Louisiana Office of Community Development
Disaster Recovery

Jumpstarting Your Disaster Recovery

Jeff Haley | *Deputy Executive Director*

1

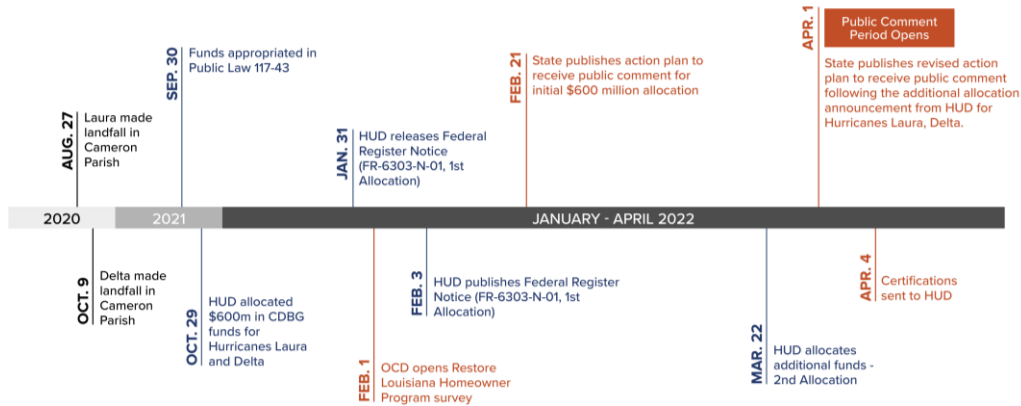# State of Louisiana's Allocations for 2020 and 2021 Federally Declared Disasters

Louisiana has been allocated more than $3.1 billion for all eligible storms.

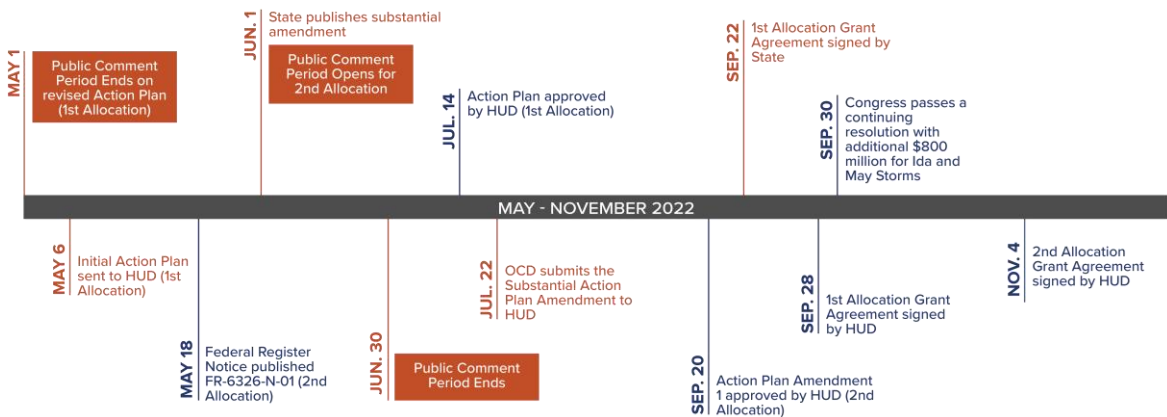| Qualifying **Event**	Grant Agreement Signed By HUD	Funding Allocation
Hurricane **Laura**	First Allocation of $600M: September 28, 2022	$1 billion
Hurricane **Delta**	**Second Allocation of $450M: November 4, 2022**	
May **Severe Storms**	First Allocation of $1.2B: November 4, 2022	$2.1 billion
Hurricane **Ida**	Second Allocation of $831M: September 28, 2023	

2

Disaster Funding Timeline

AUG. 27 Laura made landfall in Cameron Parish

SEP. 30 Funds appropriated in Public Law 117-43

JAN. 31 HUD releases Federal Register Notice (FR-6303-N-01, 1st Allocation)

FEB. 21 State publishes action plan to receive public comment for initial $600 million allocation

APR. 1 Public Comment Period Opens

State publishes revised action plan to receive public comment following the additional allocation announcement from HUD for Hurricanes Laura, Delta.

