



**Legacy of the LRA Board of Directors
Robin Keegan**

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Hurricanes Katrina and Rita	
<p>Hurricane Katrina: August 29, 2005</p> <p>Hurricane Rita: September 24, 2005</p>	<p>Impact of the Storms</p> <p>1,100 lives lost</p> <p>785,000 residents displaced</p> <p>215,000 homes destroyed</p> <p>835 schools damaged; 40 destroyed</p> <p>18,700 businesses destroyed</p> <p>220,000 jobs lost</p> <p>100 square miles of wetland destroyed by storm surge</p>
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Major Recovery Events	
<p>October 17, 2005: Governor Blanco establishes the Louisiana Recovery Authority to lead the state's recovery and rebuilding efforts</p>	
<p>October 28, 2005: LRA board members tour devastated areas of the state then go to Washington to meet with White House officials and high ranking members of Congress to discuss Louisiana's recovery needs</p>	
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 **Major Recovery Events**

December 2005:
Congress allocates \$11.5 billion in Community Development Block Grants for Gulf Coast recovery

Dec. 1, 2005:
LRA partners with a team of nationally-recognized planners to assist communities in development of long-term recovery plans

February 2006:
HUD allocates \$6.2 of the \$11.5 billion to Louisiana

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 **Major Recovery Events**

Fall 2005 - Winter 2006:
LRA board members join state leaders in lobbying the federal government for additional recovery dollars

Fall 2005 - Winter 2006:
LRA board requires parishes to adopt FEMA's Advisory Base Flood Elevations in order to receive hazard mitigation funds



 **Major Recovery Events**

Apr. 14, 2006:
The LRA receives legislative approval of its first Action Plan for use of \$368.4 million in recovery funds; submits plan to HUD

May 9, 2006:
HUD approves the first Action Plan

June 15, 2006:
Congress passes the emergency supplemental appropriations bill with an additional \$4.2 billion for Louisiana's recovery

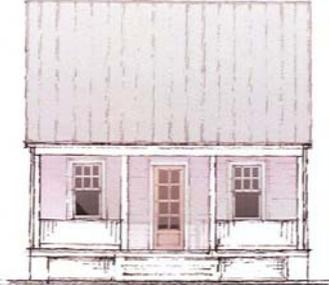
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 **Major Recovery Events**

July 12, 2006:
HUD officially allocates the \$4.2 billion to the state

Oct. 23, 2006:
Gov. Blanco submits the state's application for FEMA's Alternative Housing Pilot Program

Dec. 22, 2006:
Louisiana awarded \$74 million to participate in Alternative Housing Pilot Program



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 **Major Recovery Events**

Jan. 22, 2007:
Louisiana Speaks representatives begin community meetings across South Louisiana

Feb. 14, 2007:
Louisiana Speaks Planning Toolkit is distributed as a guidebook to help communities rebuild and manage growth



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 **Major Recovery Events**

Mar. 5, 2007:
LRA and GOHSEP announce \$14 million program, funded through the HMGP, to help local governments implementing new statewide building codes

Mar. 16, 2007:
Louisiana Speaks reports more than 27,000 citizens weighed in on South Louisiana's Regional Vision, including 1,200 responses from residents living in 32 different states

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 **Major Recovery Events**



Mar. 20, 2007:
LRA Board Member Walter Leger meets with HUD officials, announces lump sum payments for Road Home participants

May 2007:
The Louisiana Speaks Regional Plan is published

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 **Major Recovery Events**

May 25, 2007:
Congress passes the Emergency Supplemental Spending bill that waives the requirement that state and local governments provide a 10 percent match to federal rebuilding funds

Aug. 15, 2007:
Members of the U.S. House of Representatives visit the Gulf Coast to view state of recovery

Aug. 21, 2007:
The Department of Veterans Affairs announces a downtown New Orleans site for their reconstructed VA Medical Center

