



**Executive Director's Report
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September 22, 2009



Washington Update

Congressional Field Hearing on the Road Home Program

- Held Aug. 20 in New Orleans
- Led by Congresswoman Maxine Waters

U.S. House of Representative's Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Hearing

- To be held Sept. 29 in Washington D.C.
- Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management
- Review status of Public Assistance projects

 **State Update**

Treasurer Kennedy's Roundtable Discussion

- Held Sept. 17 at the State Capitol in Baton Rouge
- Focused on whether the market place is over-saturated with subsidized housing
- Included detailed analysis of programs, projects and resource allocations

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 **Anniversary Activities**

Katrina

- **Aug. 25** – Langston Hughes Academy Grand Opening
- **Aug. 26** – Meeting with New York Times reporter



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Anniversary Activities

Katrina

- **Aug. 27**
 - Meeting with HUD Secretary Donovan
 - WWL-TV's Morning Show
 - Lafitte Phase 1 Groundbreaking
- **Aug. 28** – St. Bernard Parish School Board's "Day of Remembrance" Breakfast and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for walking bridge at Chalmette High School
- **Aug. 31**
 - Live interview on C-SPAN's "Washington Journal"
 - Radio interview with AirAmerica

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Anniversary Activities

Katrina/Gustav

- Aug. 24 – Baton Rouge Press Club

Gustav

- Sept. 1 – WBRZ-TV's "Tune In" Morning Show

Rita/Ike

- Sept. 24 – Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Chenier House in Cameron

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FEMA Trailer Deactivation

- **1,596 households in FEMA trailers**
(was 1,704 as of Aug. 13)
- **2 hotel/motel families receiving extended payments through Rapid Re-Housing Program**
 - ✓ Both will transition to permanent homes by the end of the month

Sales and Donations Programs

- **455 sold**
- **284 sales pending**
- **360 donations pending**

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FEMA Trailer Deactivation

Update on Resources

Rapid Re-Housing

- ✓ \$5 million through a Small Rental Property Program re-allocation
- ✓ Will use separately from the DSS contract
 - Ensure a proper safety net if families fall outside of the Continuum of Care regions
 - Or if additional capacity is needed
- ✓ Will begin processing RRH applications the week of Sept. 28
- ✓ Will be ready to process rental payments starting Oct. 1

Housing Choice Vouchers

- ✓ HANO opened its waiting list Aug. 23
- ✓ Accepted applications through Sept. 18

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FEMA Trailer Deactivation

Disaster Case Management Pilot Program

Program launched Sept. 14

- Approximately **\$9.5 million** from FEMA
- Serving **3,309 households** that lived in FEMA subsidized housing as of April 27
- **Lead program contractor** and **case management service providers** have been chosen, trained and **contracts are in place**

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FEMA Trailer Deactivation

Disaster Case Management Pilot Program

Service Provider	Region(s)
Greater New Orleans Disaster Recovery Partnership (GNODRP)	Lead Program Contractor
RAI Ministries	Southeast Louisiana
United Way of Greater New Orleans	Southeast Louisiana
LA Conference of the United Methodist Church Disaster Response, Inc.	Southwest, South, Southeast and North Louisiana
The Advocacy Center	Southeast, South and North Louisiana
International Relief and Development	Southwest, South and North Louisiana
Lower 9 th Ward Neighborhood Empowerment Network Association	Southeast Louisiana

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DHAP – Case Management

- **Serving 9,439 eligible DHAP families**
- **Housing Choice Voucher conversion**
 - ✓ **4,096 vouchers** have been issued as of Sept. 11
- **New HUD practice**
 - ✓ Sept. 4 - HUD reminded housing authorities that families **who were denied vouchers**, but have since **had a change in status** (e.g. loss of employment) **can re-apply** for the voucher
 - ✓ In **New Orleans** alone, this may potentially **impact 1,200 families**
- **LRA Housing Outreach Fairs**
 - ✓ Approximately **2,500 families** attended the 13 fairs
 - ✓ 10 fairs in New Orleans and one each in Baton Rouge, Lafayette and Lake Charles