2020 | 2021 | JANUARY - APRIL 2022

OCT. 9 Delta made landfall in Cameron Parish

OCT. 29 HUD allocated $600m in CDBG funds for Hurricanes Laura and Delta

FEB. 3 HUD publishes Federal Register Notice (FR-6303-N-01, 1st Allocation)

FEB. 1 OCD opens Restore Louisiana Homeowner Program survey

MAR. 22 HUD allocates additional funds - 2nd Allocation

APR. 4 Certifications sent to HUD

Louisiana Office of Community Development — Disaster Recovery Unit   3

3

Disaster Funding Timeline

MAY 1 Public Comment Period Ends on revised Action Plan (1st Allocation)

JUN. 1 State publishes substantial amendment

Public Comment Period Opens for 2nd Allocation

JUL. 14 Action Plan approved by HUD (1st Allocation)

SEP. 22 1st Allocation Grant Agreement signed by State

SEP. 30 Congress passes a continuing resolution with additional $800 million for Ida and May Storms

MAY - NOVEMBER 2022

MAY 6 Initial Action Plan sent to HUD (1st Allocation)

MAY 18 Federal Register Notice published FR-6326-N-01 (2nd Allocation)

JUN. 30 Public Comment Period Ends

JUL. 22 OCD submits the Substantial Action Plan Amendment to HUD

SEP. 20 Action Plan Amendment 1 approved by HUD (2nd Allocation)

SEP. 28 1st Allocation Grant Agreement signed by HUD

NOV. 4 2nd Allocation Grant Agreement signed by HUD

Louisiana Office of Community Development — Disaster Recovery Unit   4

4

Taking Proactive Measures

Survey Launched
February 1, 2022

FRN Published
February 3, 2022

Action Plan Submitted
May 6, 2022

Action Plan Approved
July 14, 2022

Applications Opened
August 24, 2022

Grant Agreement Signed
September 29, 2022

JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC

> Through its experience administering recovery programs throughout the state, LOCD-DR has been able to leverage lessons learned and implement best practices to more effectively and efficiently launch programs that provide Louisiana communities with **critical recovery assistance**.

Louisiana Office of Community Development — Disaster Recovery Unit

5

5

2020-2021 Program Allocations

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS	
Small Business Loan and Grant Program	ALLOCATED: $96.15M
	DISBURSED: $34.26M

INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMS	
Nonfederal Share Match Program	ALLOCATED: $240.79M
	DISBURSED: $0
HMGP Global Match Program	ALLOCATED: $77.33M
	DISBURSED: $0
Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program	ALLOCATED: $465M
	DISBURSED: $573,370
Local and Regional Watershed Projects and Program	ALLOCATED: $20M
	DISBURSED: $0

ADMIN + PLANNING: $136.47M
($2.2M DISBURSED)

HOUSING PROGRAMS			
Soft Second Mortgage Assistance	ALLOCATED: $15M	Permanent Supportive Housing Program (PSHP)	ALLOCATED: $31M
	DISBURSED: $1.4M		DISBURSED: $0
Middle-Market Loan Program (MMLP)	ALLOCATED: $60M	FMA-SWIFT (Non-Federal Share Match)	ALLOCATED: $3M
	DISBURSED: $273,940		DISBURSED: $
PRIME (Piggyback) Program	ALLOCATED: $722.95M	Housing Buyouts	ALLOCATED: $100M
	DISBURSED: $35.6M		DISBURSED: $0
Rapid Rehousing Program	ALLOCATED: $25M	Restore Louisiana Homeowner Assistance Program	ALLOCATED: $1.07B
	DISBURSED: $2.48M		DISBURSED: $527.57M
Rental Restoration and Development Program (RRDP)	ALLOCATED: $40M	Interim Housing Program	ALLOCATED: $20M
	DISBURSED: $1.09M		DISBURSED: $5.98M
Flood Insurance Program	ALLOCATED: $1.5M	Homeless and Housing Stability Development Program	ALLOCATED: $26M
	DISBURSED: $1.34M		DISBURSED: $0