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 **Major Recovery Events**



October 2007:
LRA board members and staff join state and New Orleans city officials in Washington to urge federal officials to address the Road Home funding shortfall

Nov. 8, 2007:
Congress passes the Defense Appropriations Conference Report, which includes an additional \$3 billion for the Road Home program

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 **Major Recovery Events**

Nov. 13, 2007:
LRA launches the “Louisiana Gives Thanks” Campaign



Dec. 21, 2007:
The New Orleans City Council votes to move forward with the redevelopment of the C.J. Peete, Lafitte, B.W. Cooper and St. Bernard public housing developments

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 **Major Recovery Events**

Jan. 15, 2008:
Gov. Jindal issues an Executive Order that directs the LRA to be responsible for the state's action with regard to FEMA's Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation Grant Programs

Jan. 15, 2008:
The governor also merges the LRA with the state Office of Community Development's Disaster Recovery Unit

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 **Major Recovery Events**



Feb. 13, 2008:
State officials approve provision of a \$50 million capital revolving fund to the Recovery School District



Previously, the RSD had to wait until FEMA-obligated projects were complete to get reimbursements from the state. That arrangement often forced the RSD to use operating funds to pay for capital projects such as building repairs.

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 **Major Recovery Events**

Feb. 14-15, 2008:
State officials and FEMA hold two-day partnership meeting to discuss recovery issues and streamline policies

Feb. 21, 2008:
LRA and GOHSEP announce the Express Pay System to streamline payments to local governments

Feb. 29, 2008:
LRA assumes responsibility for the state's Alternative Housing Pilot Program

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 **Major Recovery Events**



April 2009:
LRA launches a case management program to help families in HUD's Disaster Housing Assistance Program transition to permanent housing

May 12, 2009:
FEMA denies Louisiana's appeal for the \$492 million full replacement cost for Charity Hospital in New Orleans

July 2, 2009:
The state submits a second appeal to FEMA for the full replacement cost of Charity Hospital

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Major Recovery Events

Aug. 6, 2009:
FEMA announces the creation of a Gulf Coast Recovery Arbitration Panel

Aug. 20, 2009:
The state announces one-year extensions for eligible Road Home applicants

Sept. 30, 2009:
The state submits an official request for arbitration to settle the funding dispute with FEMA regarding Charity Hospital

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Major Recovery Events

November 2009:
LRA launches a \$9.4 million Disaster Case Management Program to help approximately 3,000 households in FEMA trailers or hotel/motels transition to permanent housing

Jan. 11-13, 2010:
State officials testify at FEMA Arbitration Panel regarding Charity Hospital

Jan. 27, 2010:
The independent Arbitration Panel awards the state of Louisiana \$474.7 million for replacement of Charity Hospital

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Recovery Results

- More than **\$10.4 billion** in CDBG funds invested
- **\$5.49 billion** in FEMA Public Assistance dollars disbursed
- Since 2008, the amount of **FEMA PA dollars obligated and disbursed has doubled**
- Approximately **\$9.1 million** has been disbursed **per day since** Hurricane Katrina made landfall on **Aug. 29, 2005**

as of June 10, 2010

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Recovery Results

- More than **127,500 homeowners** assisted
- More than **30,000 homes elevated**
- Nearly **3,500 small rental units** refurbished or created
- **2,708 rental units** created in **20 new Piggyback developments**
- **23 parishes** provided funds for **167 projects** for local recovery

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Recovery Results

- **14 local school districts and parish school boards**, along with the **Recovery School District**, provided funds to assist in **43 repair or rebuilding projects**
- **Seven projects** to repair Fisheries infrastructure approved in **12 coastal parishes**
- Technical colleges, hospitals, sewage and water boards provided assistance in **local government districts**

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Recovery Results

- More than **4,000** businesses provided **grants and loans**
- **Technical assistance** provided to more than **3,500 businesses**
- More than **6,000 workers trained** and **2,786 placed in jobs**
- **Tourism Marketing** dollars provided to **11 impacted parishes**
- **380 research projects** published and approximately **90 technology transfers, patents and licenses**

