



Louisiana Office of
Community Development
Disaster Recovery

Model Economic Revitalization and Mitigation Activities

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About LOCD

The Louisiana Office of Community Development – Disaster Recovery (LOCD-DR) is the grantee and administrator of disaster recovery funds in the state of Louisiana.

The Louisiana Office of Community Development – Local Government Assistance (LOCD-LGA) is dedicated to strengthening Louisiana’s communities from the ground up.

RESTORE LOUISIANA	LOUISIANA WATERSHED INITIATIVE	RESTORE LOUISIANA PROGRAM Homeowner Assistance
Louisiana Homeowner Assistance Fund	Louisiana Emergency Rental Assistance Program	LASAFE Louisiana's Strategic Adaptation for Future Environments
The RoadHome Building a safer, stronger, smarter Louisiana	ISLE DE JEAN CHARLES RESETTLEMENT	Buyout and Incentive Programs

- Types of Programs ADMINISTERED**
- Buyouts and Resettlements
 - Immediate and Temporary Housing
 - Disaster Recovery Programs
 - Small Business Recovery Programs
 - Homeowner Assistance
 - Provision of Public Services
 - Rental Assistance
 - Resilience and Mitigation
 - Long-Term Recovery Planning
 - Infrastructure Recovery Programs
 - Public Facilities
 - Economic Development
 - Local Government Assistance

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CDBG-DR and MIT Funding

Disaster Recovery			Mitigation
\$13.4B HURRICANES KATRINA AND RITA	\$1.09B HURRICANES GUSTAV AND IKE	\$2.1B HURRICANE IDA AND MAY 2021 FLOOD	\$1.2B LOUISIANA WATERSHED INITIATIVE
\$64.4M HURRICANE ISAAC	\$1.7B GREAT FLOODS OF 2016	\$117.9M HURRICANE FRANCINE	\$92.6M NATIONAL DISASTER RESILIENCE COMPETITION (MIT)
\$1.05B HURRICANES LAURA AND DELTA			

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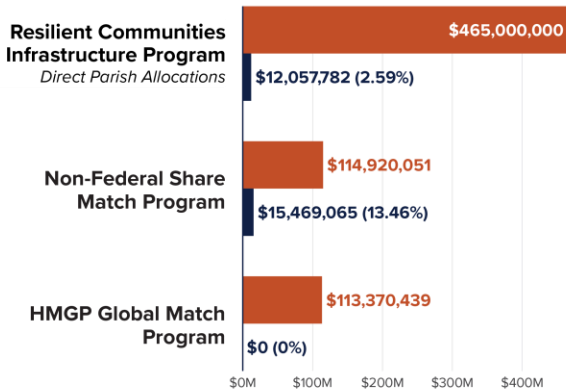
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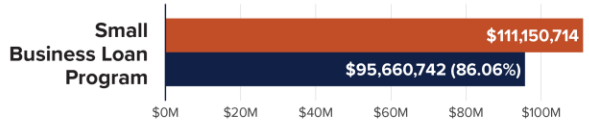
HURRICANES LAURA, DELTA, IDA AND MAY SEVERE STORMS 2020-2021 Program Allocations



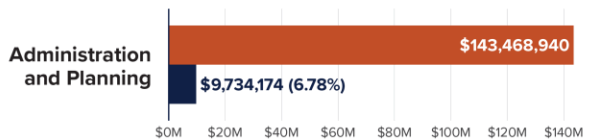
INFRASTRUCTURE:



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:



ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING:



■ Funds Allocated ■ Funds Expended

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Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program

The Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program addresses unmet mitigation, business growth, economic and infrastructure recovery needs and improves resilient community planning. The goal of this program is to reduce overall risk to the population and structures from future hazard events while also reducing reliance on federal funding in future disasters.

TOTAL ALLOCATION:

\$465M

- All project applications were required to demonstrate resilience and mitigation factors in design and implementation of the proposed project.
- The program requires construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation projects to meet the definition of mitigation. Mitigation activities are defined as those activities that increase resilience to disasters and reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, suffering and hardship by lessening the impact of future disasters.