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Gustav and Ike Recovery Programs

Parish-Implemented Recovery

- 11 Parish Recovery Proposals have been submitted, accounting for **53% of all parish allocations**
- **Terrebonne, Vermilion, St. James** and **Grant** have been approved*
- Expect **remaining parish proposals** to be submitted through October

Parish	Allocation
Ascension	\$19,370,564
Assumption	\$26,879,387
Cameron	\$53,148,217
East Baton Rouge	\$34,223,293
Grant*	\$424,360
Livingston	\$11,264,828
St. Helena	\$3,404,232
St. James*	\$10,533,467
Tangipahoa	\$10,032,566
Terrebonne*	\$123,270,148
Vermilion*	\$8,369,081
Total	\$300,920,143

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Gustav and Ike Recovery Programs

Parish Outreach and Technical Assistance

The LRA Outreach Team

- Has participated in 8 parish meetings since Sept. 1, including:
 - Ascension
 - Iberville
 - Ouachita
 - St. Bernard
 - West Baton Rouge
- Is providing direct technical assistance to **Cameron Parish**

State-Implemented Programs

Farmers and Agribusiness Loan & Grant Program

- 808 applicants for the Farm Recovery Program
- 62 applicants for the Agribusiness Recovery Program
- Totaling \$84.2 million

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Public Assistance Update

	Applicants	Projects	Obligated	Paid
Katrina	2,163	17,945	\$ 7.5 billion	\$ 4.3 billion
Rita	931	4,410	\$580 million	\$ 454 million
Gustav	1,079	4,154	\$514 million	\$ 343 million
Ike	416	1,094	\$110 million	\$ 53 million

Public Assistance Express Pay

8,003 RRFs processed
\$1.516 billion paid

Average payment time is currently **5 business days**

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Road Home

Covenant Extensions

- Homeowners can now request a **one-year extension**
- Meant for those who can show **good cause** for not completing their construction
 - Unexpected financial hardship
 - Emergency or health issue
 - Exhausted RH funds because of increased construction costs
 - Contractor fraud
 - Damage to the home by a subsequent natural disaster
 - Contaminated drywall
- **Does not cancel other aspects** of the Road Home covenant
- Homeowner **must provide a current building permit** when requesting an extension
- Can receive **no more than two** extensions