Louisiana Office of Community Development — Disaster Recovery Unit

6

6

Where We Are Today:
Louisiana Restore Homeowner Program

- **20,740** applications submitted, representing **81%** of the invited population.

- Of the applications submitted, only **262** applications, or **1%,** are still pending grant determination.

- There has been a total of **12,742** grant awards offered to homeowners, totaling **$930,376,429.16**.

- Of those, **10,377** homeowners have closed on their grant agreements, obligating **$761,741,300.54**.

Grant Awards Offered:	Funding Disbursed:	Average Award Amount:
$930,376,429.16	**$373,757,719.62**	**$72,981**

Number of Projects Completed as of Sept. 2, 2024: **6,983**

How We Got Here

Action Plan Development – Determining Unmet Needs

- Referenced previous Federal Register Notices from prior appropriations to **anticipate guidance**

- In referencing previous FRNs, we were able to proactively develop the framework for the state's action plan ahead of time

- The state immediately began **citizen engagement efforts** following the 2020 disasters to gather data regarding impacts and unmet needs, beginning with local officials and personnel in the impacted communities.

- As part of the action plan process, the state used best available data sources to analyze **unmet needs** in impacted communities throughout the state.

- Detailed analyses of **losses sustained** and other available resources (FEMA, HUD, SBA) help us determine the dollar thresholds associated with damage in housing, infrastructure and economic revitalization.

- Review previous programs that can be refined for second iteration

How We Got Here

Program Survey

- To help determine **prioritization** for program assistance, the survey included questions related to:
  - Household income
  - Homeowner age
  - Whether any member of the household has a disability
  - Assistance applied for and/or received from other federal sources (FEMA, SBA, etc.)
  - Assistance received from insurance providers
  - Whether the damaged home's repairs are complete or incomplete
- The survey made the application process **more efficient** as every homeowner had their information pre-populated in the system.
- Along with streamlining the process for inviting potentially eligible homeowners to apply for assistance, information provided in the survey helped the program continue analyzing unmet needs along with beginning the ERR.

Louisiana Office of Community Development — Disaster Recovery Unit   9

9

How We Got Here

Data Tools

Data

- Prior to the official program launch, the state's software services partner was able to embed **FEMA IA data** into the program survey submission portal.
- Since applying for FEMA Individual Assistance was a criteria for the Restore Louisiana Homeowner Assistance Program, populating this information into the portal ensured that only those homeowners who met this baseline criteria were able to submit the initial survey.
- This allowed the program to phase assistance, prioritizing the **most vulnerable**.

Louisiana Office of Community Development — Disaster Recovery Unit   10
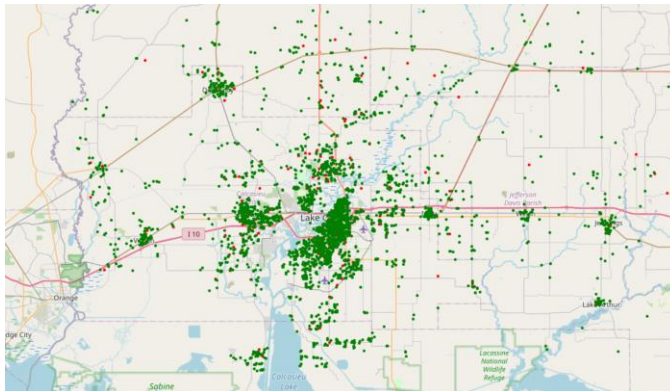
10

How We Got Here

Data Tools (continued)

Heat Maps

- Helped us assess and adapt our targeted outreach efforts for **enhanced efficiency**
- Allowed us to implement a data-driven approach and involved constantly assessing our datasets and analyzing our mapping tool to **identify gaps and gauge success**. Our maps used the FEMA IA dataset to reach the population most likely to qualify for program assistance, encouraging them to complete the initial program survey.
- Through all our efforts, we were able to see on a map where our efforts were most effective—or where we needed to direct more attention.

