

Hurricane Katrina

A Decade of Progress through Partnerships

Hancock Medical Center

149 Drinkwater Blvd., Bay St. Louis, Miss. 39521

Applicant: Hancock Medical Center
Hancock County

FEMA Funding: **\$40.6 million**

BACKGROUND: Located in Bay Saint Louis and established in 1960, the Hancock Medical Center is a not-for-profit institution owned by the county. The hospital – serving a population of more than 44,000 residents – provides the community with 24-hour emergency care, as well as a variety of outpatient services such as cardiology, imaging and physical therapy.



THE DAMAGE: In the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, dedicated Hancock Medical Center staff members provided emergency medical care to disaster survivors. The medical center was the most heavily damaged care facility on the Mississippi coast, sustaining a 32-foot surge of storm water. Among the losses: power generators flooded, medical records were lost, vital health and office equipment was destroyed. Due to the extensive damage, the hospital was required to close.

FEMA FUNDING: The Hancock Medical Center received **\$40.6 million** in Public Assistance funds to replace its contents and restore the damaged medical buildings. To protect the medical center from future storms, the applicant constructed a floodwall protection system consisting of walls, flood barriers and an emergency de-watering system. Additionally, the air condition system and the emergency power generator have been elevated.



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