	360	\$12,141,632
St. Landry	1	\$77,009	158	\$6,961,948
St. Martin	4	\$109,307	105	\$3,013,133
St. Mary	5	\$587,714	812	\$31,971,348
St. Tammany	61	\$9,433,220	10,888	\$683,670,525
St. John	6	\$502,808	1,195	\$31,603,504
Tangipahoa	13	\$1,218,384	1,483	\$61,033,493
Terrebonne	13	\$2,353,031	2,468	\$123,983,887
Vermilion	25	\$2,654,981	1,630	\$87,690,670
Vernon	2	\$38,682	143	\$3,858,290
Washington	9	\$964,999	1,306	\$37,654,581
W. Baton Rouge	0	\$0	13	\$686,012
West Feliciana	0	\$0	3	\$165,534
TOTAL	1,101	\$171,614,886	126,086	\$8,175,107,961



TWO NEW ORLEANS PIGGYBACK DEVELOPMENTS OPEN Groundbreaking ceremony held for third apartment complex

The state's Piggyback program celebrated the grand openings of two new apartment complexes and the groundbreaking for a third in New Orleans during the fourth quarter of 2009.

■ Chateau Carre' Apartments:

State and local officials joined with local officials and representatives from Renaissance Neighborhood Development Corporation, a subsidiary of the Volunteers of America, in a groundbreaking ceremony for the \$23 million project held Oct. 13, 2009. The Chateau Carre' Apartments is a rehabilitated, mixed-income housing development that will offer 150 one- and two-bedroom rental units – 72 of which will be market-rate and 78 of which will offer affordable rents. The Hurricane Katrina-shuttered complex is located across from Dillard University in Gentilly's Sugar Hill neighborhood. The interior of Chateau Carre' of will be completely rebuilt with spacious one- and two-bedroom apartments; a new community center with exercise room, business center, rental office and meeting space; and landscaped courtyards with a variety of outdoor living areas. The property has been carefully re-designed to create a sense of community for the residents, as well as to build relationships with the Sugar Hill Neighborhood.

■ Marquis Apartments:

Located in the mid-city area of New Orleans, the Marquis Apartments is a \$58 million new construction, mixed-income housing development that offers 250 rental units – 150 of which are market-rate and 100 of which offer affordable rents. The Marquis Apartments offer luxury one-, two-, three- and four-bedroom apartment homes and amenities that include a clubhouse, business center, state-of-the-art fitness center,

activity room with after-school program, saltwater swimming pool with sundeck, a playground, picnic areas with barbeque grills, elevators, gated-entry, covered parking and spectacular views of downtown New Orleans.

■ Nine27 Apartments:

A \$24.8 million project, Nine27 is the first new-construction apartment complex ever built in the Warehouse District, offering 76 rental units of mixed-income housing – 60 of which are market-rate units and 16 of which offer affordable rents. Nine27 Apartments is a five-story building that offers parking and management offices on the first floor. The remaining floors are devoted to four studio apartments, 52 one-bedroom units and 20 two-bedroom units. Amenities include a business center, second floor common terrace, and landscaped gated area. The developer, New Orleans-based HRI Properties, pioneered the trend of Warehouse District living more than 25 years ago when it restored the old Federal Fiber Mills, which are now condominiums, into apartments after the New Orleans World's Fair. As the neighborhood has matured, nearly all suitable historic buildings have been converted from their original commercial use into residential living. Nine27 joins HRI's Woodward Apartments as the second of only two rental complexes in the district and is the first to be newly constructed.

By the end of 2009, 17 Piggyback developments had opened across the state, providing 2,444 rental units, 1,154 of which offer affordable rents. Another 13 developments are currently under construction.



■ Chateau Carre' Apartments

A view of the shuttered Chateau Carre' Apartments, which will be rebuilt with CDBG funds from the Piggyback program.



■ Marquis Apartments

The Marquis Apartments provide 150 new rental units in New Orleans, 100 of which offer affordable rents.



A lighting ceremony for the Saenger Theatre sign was held in New Orleans in October. The renovation of the Saenger is being partially funded by \$13 million in CDBG funds from the Long Term Community Recovery program.

FOURTH QUARTER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IMPACT 11 HURRICANE-AFFECTED PARISHES

The state is working to improve local infrastructures with several programs, including: the Long Term Community Recovery program, which supports parish governments' long-term recovery projects; the Primary and Secondary Education programs that provides for the rebuilding, repair and enhancement of schools; and the Fisheries Infrastructure program, which funds commercial and recreational fishing infrastructure projects in the state's coastal fishing communities.

Community Development Block Grant dollars that fund the projects were distributed among the parishes according to a formula based on estimated housing and infrastructure damages inflicted by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The following Infrastructure projects, worth more than \$80 million, were approved in the fourth quarter of 2009.