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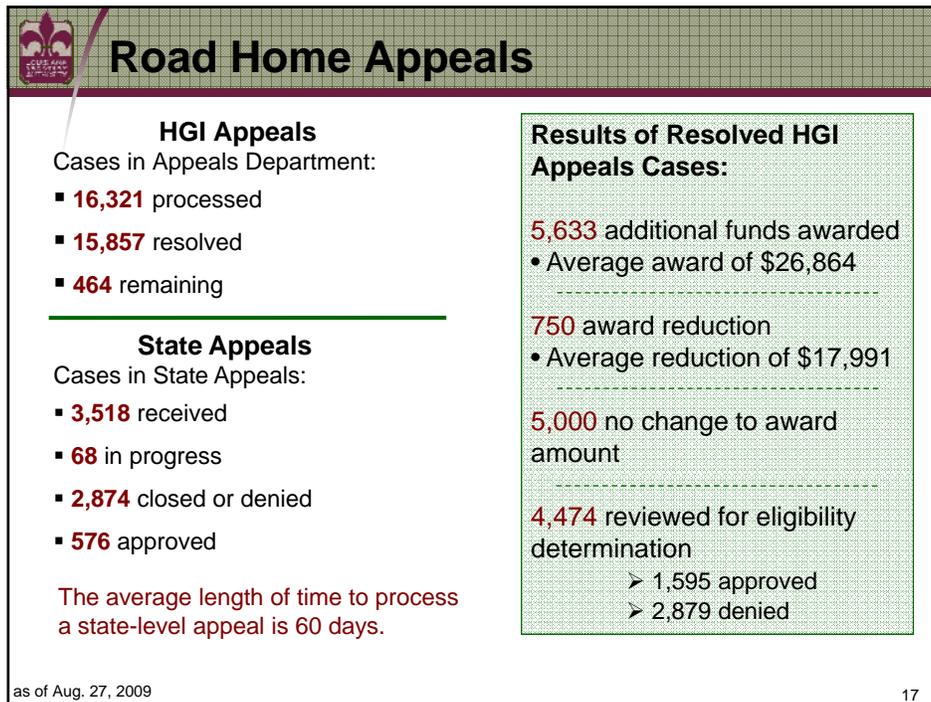
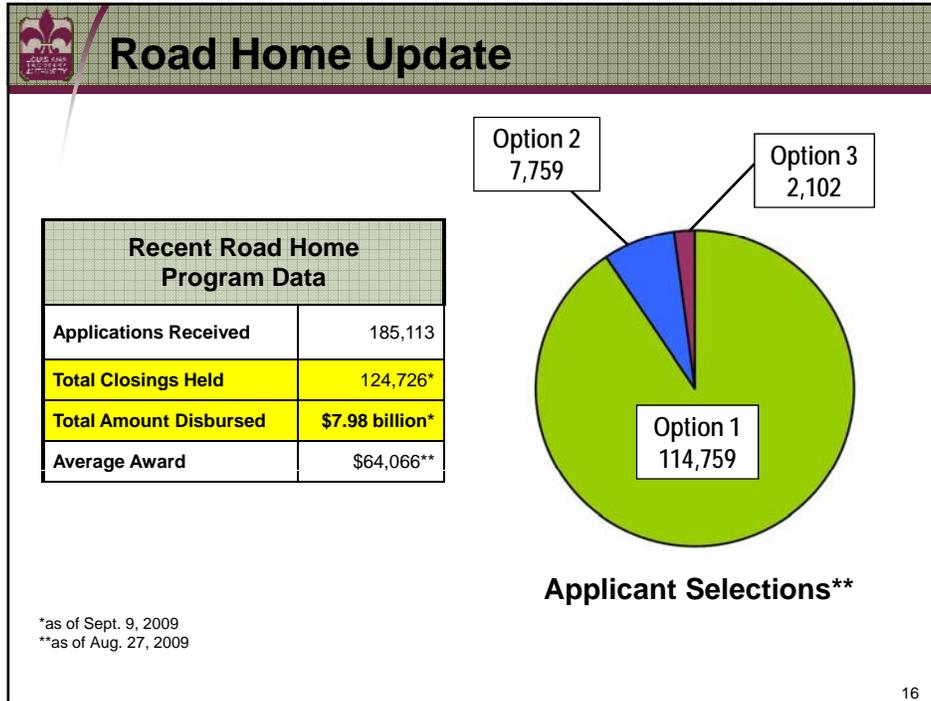


Road Home

Additional Compensation Grant (ACG) Cap Removal

- Asking HUD to allow for **more dollars to be disbursed** through the ACG
- Would help approximately **16,000 low- and moderate-income homeowners** complete their repairs
- **Eligible applicant**
 - **Option 1 homeowner** who still owns damaged home
 - **Has a gap** between the amount of compensation received and the cost of repairs
 - Has **not** already **received the maximum \$150,000** Road Home assistance
 - File contains complete **income documentation to support eligibility** for the ACG (*80% below AMI*)
- Eligibility will be **based upon the applicant's income** at the time the homeowner was determined to be eligible for ACG
- Applicants who have already filed an appeal **cannot re-appeal** previous or new issues

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CDBG/Road Home Elevations

- **29,729** homeowners interested in and eligible for elevation program
- **28,936** elevation disbursements awarded
- **\$838 million** disbursed



A home New Orleans elevated through the Road Home Elevation program

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HMGP Elevations

- **22,950** people interested
- **15,023** files being worked
- **2,233** homeowner interactions
- **89** homeowner mid-point payments made totaling **\$1.68M**

