

FEMA: Week in Review



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Announcements

FEMA DOLLARS FUND NEW LOUISIANA SPCA FACILITY IN NEW ORLEANS

The Federal Emergency Management Agency recently announced nearly **\$8 million** in consolidated funding to the Louisiana Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, allowing the private, nonprofit to construct their new animal control facility on higher ground.



Pre-Katrina, the Louisiana SPCA's animal control facility, which provided care and basic medical services for homeless animals, was located at 1319 Japonica Street in New Orleans. During the storm, the building sustained significant damages—both from wind and floodwaters.

"Given the level of damages at their original facility, the Louisiana SPCA asked us if they could utilize FEMA funding to build their post-Katrina facility at a new location—one that makes them less vulnerable to future flooding. Our recent grant approves this request, supporting not only their recovery efforts, but preparedness efforts as well," said FEMA's Louisiana Recovery Office Deputy Director of Programs Andre Cadogan.

Through FEMA's grant, the Louisiana SPCA plans to construct their new, animal control facility at 1700 Mardi Gras Boulevard, which—because of its proximity to the riverbank—is on higher ground within New Orleans. While its space configuration and capacity will be different than before (since it qualified as an improved project under FEMA's Public Assistance Program), the new animal control building will replace the same function of the pre-Katrina facility.

In total, including recent funding for the Louisiana SPCA, FEMA has provided approximately **\$1.3 billion** in public assistance grants to date to nonprofit organizations across the state for recovery efforts related to hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

FEMA, in Partnership With NOAA, Announces Mobile Wireless Emergency Alerting Capabilities to be Available Nationwide Through Participating Carriers

The 2012 Hurricane Season began June 1, and FEMA is providing additional tools for federal, state, local, tribal and territorial officials to alert and warn the public about severe weather. The Commercial Mobile Alert System, or CMAS, which is a part of FEMA's Integrated Public Alert and Warning System, will be used to deliver Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) to carriers for distribution to the public.



Only authorized federal, state, local, tribal or territorial officials can send WEA alerts to the public. As with all new cellular services, it will take time for upgrades in infrastructure, coverage and handset technology to allow WEA alerts to reach all cellular customers. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact FEMA's Intergovernmental Affairs Division at (202)646-3444 or FEMA-IGA@fema.dhs.gov.

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Calendar



June 12-14: LA-SAFE Fusion Liaison Officer Conference, Metairie, La.

June 20: HUD Grant Writing and Capacity Building Workshop, New Orleans, La.

August 2-4: 2012 Louisiana Municipal Association Conference, Lake Charles, La.

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How to Prepare for Hurricane Season

- Learn about evacuation routes and have a destination in mind before you leave.
- Pack important supplies such as nonperishable food, a multi-day supply of any necessary medications and supplies for small children and pets.
- Stock up on batteries and have a hand-cranked radio and flashlight available.
- If a storm does hit, stay away from downed power lines. Never use a generator indoors.

Housing Update

Gustav/Ike: 1 unit

