



Executive Director's Report Paul Rainwater

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Federal Officials' Visit

HUD Secretary Donovan and DHS Secretary Napolitano visited New Orleans on March 5

- Toured SUNO and the Lower 9th Ward in New Orleans and parts of St. Bernard Parish



*HUD Secretary Donovan, DHS Secretary Napolitano and FEMA Administrator nominee Craig Fugate in New Orleans
Photo source: The Associated Press*



Federal Officials' Visit

While in New Orleans, Secretary Donovan made the following announcements:

HUD

- Approved the state's \$438 million Gustav & Ike Action Plan
- Will launch, with the state, a new five-year, \$50 million program to offer permanent supportive housing to approximately 1,000 homeless individuals and families living with disabilities
- Will also provide \$23 million in rental assistance vouchers to the LRA to support an estimated 2,000 elderly and disabled disaster victims

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Federal Officials' Visit

While in New Orleans, Secretary Napolitano made the following announcements:

DHS/FEMA

- Will provide Public Assistance Funding for Fire Stations #5 and #7 and Benjamin Franklin High School in New Orleans
- Will also provide \$12 million in additional funding to help repair the St. Bernard Parish Water Treatment Plant
- Two new joint review teams will be created, comprised of FEMA and state personnel, which will be tasked with quickly and fairly resolving disputes under the PA program
- Extended the Relocation Assistance Program to May 1, 2009

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Washington Update

- Florida Emergency Management Director **Craig Fugate nominated to be the new FEMA Administrator**
Mr. Fugate joined the tour in New Orleans on Mar. 5
- On Mar. 11, DHS Secretary Napolitano announced the establishment of the Unified Public Assistance Project Decision Team, or the **“Louisiana Team”**
 - Created jointly by DHS and the State of Louisiana
 - FEMA Disaster Assistance Division Director Charlie Axton chosen to lead the team
 - Expedite final decisions to approve project scopes and eligible work costs for disputed projects
 - State estimates we have more than \$1 billion in FEMA projects under appeal or under dispute
- **Tony Russell named as the acting director of the Louisiana Transitional Recovery Office**

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DHAP – Case Management

- HUD created the Transitional Assistance program, which extended DHAP through August 31, 2009
- **Request from HUD for state to administer the case management component of the program**
- **The state asked HUD and FEMA to consolidate this effort** with proposed case management for those still in FEMA temporary units (trailers and hotels), given the short timeframe and administrative challenges

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DHAP – Case Management

- HUD informed the state on Mar. 12 that it **cannot include the FEMA trailer households** and asked the state to move forward with DHAP case management
- HUD did promise to find a way to include these families in the future
- Because 75% of the trailer residents are homeowners, the **state will continue to request that FEMA realign the funds** set aside for case management **to develop a Construction Management Pilot Program**

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Gustav and Ike Update

as of Mar. 12, 2009

<h3 style="color: red;">Individual Assistance</h3> <h4 style="text-decoration: underline;">Gustav</h4> <p>440,907 registered in 53 declared parishes</p> <p><i>Housing Assistance</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 39,330 approved • 96 pending • \$160,134,956 distributed <p><i>Other Needs Assistance</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 57,700 approved • 191 pending • \$50,892,925 distributed 	<h4 style="text-decoration: underline;">Ike</h4> <p>53,903 registered in 20 declared parishes</p> <p><i>Housing Assistance</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10,280 approved • 23 pending • \$51,486,086 distributed <p><i>Other Needs Assistance</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5,243 approved • 32 pending • \$9,626,840 distributed
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Gustav and Ike Debris Removal

Removed to date: **10 million cubic yards (99%)**

Remaining debris: **61,037 cubic yards (-42.7% from February)**

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Gustav/Ike Housing Assistance

FEMA Housing Update:

- 9,437** - Households with damages greater than \$10,000
(based on FEMA IA Damage Inspections)
- 683** - FEMA Temporary Housing Units approved
- 424** - FEMA Temporary Housing Units on the ground
- 20** - Parishes where the FEMA Temporary Units have been placed



Flooding in Cocodrie, LA, after Hurricane Gustav

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Public Assistance Update

	Applicants	Projects	Obligated	Paid*
Katrina	2,161	17,942	\$6.92 billion	\$ 3.82 billion
Rita	931	4,468	\$573 million	\$ 407 million
Gustav	1,072	1,014	\$320 million	\$110 million <i>(was \$9.23 million)</i>
Ike	409	309	\$46 million	\$12.9 million <i>(was \$273,582)</i>