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Housing

Repair and Purchase

- Homeowners Assistance (Road Home)
- Louisiana Land Trust Soft Second Program
- First Time Homebuyer Pilot Program

Rental

- Small Rental Property
- Low-Income Housing Tax Credits/CDBG Piggyback

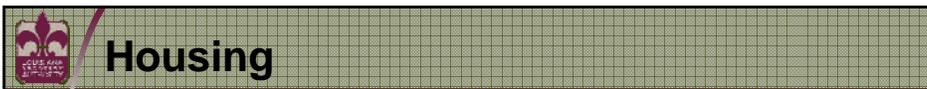
Rehabilitation

- Nonprofit Rebuilding Pilot Program
- Plaquemines Parish Homeowner Rehabilitation

Financing

- Housing Development Loan Fund
- Land Assembly Operations

- Building Code Enforcement



Housing

“I want people to know how good it feels, to be in my house and be four feet up. I feel secure. I know I made the right decision.”

Gwendolyn Lee, who used Road Home elevation funds to raise her Ninth Ward house four feet

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 **Housing**



“People may ask why I chose to stay in New Orleans, but the better question is why not stay? I grew up here; this is my place, so why leave?”

Paul Deckert, who received more than \$59,000 in HMGP elevation funds after elevating his New Orleans home 10 feet

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 **Housing**

“The [Small Rental] program allowed me to make the repairs needed without getting a loan, [allowing me] to offer affordable rents to people who need it. When I go to sleep at night, I know that my tenants have a quality roof over their heads that they can afford.”

Lieutenant Rickey Coleman, who received \$94,000 through the Small Rental Property Program to repair a duplex in the Jefferson Parish town of Gretna



 **Housing**



“As a result of the **Piggyback Program**, the Stonebridge Apartments opened in Abbeville in March 2009, offering our residents 250 high-quality, mixed-income rental units.

This new construction not only addressed our housing needs, but directly infused \$19.6 million in CDBG funds and \$17.7 million in GO Zone Housing tax credits into our recovering economy.”

Mark Piazza, Mayor, City of Abbeville, Vermilion Parish

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 **Housing**



“...being in my own cottage helps me feel better. I love it. There’s a park across the street; it’s like a dream come true. It’s better than anything I could have expected.”

Sheila Buggage, who evacuated New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina, settled in Texas and now lives in an **Alternative Housing Pilot Program** “Katrina Cottage” in Baton Rouge

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 **Housing**

“The LRA has ensured that local entities have had a voice in setting policy, and they have been open to pursuing new and innovative ideas.”

Ommeed Sathe, Director of Real Estate, New Orleans Redevelopment Authority



 **Economic Development**

- Louisiana Bridge Loan Program
- Small Firm Recovery Grant and Loan
- Technical Assistance to Small Firms
- Recovery Workforce Training
- Louisiana Tourism Marketing
- Research Commercialization/
Educational Enhancement

Economic Development



The Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) in New Iberia became an independent CASA chapter after receiving technical assistance from the Louisiana Association of Nonprofit Organizations, who had a **Technical Assistance for Small Firms** grant from the LRA.

“Creating this independent CASA branch was basically like starting a business. Without the help of LANO through their technical assistance grant, it would have taken much longer to accomplish.”
Robin Hedge, Executive Director, CASA Iberia

Page Hemphill, CASA advocate supervisor, prepares for a volunteer training session at their New Iberia office

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Economic Development

Commercial Fisherman **Samay Son** of Buras in Plaquemines Parish received \$80,000 in **Business Recovery Grant and Loan** assistance from the LRA



The Greater New Orleans Small Business Development Center assisted more than 500 fishermen with funding through the Technical Assistance for Small Firms program.

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 **Economic Development**

Research Commercialization and Educational Enhancement Program



Loyola University received \$498,000 to expand research in Chagas disease – a problem of major importance in Central and South America.