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RCIP Project Highlights:

JEFFERSON PARISH



JEDCO Food Incubator

- Project will address the need for commercial kitchen space and technical support for small food and beverage businesses, addressing a gap exacerbated by Hurricane Ida.
- The storm closed the Edible Enterprises Food Incubator, leaving local entrepreneurs without necessary resources.
- The project aims to revitalize the local food and beverage industry, support recover, and drive economic growth on the West Bank of Jefferson Parish.

Distressed Corridors Gretna/Kenner

- Jefferson Parish, including Kenner and Gretna, was heavily impacted by Hurricane Ida, with winds up to 150 mph causing extensive damage to business storefronts.
- Many buildings were not built to withstand such storms, leading to significant repair costs and ongoing dilapidation.
- The Façade Improvement Program will fund businesses to upgrade storefronts and signage, to increase resilience and reduce future damages from extreme weather.
- Improvements will attract businesses and customers, revitalizing the area.

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RCIP Project Highlights

Tangipahoa Parish, Historical Commercial Districts Revitalization

The project aims to revitalize old commercial districts in Tangipahoa Parish.

- Efforts will:
 - Improve public infrastructure
 - Enhance historic buildings
 - Create safer sidewalks and street lighting, and
 - Boost economic activity by encouraging private businesses to locate or expand.

Terrebonne Parish, Small Business Incubator

Through a strategic partnership with Fletcher Technical Community College and Terrebonne Economic Development Authority (TEDA), the incubator will support small businesses.

- The incubator will offer guidance on:
 - Loan applications
 - Business skills development
 - Technical assistance

City of New Orleans, Food Business Incubator

Provides food entrepreneurs in New Orleans with access to commercial kitchen space, specialized equipment, and business technical assistance.

- Aims to support food-based businesses while creating and preserving jobs, particularly for low-to-moderate income (LMI) business owners.

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Small Business Loan Program



The Small Business Loan Program provides partially forgivable, zero percent interest loans for non-construction expenses to eligible small businesses and non-profits affected by eligible 2020-21 disaster events.

Participating non-profit lender partners implement and administer the lending program to assist impacted businesses and non-profits.

LENDING PARTNERS:

- South Central Planning and Development Commission
- Regional Loan Corp
- North Delta Regional Planning and Development District
- NewCorp, Inc.



[Restore Louisiana Small Business Loan Program Helps Local Business With Hurricane Recovery](#)

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Small Business Loan Program

To qualify for a loan, businesses must have met the following criteria:

- 1-50 full-time employees (35 hours or more per week)
- Open at the time of the disaster event (meaning the business was in operation)
- Minimum \$25,000 in annual gross revenues before the disaster event
- Located in an eligible parish
- Experienced either a financial or physical loss as a result of one of 2020-2021 disaster events

Current Allocation: \$111.1M			
Funds Obligated: \$111.1M	Funds Disbursed (Loan Assistance): \$87.9M	Average Award Amount \$137,739	Number of Loans Processed: 638

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*updates as of 4/30/2025

PRO Louisiana



Professional Resilience Occupations (PRO)

PRO Louisiana is a workforce development program that funds training courses for occupations critical to the state’s flood recovery and resilience efforts. The goal is to develop a skilled statewide workforce that will support the state’s flood risk reduction projects and build up Louisiana’s long-term resilience.

Training for a Resilient Future

In partnership with the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, PRO Louisiana is providing training for heavy equipment operators.

PRO LOUISIANA
PROFESSIONAL RESILIENCE OCCUPATIONS

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PRO Louisiana

In partnership with the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, PRO Louisiana courses offer training for Heavy Equipment Operations and Commercial Driver’s License

COLLEGES OFFERING PRO LOUISIANA COURSES:

- Baton Rouge Community College
- Central Louisiana Technical College
- Louisiana Delta Community College
- Northshore Technical Community College
- Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College
- South Louisiana Community College
- Bossier Parish Community College
- River Parish Community College
- SOWELA Technical Community College

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PRO Implementation

NORTHSHORE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE



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LOUISIANA DELTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



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