



**Executive Director's Report**  
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## Gustav/Ike Action Plan

Louisiana estimates it could get up to \$1.5 billion of federal CDBG Disaster Recovery funds. The first allocation will be made Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.

The state intends to allocate these CDBG funds directly to the impacted parishes based on housing and infrastructure damages. Parishes will select from a menu of options and decide how they will spend the funds.

### Anticipated Areas of Funding:

#### *Housing*

- Housing Incentive Program
- Housing Relocation Program
- Additional Compensation
- Workforce Rental Housing and Multi-family Units
- Small Rental Properties
- Homelessness Prevention

#### *Infrastructure*

- Provide additional funding for projects that repairs or rebuilds damages from hurricanes Gustav and Ike; or hardens existing structures or infrastructure to prevent damage from future disasters.

#### *Agriculture and Fisheries Recovery*

- Assist agricultural and forestry producers and support businesses to rebuild critical infrastructure.
- The Agricultural Commissioner will disburse funds to fisheries, ranching and forestry industries.

#### *Economic Development*

- Business Recovery Bridge Loans
- Assistance for Impacted Small Businesses
- Business Recovery Grants and Loans
- Employee Retention Credit
- Technical Assistance and Planning Capacity



## Individual Assistance (Gustav and Ike)

**Gustav: 433,902 registered in in 53 declared parishes**

*Housing Assistance:*

- 30,760 approved; 3,517 pending.
- \$108,944,052 distributed.

*Other Needs Assistance*

- 47,386 approved; 38,748 pending
- \$39,228,514 distributed.

**Ike: 47,938 people registered in 20 declared parishes**

*Housing Assistance:*

- 6,884 approved; 530 pending
- \$29,087,242 distributed.

*Other Needs Assistance*

- 3,081 approved; 878 pending
- \$5,617,473 distributed.



**On October 29, the state demanded FEMA cut its red tape and provide temporary housing to residents in Cameron and other coastal parishes. Six people lived in the above tent in Cameron.**

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## Gustav/Ike Housing Assistance

**FEMA Housing Update:**

**8,059** - Number of Households with Damages Greater than \$10,000 (Based on FEMA IA Damage Inspections)

**188** - Number of FEMA Temporary Housing Units Approved

**45** - Number of FEMA Temporary Housing Units on the Ground

**10** – Number of parishes where the process for putting FEMA Temporary Units have been initiated or begun.



At right, Hurricane Ike's storm surge and winds tore a destructive path through Cameron Parish.

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## Gustav/Ike Housing Assistance

### At Issue:

- Discrepancy in needs assessments between FEMA Pre-Placement Interviews (PPI) results, FEMA IA damage inspection results and parish requests.
- Residents confused about how to qualify for FEMA temporary housing resources (DHAP and mobile homes/park models).
- Residents confused about why they are not being notified about available housing assistance.

### Events Since Last Board Meeting:

- **October 28** - State submits written request to Jim Stark to temporarily waive FEMA's floodplain management policy on placing temporary housing units in V-Zones.
- **October 28** - State submits written request to R. David Paulison to commit to creative housing solutions for residents who live in flood zones in parishes that lack rental resources.
- **October 30** - State submits written request to R. David Paulison to provide legal reason for denying placement of park models
- **Today** - State awaits response to letters dated October 15, 24, 28, 28 and 30.

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## Public Assistance (Gustav and Ike)

### Gustav and Ike

#### Debris Removal

Removed to date: 8.78 million cubic yards (79%)  
 Remaining debris: 2.39 million cubic yards

#### Applicant Briefings

17 applicant briefing meetings held across the state in September and October. More than 600 people have attended the meetings that have been held. One briefing for state agencies is complete; another is scheduled.

#### Kickoff Meetings

- Applicants: 705 across all 64 parishes
- Applicants with Kickoff's completed: 83% (587) of applicants with RPA's submitted

#### FEMA Requests for Public Assistance\*\*

Total Gustav - 720  
 Total Ike- 230

\*\* Many of these applicants have requested under multiple declarations or have submitted multiple RPA's that will be caught during approval.

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## Public Assistance Update

	Applicants	Projects	Obligated	Paid
<b>Katrina</b>	2,160	17,761	\$ 6.69 billion	\$ 3.56 billion
<b>Rita</b>	931	4,458	\$554.7 million	\$ 400.1 million
<b>Gustav</b>	965	6	\$ 28.6 million	\$ 7.3 million
<b>Ike</b>	382	1	\$ 5.49 million	\$ 0

### Public Assistance Express Pay

As of November 14, 2008, the Express Pay program has processed 2,566 RRFs paying out \$449,281,025.73 to applicants. Average days to payment is 8 days.

**Recently approved PA projects include \$480K to replace the main building at Cameron Elementary School, nearly \$73K in Public Assistance funding was obligated to Plaquemines Parish for the reimbursement of costs of repairs to catch basins and \$182K for evacuation and sheltering costs to the Louisiana Department of Health Hospitals.**

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Responders Update

### Large Permanent Work Projects for Police and Sheriff Departments by Parish

Parish	# PW	Obligated	Paid	% Paid/Obligated
<b>Calcasieu</b>	2	\$ 550,000	\$ 124,000	22%
<b>Cameron</b>	4	\$ 360,000	\$ 276,000	77%
<b>Jefferson</b>	11	\$ 2.74 million	\$ 521,000	19%
<b>Orleans</b>	48	\$146.14 million	\$ 15 million	10%
<b>Plaquemines</b>	9	\$ 21.35 million	\$ 2.68 million	13%
<b>St. Bernard</b>	18	\$ 7.06 million	\$ 3.02 million	43%
<b>St. John the Baptist</b>	1	\$ 181,000	\$ 107,000	59%
<b>St. Tammany</b>	1	\$ 272,000	\$ 242,000	89%
<b>Washington</b>	1	\$ 59,000	\$ 0.00	0%
<b>Grand Total</b>	95	\$178.73 million	\$ 21.98 million	12%

\*Projects listed show Police and Sheriff Department subgrantees only. Departments that receive Public Assistance through another subgrantee are not shown.