“We have trained 10 undergraduates in all aspects of scientific research. Students have co-authored scientific articles, have presented at national meetings and even collected kissing bugs in caves in Guatemala as part of the Chagas research.”

Dr. Patricia Dorn,
Loyola University biologist

Loyola undergraduate Jonathan Kurtz, now a graduate student at Tulane University, looks for kissing bugs in the caves of Guatemala as part of a workshop in the Tropical Medicine Research Scholars Program

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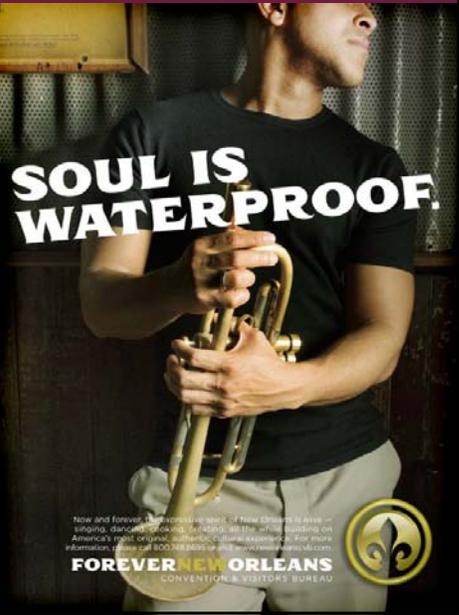
 **Economic Development**

Tourism Marketing Program

“[The ‘Forever New Orleans’ campaign] successfully overcame unprecedented brand impairment, and visitor numbers increased from 3.7 million and \$2.8 billion visitor spending in 2006 to 7.6 million and \$5.1 billion in 2008.

“Today, New Orleans once again is one of the most popular destinations in the country, and we are winning major meetings, conventions, festivals and special events.”

Stephen Perry, President and CEO
of the New Orleans Convention and Visitors Bureau



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Economic Development



Since the Healthcare Recovery Training System (HeaRTS) began in 2007 with **Workforce Recovery** funds from the LRA:

- **More than 2,000 workers** have entered healthcare training
- **1,673** have completed the program
- **1,180** were placed in the workforce
- **More than 500 participants** in the training were displaced by 2005 hurricanes
- **75 percent** were low to moderate income

Brooklyn Belanger (left) and Karmeka Sereal, HeaRTS students, check the vital signs of Gloria Auguster

“Our students know they are fulfilling a need and helping their community, while at the same time being given an opportunity to have a career they can build their lives on.”

Mimi Fuselier, Workforce Development and HeaRTS Director at the Southwest Louisiana Area Health Education Center

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Infrastructure

- Long Term Community Recovery
- Primary and Secondary Education
- Ratepayer Mitigation
- Local Government
- Fisheries Assistance
- Infrastructure Program Delivery

Infrastructure



Tangipahoa Parish first responders received \$525,000 for the purchase of more than 300 new 700MHz radios for use during emergencies.

The funds are part of the parish's allocation of CDBG recovery dollars through the LRA's **Long Term Community** program.

Benefitting from the new equipment will be (left to right): Hammond Fire Chief Paul Collura; Hammond City Mayor Mayson Foster; Director of Homeland Security Dawson Primes; Tangipahoa Parish President Gordon Burgess; Hammond Police Chief Roddy Devall; and City of Hammond Emergency Manager CPT John Thomas.

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Infrastructure



\$4 million in **Local Government** Infrastructure funds helped with the rebuilding and elevating of Cameron Memorial Hospital

“Being elevated the way we were [after Ike], we missed the big surge that gutted the hospital during Hurricane Rita. Our elevation is what saved us.”
Rita Simon, Cameron Memorial Hospital Administrator

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Infrastructure

Caneview Elementary in New Iberia is a new school that merged two schools destroyed by flooding as a result of Hurricane Rita.