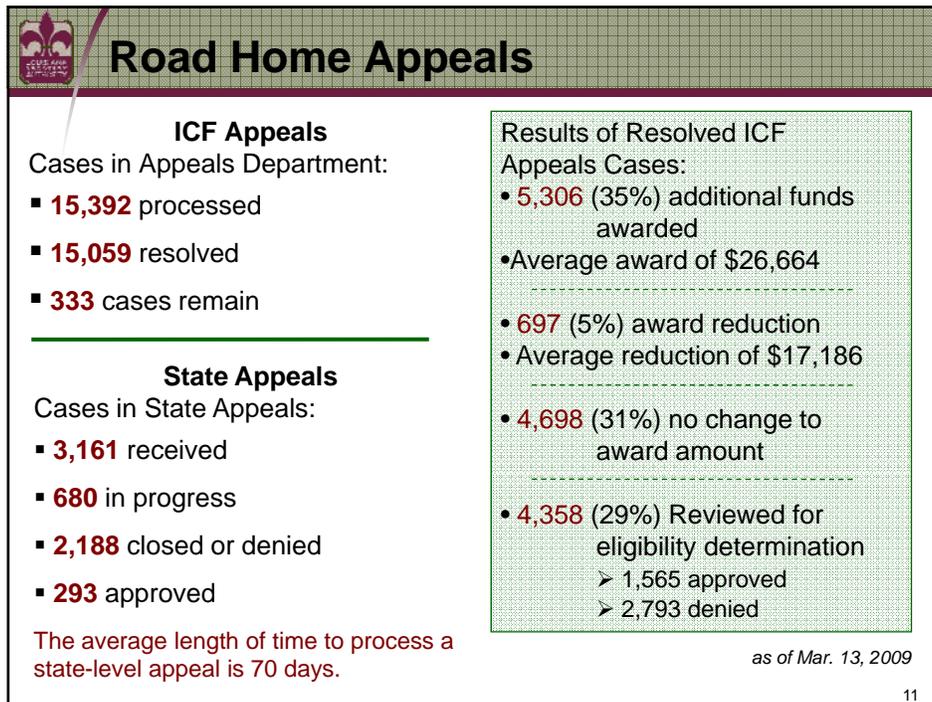
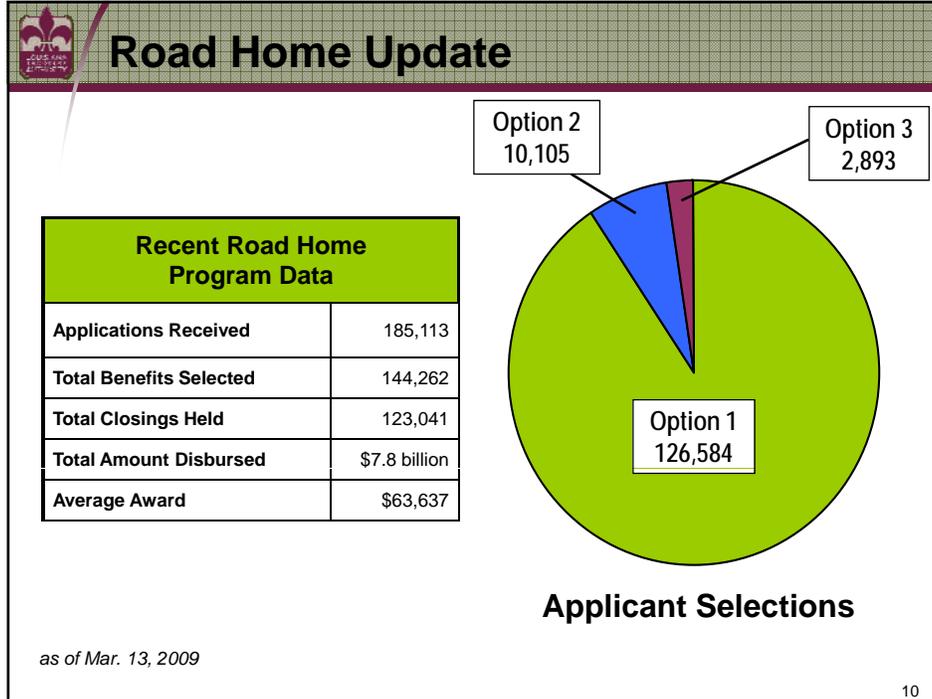
Public Assistance Express Pay**

As of Mar. 12, 2009, the Express Pay program has processed **4,742 RRFs** paying out **\$835,272,090** to applicants.

Average payment time is currently **8 business days**.

***will also use Express Pay for Gustav and Ike projects*

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 **CDBG/Road Home Elevations**



As of 3/13/09:

- **30,406** homeowners interested in and eligible for elevation program
- **26,348** elevation disbursements awarded
- **\$762.8 million** disbursed
- **1,083 (\$30.6 million)** elevation disbursements at closing companies

A home in Lakeview in New Orleans elevated through the Road Home Elevation program

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 **HMGP Elevations**

as of Mar. 13, 2009

- **20,791** people interested
- **1,604** files being worked
- **519** homeowner meetings completed
- **14** homeowner mid-point payments made totaling **\$177,859**

(was 3 midpoint payments totaling \$39,431)



An elevated home in Gentilly

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Louisiana Land Trust

New Orleans:

- NORA – 37 properties ready for transfer
 - **The first 6 properties closed on Mar. 6** (soft opening)
 - Balance of the 31 properties in the first group are either awaiting financing or were transferred to Make It Right the week of Mar. 9
- NORA and LLT are reviewing a priority list of 200 properties in need of demolition before transfer
- Approximately 3,800 have received environmental clearance

St. Tammany Parish:

- CEA signed by the parish, LLT and OCD
- Parish is developing priority transfer list
- Parish working on Land Bank