Louisiana Office of Community Development — Disaster Recovery Unit 11

Heat Maps Demonstrated

Surveys Remaining in Calcasieu Parish (Green)

Louisiana Office of Community Development — Disaster Recovery Unit 12

Heat Maps Demonstrated

LMI Surveys Remaining in Calcasieu Parish (Black)
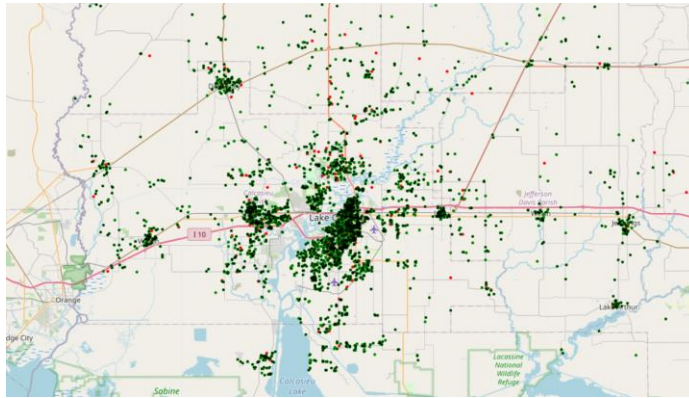
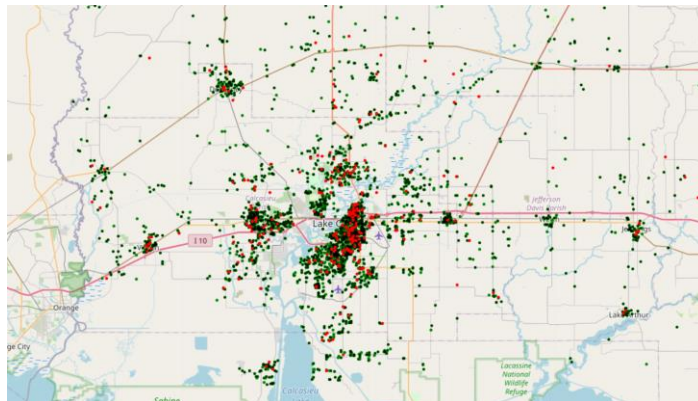Louisiana Office of Community Development — Disaster Recovery Unit

13

13

Heat Maps Demonstrated

Applications Remaining in Calcasieu Parish (Red)

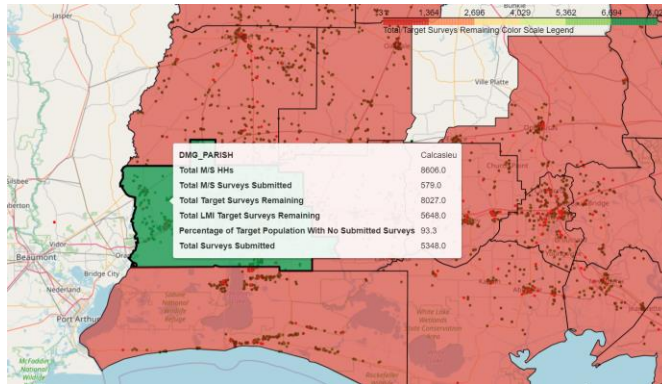Louisiana Office of Community Development — Disaster Recovery Unit

14

14

Heat Maps Demonstrated

Parish View – Target Remaining

15

Louisiana Office of
Community Development
Disaster Recovery

Thank You

Jeff Haley | Deputy Executive Director

16