Rebuilding Stronger Communities Across Mississippi

It’s been almost ten years since Hurricane Katrina left widespread destruction along the Mississippi Coast. In less than 24 hours, more than 234,000 homes were damaged or destroyed and the Federal Emergency Management Agency faced the largest housing mission in its history. More than **one million people** – a third of the state’s population – were affected by the storm.

In the last decade, nearly **$1.3 billion** of FEMA assistance helped Katrina survivors repair and rebuild their homes and find a temporary place to live. Another **$3.1 billion** was spent cleaning up massive amounts of debris, repairing schools, hospitals, roads, historic buildings and beaches. Other improvements can be seen in new statewide emergency safe rooms to protect the public and first responders.

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

**Nearly $1.3 billion**
Individual Assistance provided to survivors

**Nearly 274,000**
Survivors assisted with housing and other needs

**$3.1 billion**
Public Assistance obligations to the state

**$314.7 million**
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding obligated for projects

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

**$2.6 billion**
U.S. Small Business Administration low-interest disaster loans to survivors and businesses

**$2.5 billion**
Total National Flood Insurance Program payments to policyholders

**82**
Counties and Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians have approved hazard mitigation plans
Individual Assistance

Helping Survivors!

After Hurricane Katrina, nearly 274,000 individuals and households in Mississippi received financial assistance from FEMA. Nearly $1.3 billion in federal funds were spent to help individuals and families meet their basic needs and begin to recover. Additionally, $1.5 billion was spent to provide temporary housing units for families displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

More than 126,000 families received rental assistance – with more than 45,000 families provided with a temporary housing unit.

Public Assistance

Cleaning up / Protecting People & Property / Repairing & Rebuilding Infrastructure

Debris Removal/Emergency Protective Measures: More than $1.15 billion has been obligated to protect people and property, and clean up debris.

Health Care: More than $50 million has been obligated to rebuild and improve hospitals and other health care facilities in disaster-affected areas.

Education: More than $334 million has been obligated to the State of Mississippi for K-12 public schools and universities, including new and better facilities to provide students safe and productive learning environments.

Public Works/Utilities: Nearly $901.6 million obligated for public works. The current infrastructure project underway in the City of Biloxi is the largest Public Assistance project in Mississippi following Hurricane Katrina. FEMA obligated over $363 million for this project.

Other Public Infrastructure: More than $84 million has been obligated to repair and renew roads and bridges.

Public Safety and Protection: More than $33 million has been obligated for the restoration of fire and police stations, court houses and corrections facilities.

Historical Structures: More than $129 million has been obligated for the state of Mississippi to restore historic properties.

Hazard Mitigation Building

Stronger, Smarter, Safer!

FEMA’s Hazard Mitigation Grant Program has pledged $314.7 million to fund projects designed to help make Mississippi communities stronger and safer. This is part of the $364 million available to Mississippi for projects to reduce the impact of disasters on people and property. The balance of the remaining funds to be obligated is just over $50 million. To date, $158 million has been obligated for safe rooms across the state.

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“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

FEMA’s mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from and mitigate all hazards.