Long Term Community Recovery:

- **More than \$24.5 million for eight drainage projects in St. Tammany Parish, which will help to address the poor drainage and repetitive flooding that occurs on Lake Pontchartrain's North Shore:**

- \$6.1 million for French Branch Channel Improvements
- \$5 million for Westwood Detention Pond
- \$2.6 million for Cypress Bayou Intermediate Detention Pond
- \$2.2 million for Reno Hills Sewer Collection System
- \$2.2 million for Bayou Chinchuba Detention Pond
- \$2.2 million for Abita River Sub Basin Detention Pond
- \$2.1 million for Ben Thomas Road Sewer Collection System
- \$2.1 million for LaBarre Street Detention Pond and Drainage Improvements

- **\$7 million for the Southwest Louisiana Entrepreneurial Economic Development Center (SEED Center) in Calcasieu Parish:**

In addition to accommodating approximately 10 companies through a business incubator, the 50,000 square foot new construction SEED Center at McNeese State University will house the MSU Small Business Development Center and the H.C. Drew Center for Economic Development Information Services. The facility will also have space for classes, conferences and trainings. Infrastructure improvements will include construction of sewer, water, drainage, streets and parking areas for a project that will help restore economic stability and growth to the region.

- **\$4 million for the Lafitte Greenway land acquisition in Orleans Parish:**

The city of New Orleans will purchase 16.5 acres of land to be incorporated into the Lafitte Greenway project, which is a mixed-use development that includes urban hiking and biking trails along 3.1 miles of a former railroad and shipping canal. When completed, the project will connect seven neighborhoods between Armstrong Park and City Park via Bayou St. John.

- **\$2 million for the Oretha Castle Haley Commercial Corridor Revitalization in Orleans Parish:**

Gap financing has been approved for private developers who are rehabilitating and redeveloping commercial properties within one block of O.C. Haley as bounded by I-10 and Philip Street in New Orleans. This is one of several LTRC projects that will encourage the return of businesses and mixed-use corridors that are the backbones of neighborhoods.

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Fourth Quarter Infrastructure Projects

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- **\$1.1 million for the New Orleans East Community Health Center in Orleans Parish:**

A health center will be built in the Old Post Office building located at the intersection of Chef Menteur Highway and I-510. The structure is owned by Mary Queen of Vietnam Community Development Corporation, which will operate the renovated facility as a neighborhood health clinic in partnership with Children's Hospital and Tulane Community Health Center.

- **\$1.1 million for the Oakwood Terrace Subdivision in East Baton Rouge Parish:**

National Development of America will use a 35-year, interest-free loan to develop the infrastructure needed for a 60-unit, tax-credit funded, low-to-moderate income, rental housing subdivision located at Greenwell Street and Mickens Drive.

- **\$1 million for the East Bank water treatment plant expansion in St. Charles Parish:**

This project will fund the engineering design required for an enhanced water treatment plant to increase the potable water capacity of the East Bank of St. Charles Parish, where water consumption jumped by 1.2 million gallons per day in the months after hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

- **\$500,000 for St. Roch Market improvements in Orleans Parish:**

This project extends the scope of work for repair and enhancement of the city-owned St. Roch Market, bringing the total CDBG funding to \$1 million. The project will restore the original building to its historic use as a farmers market – and act as a catalyst for the revitalization of St. Claude Avenue as a retail destination – in addition to providing local residents with access to fresh foods.

- **\$427,000 for the restoration of the old post office in Beauregard Parish:**

The Old Post Office in downtown DeRidder -- a Depression-era, Work Progress Administration project with a lobby that features a 1934 mural called "Rural Free Delivery" - will be restored to serve as the permanent location of the Beauregard Parish Tourist Commission.

- **\$62,426 for a Comprehensive Master Plan by the Village of Folsom in St. Tammany Parish:**

The U.S. Census Bureau's state data center at Louisiana Tech University has estimated a 23 percent population increase in Folsom post-Katrina. This project will

draft a master plan for the city that incorporates a needs analysis, land use plan, zoning analysis water and sewer plan, transportation plan and recommendations for avcapital program.

Primary and Secondary Education:

- **\$2.9 million for the Chalmette High School Stadium renovations in St. Bernard Parish:**

Repairs to the CHS football, baseball and softball stadiums will provide physical education and athletic opportunities to the expanded student population at the consolidated high school campus, as well as offer public event services to St. Bernard Parish residents.

- **\$916,690 for the replacement of exterior windows at Schriever and West Park Elementary School in Terrebonne Parish:**

Replacement of windows at these emergency shelter-designated schools will provide increased hurricane protection to parish evacuees, who were forced to congregate in the hallways during previous storms because of unsafe windows.