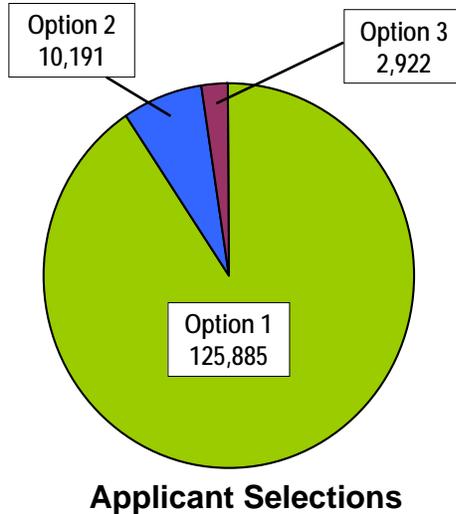
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# Road Home Update

Recent Road Home Program Data		
Total Benefit Option Letters Returned	143,612	
Total Closings Held	119,647	\$7.3 billion
Closings Scheduled	47	
Additional Disbursements	15,691	\$482 million
Appeal Cases Resolved	12,023	
Elevation Only Grants	1,057	

As of November 12, 2008



# Road Home Appeals

## ICF Appeals

As of October 23, 2008:

- 14,148 cases have been processed through the Appeals department.
- 12,023 have been resolved.
- 2,125 are active.

### Of the resolved appeals cases:

- 4,191 (35%) resulted in additional funds awarded, averaging \$25,605.
- 441 (4%) resulted in a reduction of award, averaging \$14,210.
- 3,597 (30%) resulted in no change to the award amount
- 3,794 (32%) were reviewed for an eligibility determination. Of those, 1,403 were approved and 2,391 were denied.

## State Appeals

As of November 17, 2008:

- 1,944 total appeals received
- 1,085 are in progress
- 796 Appeals are closed or denied
- 59 appeals are approved
- 4 Appeals on hold per applicant request

The average length of time to process a state-level appeal is 95 days.

**The state has more than doubled its staff members working on appeals, bringing the total to 13 full-time employees.**



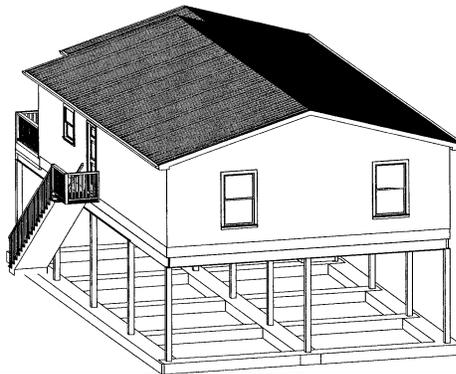
## CDBG/Road Home Elevations

- As of 11/17/08, 33,087 homeowners have been returned letters expressing interest in elevation.
- 14,344 elevation disbursements totaling \$408 million have been awarded, including 2,173 initial and 9,127 additional disbursements in 2008 totaling \$328.5 million.
- 3,158 (\$91.9 million) elevation disbursements are currently at closing companies.



## HMGP Elevations

- **144 homeowners under review.**
- **109 homeowner meetings completed.**
- **76 property visits done.**
- **13 identified & reviewed for payment.**
- **\$1.2 million dollars in match identified in these 13 properties; another 12 underway this week.**





# Louisiana Land Trust

## Environmental Reviews

### *New Orleans:*

- 198 New Orleans properties completed 10/31/08.
- 3,887 other New Orleans properties will be cleared on November 21.

### *St. Bernard Parish*

- 3,741 St. Bernard properties sent to the LLT on Friday, November 7, 2008.
  - Four historic properties can not be demolished
  - Many properties will need flood insurance at time of transfer.

### *Jefferson Parish*

- All properties should be available for transfer on November 21, 2008.

### *Washington Parish*

- All properties should be available for transfer on November 21, 2008.

**LLT Transfer Timeline**  
 LLT and NORA working out transfer on first properties. Also determining properties to be demolished before transfer.



# Alternative Housing Pilot Program

## **New Orleans:**

- Received FEMA environmental approval for 42 of 100 total units planned in NORA project.
- 17 lots in Gentilly await transfer from LLT before environmental approvals can be completed.
- Closing agreements for infill project in New Orleans with Providence Community Housing and the Housing Authority of New Orleans.

## **Jackson Barracks:**

- Infrastructure bids go out this week. Construction should begin in first week of December.
- Construction complete July 2009.

## **Lake Charles:**

- Site moving forward to complete infrastructure, design and environmental approval by mid-December.
- Construction expected complete by September 2009.



**Louisiana Cottages are now being built offsite to facilitate quicker installation on the ground.**



# Marine Debris Removal

On November 13<sup>th</sup>, the LRA requested that FEMA and the U.S. Coast Guard combine marine debris that resulted from hurricane Gustav and Ike with marine debris from hurricanes Katrina and Rita, which they are currently removing from waterways.

Currently Marine Debris removal teams are going around Gustav and Ike debris to pick up Katrina and Rita debris.