Approximately \$304,000 in CDBG funds, through the **Primary & Secondary Education** program, were used to build casework in the classrooms and purchase student desks.



“This is a top-notch, state-of-the-art school, and it has positive impact on the students. This is a place they want to be, and where parents want their children to be.”
Caneview Principal Dorothy Small

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Infrastructure



“Hurricane Katrina set back the fishing industry in Plaquemines Parish...it obliterated the infrastructure that supported our fishing industry. That’s a major component of our economic base and culture.

“Our fishermen have been determined to overcome all of the recovery challenges, and we are grateful that CDBG funding made this project possible.”
Billy Nungesser, President Plaquemines Parish

*The Venice Shipyard received \$1.44 million through the LRA’s **Fisheries Infrastructure** program for construction and improvement of shipyard facilities.*

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FEMA Public Assistance

"This unit is a state-of-the-art dentist's office and mini-lab on wheels, providing our older citizens with critically needed dental services that safeguard their health and well being."
Mabel Blanche, DDS, director of mobile dental services for the City of New Orleans

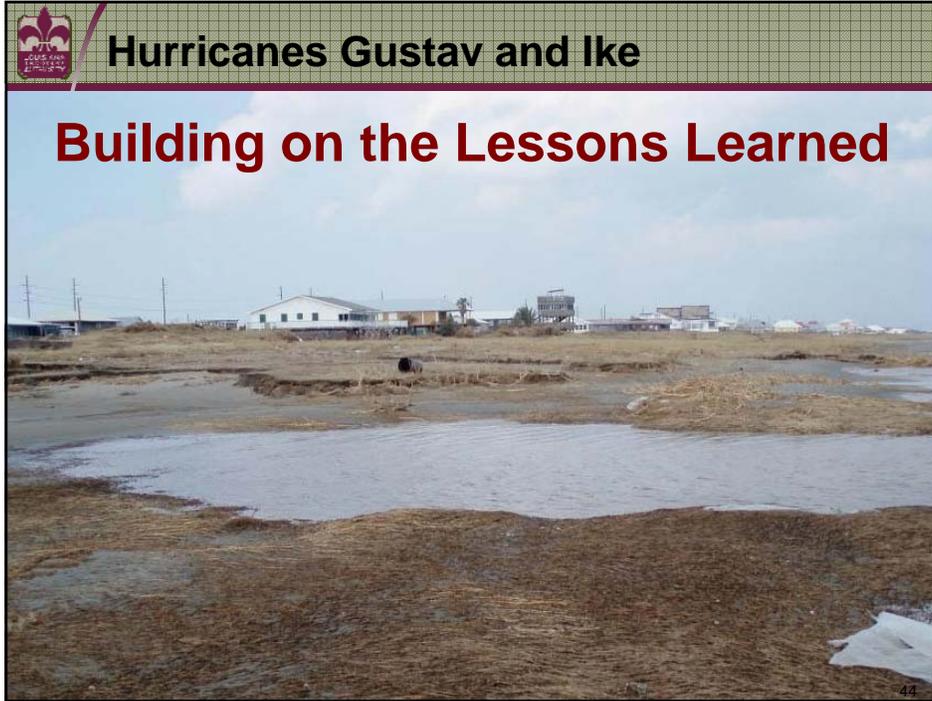
The 40-foot mobile dental clinic was purchased with \$434,388 in FEMA PA funds to replace two units destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.



Planning

- The **Parish Planning Capacity Building program** was developed to provide the parishes most affected by the 2005 storms with **additional resources for recovery planning** in the short term.
- It is a **three-year, \$3 million program** and was based on a) the cost of hiring a full-time planner and b) estimated damages for each parish.
- The state-funded **planners work closely with the LRA planning team** on recovery-related issues.

