

Mississippi Hurricane Katrina

A Decade of Progress through Partnerships

George County



It's been almost ten years since Hurricane Katrina left widespread destruction in Mississippi. In less than 24 hours, more than **234,000** homes in the state were damaged or destroyed and more than **one million people** – a third of the state's population – were affected by the historic storm.

In George County, FEMA provided **\$12.5 million** to individuals and families for rebuilding homes, temporary housing, replacing lost property, medical bills and funeral expenses.

Public Assistance funds were disbursed for numerous projects across George County, totaling **\$2.4 million** in grants. In partnership with the state of Mississippi, FEMA provided George County with Hazard Mitigation Grants for community safe rooms, warning sirens and generators.

Today, with the Hurricane Katrina recovery mission nearly complete, Mississippi's new and rebuilt infrastructure will be **less vulnerable** to future storms than in 2005.



Benndale Shelter

Highway 26 West, Lucedale, Miss. 39452

Hurricane Katrina — Aug. 29, 2005

George County

Population: 22, 500

Nearly \$33 million in FEMA and SBA assistance to county residents

“Hurricane Katrina was a storm of such historic magnitude that it took everything we had, truly dedicated teamwork and creative solutions to recover from it. FEMA was there to assist the state of Mississippi from day one, and we have a strong and genuine partnership with them. Today, we can see the results of our recovery efforts all across the state. We have come a long way, and we did it all working together.”

- Robert Latham, Executive Director - Mississippi Emergency Management Agency

\$2.4 million
Public Assistance
obligations for projects in
George County

\$12.5 million
Individual Assistance
provided to survivors

4,336
Survivors assisted with
housing and other needs

Nearly \$3.5 million
Hazard Mitigation Grant
Program funding for projects

100 percent
FEMA has paid 100% of the
cost share for Public
Assistance and up to
100 percent for Hazard
Mitigation projects

396
Temporary Housing Units for
displaced families

\$15.1 million
U.S. Small Business
Administration low-interest
disaster loans to survivors
and businesses



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