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HMGP Elevations

Supplemental Staff Contract

- Signed by the **end of October**
- Affecting payments by **December 1**
- Expect **500 payments** each month
- Average of **\$15,000 per payment**

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Louisiana Land Trust

Parish	Total ERRs	Completed
Acadia	2	2
Calcasieu	94	85
Cameron	113	108
Jefferson	147	146
Orleans	4,693	4,475
Plaquemines	227	205
St. Bernard	4,219	4,209
St. Charles	1	1
St. Martin	3	3
St. Tammany	149	141
Terrebonne	44	42
Washington	13	13
Total	9,705	9,430

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Louisiana Land Trust

LLT Demolition Program

- **Total properties scheduled for disposition: 9,837**
- **Structures to be transferred “as is”: 974**
- **Total inspections completed: 9,837**
 - Structure and Slab: 2,901
 - Slab only: 5,124
 - Vacant lot: 838
 - Transfer as is: 974



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Louisiana Land Trust

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LLT Demolition Program

- **Substantially completed demolitions: 246**
 - Demo of Structure and Slab: 44
 - Demo of Slab only: 202
- **Demolitions currently underway**
 - Demo of Structure: 238
 - Demo of Slab: 489
 - Slab abatement: 2,547

Transfer and Closing Update

- Closed and/or transferred: 287
- Scheduled to close: 39
- Title work completed: 596

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Small Rental Program



One of the units in New Orleans that received funding through the Small Rental Program

as of Sept. 7, 2009

Active awardees:	5,887
Rental closings:	989
Rental award amount:	\$79.78M
Units produced:	2,014
Affordable units produced:	1,576

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LIHTC/CDBG Piggyback Program

The groundbreaking ceremony for Phase 1 of the Lafitte Redevelopment in New Orleans



Total projects awarded:	58	Projects closed/ under construction:	19
Total units awarded:	8,185	Units under construction:	3,269
Total award amount:	\$596M	Dollars closed:	\$245M
		Dollars expended:	\$222M

Projects completed:	11
Units completed	1,525
Dollars expended:	\$134M

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Alternative Housing Pilot Program

as of Sept. 15, 2009

- **490 Total Units**
- **254 under construction**
- **76 Completed Units**
 - 59 – Jackson Barracks
 - 17 – Baton Rouge



A completed cottage at Hidden Cove in Baton Rouge

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Alternative Housing Pilot Program

as of Sept. 15, 2009

New Orleans – 287 units

- **100 single-family units in Algiers**
 - ✓ Work begun on first 12 lots
 - ✓ March 10, 2010: estimated date of substantial completion
- **100 infill units in various neighborhoods and 60 units as infill sites in Treme Neighborhood**
 - ✓ Completing Records of Environmental Assessment
 - ✓ Due to reduction of construction budget, may reduce number of units from 160 to 140
- **27 single-family units in Westwego**
 - ✓ Construction underway
 - ✓ Scheduled to be complete in November



Work on the HANO-Fischer lots in Algiers

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Alternative Housing Pilot Program

as of Sept. 15, 2009



AHPP Case Management

- Case Management set to launch at the end of the month
- 4,000 letters will be mailed to highest priority households
- The call center will process initial applications
- Approximately 45,000 households are in the entire AHPP pool

A single-family unit at Jackson Barracks

Jackson Barracks - 91 units

- The LA National Guard has received 59 completed single-family units
- Construction of multi-family units began in late August; to be completed in March 2010

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Alternative Housing Pilot Program

as of Sept. 15, 2009

Lake Charles – 70 units

- **6th Avenue site**
 - ✓ Construction scheduled to be complete by Nov. 15
- **Infill site**
 - ✓ Due to reduction of construction budget, reduced the amount of infill units from 46 to 36
 - ✓ Completing Record of Environmental Assessment



Work on the interior of one of the units on 6th Avenue in Lake Charles

Baton Rouge – 42 units

- Phases 1 and 2 complete
- Phase 3 to be completed this week
- All units scheduled to be complete by Oct. 5

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