Parishes That Received Capacity Building Funds
Calcasieu
Cameron
Iberia
Jefferson
Lafourche
Orleans
Plaquemines
St. Bernard
St. Tammany
Tangipahoa
Terrebonne
Vermilion
Washington



Hurricanes Gustav and Ike	
	Impact of the Storms
Hurricane Gustav: September 1, 2008	53 parishes impacted
	51 lives lost
	12,000 – 13,000 homes flooded
Hurricane Ike: September 12, 2008	150,000 – 300,000 homes damaged
	\$8 - \$20 billion in physical damage
	\$5 billion in loss of economic activity
	More than \$1 billion in public infrastructure damage



Major Recovery Events

Sept. 15, 2008:
Gov. Jindal issues an Executive Order charging the LRA with leading the state's recovery from hurricanes Gustav and Ike

Oct. 9, 2008:
FEMA approves 100 percent federal cost share for 14 parishes affected by Hurricane Ike

Nov. 26, 2008:
Louisiana receives \$438 million in federal funds for recovery from hurricanes Gustav and Ike

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Major Recovery Events

Jan. 9, 2009:
LRA submits its first Gustav/Ike Action Plan to HUD for approval

March 2009:
HUD approves Action Plan 1

June 10, 2009:
Louisiana receives an additional \$620 million in CDBG funding for recovery from the 2008 storms; brings the total to \$1.058 billion

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 **Major Recovery Events**

June 10, 2009:
Terrebonne Parish is the first to submit its Parish Recovery Proposal to the state

July 2009:
HUD approves Action Plan Amendment 1

September 2009:
HUD approves Action Plan Amendment 2

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 **Major Recovery Events**

December 2009:
The first Gustav/Ike funds are disbursed more than 1,000 farmers and agribusiness owners through the Farmers and Agribusiness Loan and Grant Program

Dec. 31, 2009:
HUD approves Action Plan Amendment 3

Gov. Bobby Jindal visits with Ken Thornhill, a sweet potato farmer from Franklin Parish in northern Louisiana, who received more than \$36,000 in grants and loans to aid in the recovery of his farm.



 **Recovery Results**

- More than **\$41.7 billion** in CDBG funds invested
- **\$570 billion** in FEMA Public Assistance dollars disbursed
- More than **\$945,000** has been disbursed **per day since** Hurricane Gustav made landfall on **Sept. 1, 2008**

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 **Recovery Results**

- **\$565.5 million** of the total \$1.058 billion **dedicated to the 53 impacted parishes**
- **48** of 53 **Parish Recovery Proposals** received; **37 approved**
- **16 parish-level program applications** submitted; **seven approved**

The City of Baker in East Baton Rouge Parish used \$300,000 of its \$1.5 million allocation to purchase a new fire truck, replacing one that was heavily damaged as a result of Hurricane Gustav.





Recovery Results

- **First Gustav/Ike CDBG dollars disbursed** through the Farm and Agribusiness Loan and Grant program **in late 2009**
- **Five additional state-level programs in progress:**
 - Fisheries
 - Community Resiliency
 - Affordable Rental
 - Piggyback Rental Permanent Supportive Housing
 - Municipalities Infrastructure

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Parish and State Recovery Programs

Program	Allocation	Percent of Total
Allocation to Parishes	\$565.5 million	53.42%
Affordable Rental Housing	\$118.6 million	11.2%
Nonprofit Homeowner Rehab	\$5 million	0.47%
Economic Development Infrastructure	\$80 million	7.56%
Economic Revitalization	\$40 million	3.78%
Municipal Infrastructure	\$30 million	2.83%
Interoperable Communications	\$17.1 million	2.09%
Disaster Recovery State Cost-Share Reserves	\$20 million	1.89%
Comprehensive Resiliency	\$10 million	0.94%
Agriculture	\$59.77 million	5.65%
Fisheries	\$27.4 million	2.59%
Fisheries Modernization	\$5 million	0.47%
Coastal Restoration	\$27.4 million	2.59%
Admin, Planning & Technical Assistance	\$52.9 million	5%
Total	\$1.058 billion	100%

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