- **\$176,176 for generator reimbursements in Tangipahoa Parish:**

Because of the electrical outages that were experienced during Hurricane Katrina, one generator each was placed at the school district's central office and maintenance department in Amite and Hammond Westside Primary School, thus establishing three command centers for staff who must secure facilities, prevent further damage and salvage school property.

- **\$126,492 for the Thomas Elementary classroom additions in Washington Parish:**

The school's gymnasium/auditorium will be converted into nine additional classrooms to accommodate the increase in enrollment from 450 to 560 students that occurred as a result of Hurricane Katrina.

Fisheries Infrastructure:

- **More than \$1.1 million for the AmeriPure Oyster Processing Facility in Plaquemines Parish:**

This funding will be used to create a large-volume oyster processing plant in the community of Myrtle Grove, which will be owned and operated by AmeriPure, Inc. Not only will the facility shuck, freeze and create ready-to-serve oyster products, but the leftover oyster shells will be used to improve and expand Louisiana's fisheries habitat, a new concept for the use of oyster shell by-products. Completion of this project is an important step in the seafood industry's recovery from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

FIRE STATION GRAND OPENINGS IN ST. BERNARD

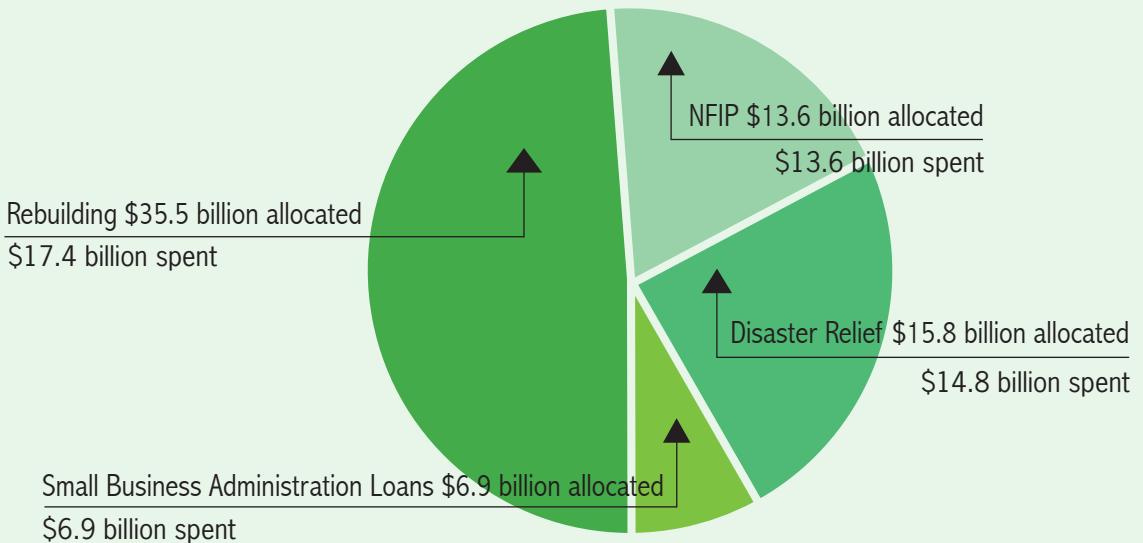
St. Bernard Parish celebrated on Dec. 11, 2009, the grand openings of Fire Station No. 2 in Chalmette and Fire Station No. 7 (left) in Violet. At both stations – the first in the region to be rebuilt from the ground up – the essential living quarters for first responders were elevated to the second floor. Fire Station No. 2 cost \$1,578,739; No. 7 cost \$2,396,700. FEMA funds and parish government insurance proceeds paid for both stations.



FOURTH QUARTER 2009 HIGHLIGHTS

- Local and state government spent \$220 million in FEMA Public Assistance funds for recovery from hurricanes Katrina and Rita and another \$73 million on PA projects for hurricanes Gustav and Ike;
- The state's 24 recovery programs addressing housing, infrastructure and economic development paid out more than \$348 million in Community Development Block Grant funds;
- Combining the PA and CDBG expenditures, more than \$641 million in recovery funds was invested in Louisiana during the fourth quarter of 2009;
- The Road Home program assisted 1,086 homeowners and disbursed nearly \$178 million, including \$8.9 million to 304 homeowners for the Road Home Elevation program;
- The Small Rental Property program produced 531 units on 280 properties, 470 of which are affordable, and increased the rental award amount by \$24.3 million and;
- The Piggyback program completed five developments that produced 691 rental units, 325 of which offer affordable rents.

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4Q 2010

	Allocated	Spent
Rebuilding:	\$35.5 billion	\$17.4 billion
Disaster Relief:	\$15.8 billion	\$14.8 billion
National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP):	\$13.6 billion	\$13.6 billion
Small Business Administration Loans:	\$ 6.9 billion	\$ 6.9 billion
TOTAL: APPROXIMATELY	\$71.8 billion	\$52.7 billion



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