Louisiana Land Trust

LLT Transfer Timeline

Demolition management company is in place

Working with parishes to identify properties for demolition

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Jefferson Parish:

- Waiting for environmental to be signed off on
- LLT has begun process to transfer 29 properties ASAP
- OCD to put properties back into commerce as affordable housing

▪ Seven additional lots will be transferred to OCD for affordable housing

- Lots have structures that must be demolished before the property can be transferred

▪ Parish demolition list was sent to Louisiana Solutions

- Title work ordered on properties requested
- Parish working to finalize the “Lot Next Door” program in a timely manner

St. Bernard Parish:

- Parish contractor developing disposition list

Terrebonne Parish:

- Parish developing demolition list

Cameron Parish:

- Met with parish officials on Mar. 2 to discuss disposition priorities
- Awaiting parish request

Calcasieu Parish:

- Parish disposition plan approved at Feb. 26 LRA Board meeting
- Transfer CEA signed by parish, executed by LLT on Mar. 9 and sent to OCD for signature

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Small Rental Program

• Active awardees	5,859
• Rental closings	480
• Rental award amount	\$38.80 million
• Units produced	1,073
• Affordable units produced	756

as of Mar. 12, 2009

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LIHTC/CDBG Piggyback Program



•Total projects awarded:		57
•Total units awarded:		8,185
•Total award amount:		\$596 million
•Projects closed/ under construction:		21
•Units under construction:		3,476
•Dollars closed:		\$311 million
•Dollars expended:		\$159 million
•Projects completed:		3
•Total amount:		\$47.8 million
•Units completed		355

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The Meridian in New Orleans

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LIHTC/CDBG Piggyback Program

- **695 units** available by the end of the month
- **Two grand openings** held Mar. 10 in New Orleans
 - The Preserve – 183 mixed-income units**
 - The Meridian – 72 affordable units*
- **Two grand openings this week**
 - 200 Carondelet in New Orleans – 190 mixed-income units**
 - Tiffany Apartments in Abbeville – 250 mixed-income units**
- Anticipate over **1,800 units** online by June 2009
- A total of **3,200 units** online by **Dec. 31, 2009**

*All mixed-income units are 60% market rate and 40% affordable



Walter Leger speaking at The Preserve ribbon-cutting/grand opening on Mar. 10.

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Alternative Housing Pilot Program

- After expressing concern about the delayed environmental approval dates, FEMA has expedited completion
- Expect a production schedule for the 200 modular units this week, which will allow us to begin ordering from the modular manufacturers

New Orleans – 287 units

- 100 single-family units in Algiers
- 100 units on infill sites in various neighborhoods
- 27 single-family units in Westwego – **CEA should be complete this week; ready to begin infrastructure immediately after**
- 60 units as infill sites in Tremé Neighborhood
- Construction expected to begin in April

Jackson Barracks - 93 units

- Infrastructure complete in early April
- Single-family construction began in February
- Multi-family construction begins in April
- Construction complete by August

504 total units



Progress being made at the Jackson Barracks single-family construction site

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 **Alternative Housing Pilot Program**

Eight frames are up at the Hidden Cove site in Baton Rouge

Baton Rouge – 42 units

- All foundations poured, with the exception of the 5 lots exchanged with BREC (swap made to better accommodate the project and recreation)
- Framing up for 8 homes
- Construction complete by July

Lake Charles – 82 units

- 34-units group site sale closed for \$538,000 using United Way funds
- Bid on construction of the 34-unit group was awarded Mar. 13
- Construction will begin on that group the week of Mar. 23
- Construction expected to begin in April



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 **ICF Transition Team**

ICF Transition Team is procuring RFPs and recommending contractors for

- **IT**
- **Homeowners**
- **Small Rental**
- **Piggyback**
- **HMGP**
- **IMM**

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ICF Transition Team

IT

- The state announced Feb. 26 that **CGI Technologies & Solutions** was awarded the IT contract
- The contract has been negotiated and signed
- Contract being reviewed for approval by the State Procurement Office

Homeowners

- The state announced Feb. 26 that **Hammerman and Gainer, Inc. (HGI)** was awarded the Homeowners contract
- Contract negotiations are underway
- Goal to have contract signed by both parties no later than Mar. 20

Small Rental

- The state announced Mar. 12 that **ACS State and Local Solutions, Inc.**, was awarded the Small Rental contract

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ICF Transition Team

Piggyback
Two proposals received

HMGP
RFPs deadline was March 9

IMM
Currently in the advertising phase

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HVAC Generator Program

- The state has set aside **\$30 million in federal HMGP funding for program**
- Will help **hospitals and nursing homes purchase “HVAC generators” to power air conditioning** during major power outages
- **Will also equip the Louisiana State Emergency Medical Special Needs Shelter** with an HVAC generator system
- **Allocation of funding:**
 - \$19.6 million for nursing homes
 - \$ 8.4 million for hospitals
 - \$ 2 million for the Louisiana State Emergency Medical Special Needs Shelter
- Funds made **available statewide**
- State will **reimburse up to 75% of the cost** to obtain the HVAC Generator