

Louisiana Office of Community Development

**Disaster Recovery** 

## **Key Connections**

Strengthening Disaster Housing Strategies Across the U.S.

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### **Pre-Disaster Housing Initiative**



#### Launched in 2023

#### PDHI helps states:

- Maintain and continually improve their pre-disaster housing frameworks or plans.
- Build relationships with other emergency management and housing agencies across the country.
- Share best practices and lessons learned that can be applied to states' own housing frameworks or plans.



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#### **Pre-Disaster Housing Initiative**



Each state faces similar housing recovery challenges after disasters, but no single state can solve these issues alone.



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#### **Communication**





Bringing FEMA & HUD to the table enables **real-time problem-solving** across the board.

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#### **Collaboration**





With four total states in the cohort, allows real opportunity to understand how different states approach disaster recovery and their barriers

- Storms-Floods-Fires
- Size of the Grant (Admin vs. ADC)
- Program Design
- State Agency Structures

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#### Customization





Each state tailors its project to its own needs, ensuring practical solutions that can be implemented:

- The Louisiana Disaster Housing Strategy.
  - <u>Framework</u>: Historical context and background
  - Rules: General guidelines and standards
  - <u>Practice</u>: Moving from plan to implementation

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#### **Competitive Edge**





By refining the PDHI cohort experience, states gain a **stronger position to establish effective practices** to help their respective communities.

- Assess the appropriate stakeholders needed.
- Assign actionable tasks for all stakeholder levels.
- Align efforts consistently across Federal agencies.
- Assure consistency of shareable data.

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#### **Looking Ahead**





# **Connectivity** is critical for long-term success.

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# Thank you.