



FEMA

Hurricanes Gustav and Ike A Year of Progress for Louisiana

*Accomplishments in Louisiana**

Public Assistance

More than \$53 million in emergency public assistance funding and \$609 million in permanent public assistance funding, in these sectors:

- ◆ Utilities: \$76.8 million
- ◆ Public Infrastructure: \$24.7 million
- ◆ Education: \$6.7 million
- ◆ Health Care: \$1.3 million

Individual Assistance

In total, 83,443 residents received \$280.5 million in Individual Assistance funding.

- ◆ 28,595 applicants received rental assistance. Just 18 applicants currently receive rental assistance.
- ◆ 63,865 applicants received other needs assistance: medical, dental, funeral, personal property, transportation, moving and storage, and other expenses authorized by law.
- ◆ 648 households were provided temporary housing units. 536 households remain, with most of them finishing repairs on their hurricane-damaged homes.

* September 13, 2008 – September 8, 2009

Public Assistance Pilot Program

The Public Assistance Pilot Program was an innovative test program, coordinated closely among FEMA, the Louisiana Recovery Authority (LRA), the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) and local applicants. It offered a flexible, alternate method for obtaining federal disaster assistance. More than 350 recovery projects were administered under the program before the Dec. 31, 2008 deadline.

Participation in the PA Pilot Program was voluntary for state and local governments interested in receiving expedited federal assistance for debris removal operations and the repair, restoration and replacement of damaged facilities. More than \$195 million has been approved for hurricanes Gustav and Ike recovery operations for 178 state and local applicants.

“On the first anniversary of Hurricane Ike, DHS remains committed to ensuring Louisiana has the resources necessary to revitalize the impacted communities as quickly and effectively as possible. Under the strong leadership of FEMA Administrator Fugate and employees across the country, the Department of Homeland Security continues to work closely with our federal, state and local partners towards rebuilding the Gulf Coast.”

DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano

In the year since Hurricanes Gustav and Ike made landfall within two weeks of one another, considerable progress has been made toward recovery in Louisiana, due in large part to the collaborative efforts of all levels of government, the private sector and individuals. More than \$889.7 million in federal assistance has been approved to help the State of Louisiana, and the residents, businesses and communities that suffered damages from Hurricanes Ike and Gustav. FEMA recognizes that there is still work to be done to further support Louisiana's recovery. Under the direction of FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate, the agency has redoubled its efforts to provide the resources, support and coordination necessary to speed the pace of recovery.

Public Assistance

Committed to strengthening the rebuilding process in Louisiana, FEMA obligated more than \$662 million in Public Assistance funding last year. Funds will help Louisiana students get back into their schools, restore the availability of healthcare in affected areas and repair public infrastructure damaged by the hurricane. Notable Public Assistance projects include:

- ◆ \$44.4 million to the Louisiana Office of Emergency Preparedness to reimburse 40 states that provided emergency support during Hurricane Gustav. Louisiana used labor, equipment and materials from these states in the form of both National Guard and Civilian Mission Assignments to support local response efforts.
- ◆ \$76.2 million to 58 parishes statewide for Hurricanes Gustav- and Ike-related electrical, water distribution, and sewerage infrastructure repairs.
- ◆ \$28.0 million to the city of Baton Rouge for various emergency protective measures throughout the community, including debris removal, mold remediation and emergency repair work.
- ◆ \$57.9 million to East Baton Rouge Parish for debris removal operations throughout the parish related to Hurricane Gustav
- ◆ \$36.5 million to the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry for pet sheltering, emergency fuel and fuel management during Hurricane Gustav
- ◆ \$82.8 million to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for Hurricane Gustav debris removal, labor and equipment
- ◆ \$2.0 million to Cameron Parish for Ike-related repairs to the Muria Fire Station, Cameron Dock and the Creole Multi-Purpose Building

Recovery Resource Fairs

FEMA, along with the Office of the Federal Coordinator for Gulf Coast Rebuilding, the Louisiana Recovery Authority (LRA) and the Office of Community Development, brought together more than 600 government officials and representatives of nonprofit agencies at four Recovery Resource Fairs. The fairs in Houma, Lake Charles, Monroe and Gonzales provided solid facts about the recovery dollars available through state and federal agencies. Participating agencies included FEMA, the LRA, the U.S. Small Business Administration, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Louisiana Economic Development Department and many others.

With all parties gathered under one roof, representatives were able to engage in constructive information sharing and discussions that clarified the funding process and streamlined recovery.

“I have been very impressed with the speed and professionalism shown by FEMA, specifically the public assistance coordinator and project specialist in the preparation and the approval of the project worksheets for the port’s repair work.”

Roy Pontiff
Executive Director of the Port of
Iberia

Individual Assistance



FEMA Individual Assistance specialists assist Terrebonne Parish residents at the Mobile Disaster Recovery Center

\$280.5 million in Individual Assistance funding was provided to 83,443 residents to help with their recovery efforts. From rental assistance to personal property grants, assisting with transportation and helping with medical and dental expenses, FEMA has been working to help disaster victims recover as quickly as possible. An additional \$1.4 million in Louisiana Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) was provided to eligible residents who lost their jobs because of Gustav or Ike, enabling them to continue to care for their families.

Because housing is a top priority following any disaster, FEMA partnered with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide the Disaster Housing Assistance Program (DHAP), offering up to 18 months of rental assistance and intensive case management to more than 6,000 families displaced by

Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. In addition, 1,100 households were housed in hotels or motels, and another 635 were leased into temporary housing units for longer term housing needs.

Community Disaster Loans

FEMA awarded nearly \$13.2 million in Community Disaster Loans to five Louisiana communities for their recovery efforts from Hurricane Gustav, including maximum loans of \$5 million to the Cameron Parish School Board and St. Bernard Parish Government. These loans provide much needed funding to communities to help maintain essential services in the aftermath of a disaster.

Working with Communities

FEMA worked closely with local Louisiana communities to provide needed services and funding in the aftermath of Hurricanes Ike and Gustav.



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To see these and more videos on Hurricanes Gustav and Ike progress, visit FEMA’s media library at: http://www.fema.gov/medialibrary/media_records/1023. Scroll down on the library for Gustav and Ike collections.