



**Executive Director's Report  
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## Washington Update

### **U.S. House of Representative's Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Hearing**

- Held Sept. 29 in Washington D.C.
- Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management
- Reviewed status of Public Assistance projects

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### **Meetings in D.C. Oct. 19-20**

- Office of Management and Budget

Departments of:

- Agriculture
- Interior
- Education
- Health and Human Services



## Washington Update

### President Obama's Visit to New Orleans – Oct. 15

- Brought HUD Secretary Donovan, DHS Secretary Napolitano and Education Secretary Duncan
- Met with Gov. Jindal
- Visited Martin Luther King Jr. Charter School
- Held Town Hall Meeting at UNO

HUD Secretary Donovan brought letter of approval lifting the Additional Compensation Grants cap



With HUD Secretary Donovan at the B.W. Cooper groundbreaking  
Photo courtesy of The Times-Picayune

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## ACG Cap Removal

- Affects approximately **20,000 low- and moderate-income homeowners**
- **Eligible applicant**
  - **Option 1 homeowner** who still owns damaged home
  - **Has a gap** between compensation received and cost of repairs
  - Has **not** reached the **\$150,000 Road Home cap**
  - File contains **complete income documentation** to support eligibility for the ACG (80% below Area Median Income)
- Eligibility **based upon the applicant's income** at the time the homeowner first qualified for ACG
- Applicants who have already filed an appeal **cannot re-appeal** previous or new issues
- Estimated cost of **\$630 million**

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## ACG Cap Removal

- **Letters** will be **mailed out next month** to eligible Road Home applicants
  - **Funds will be disbursed** once all paperwork is returned
- Applicant must show **evidence of efforts to comply with the Road Home Covenants** within six months of receiving additional funds
- State will **monitor applicants** for covenant compliance
- **High risk files** will be identified and reviewed
  - **Homeowners without resources** to complete recovery efforts **will be referred to non-profit organizations** for additional counseling or rebuilding assistance
- **Non-compliant applicants will be identified** and their files will be processed through the state's grant review and recovery process

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## Charity Hospital

- State has requested the dispute over funding for Charity Hospital be brought before an **Arbitration Panel**
- FEMA has **30 days** for a **formal response** (end of the month)
- **Hearing** should be held **within 70 days** of FEMA's response
- Panel's **decision** expected in **early 2010**

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## FEMA Trailer Deactivation

as of Oct. 16, 2009

- **1,467 households** in FEMA trailers  
(was 1,704 as of Aug. 13)
- **1 hotel/motel family** receiving additional support

### Sales and Donations Programs

- 515 sold
- 224 sales pending
- 308 donations pending

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## FEMA Trailer Deactivation

as of Oct. 16, 2009

- **\$5 million Rapid Re-Housing** program now underway
- HUD awarded **2,290 additional Housing Choice Vouchers** to the state for FEMA trailer residents in August
- **Disaster Case Management Pilot** program launched Sept. 14  
Serves the 3,309 households that lived in FEMA subsidized housing just before the depopulation deadline

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## DHAP – Case Management

as of Oct. 16, 2009

- **4,460 Housing Choice Vouchers** issued
- HUD made **1,205 rental payments** to eligible DHAP families for October
  - ✓ Families approved for vouchers but have not completed the leasing process

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## DHAP – Case Management

as of Oct. 16, 2009

- HANO/HUD has set **Oct. 31 deadline for conversion from DHAP to HCV**
  - ✓ LRA requested an extension or removal of this deadline
  - ✓ Also requested a complete list of clients who received notification so that case managers can contact them immediately
  - ✓ Approximately 1,800 families stuck in the conversion process
- Received **1,493** case management **commitment forms**
- Held **resource/enrichment fair** for case managers Oct. 6

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## Gustav and Ike Recovery Funding

- **Action Plan Amendment 2** was approved by the full legislature via mail ballot; submitted to HUD on Oct. 19
- Public comment period for **Action Plan Amendment 3** closed on Oct. 15; was approved by Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget on Oct. 16
- **Remaining \$100 million** to be programmed in future amendments in response to unmet needs

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## G/I Parish-Implemented Recovery

- **17** Parish Recovery Proposals have been submitted for \$356.9 million, accounting for approximately **63% of all parish allocations**
- **Eight** parish plans have been approved\*
- Expect **remaining parish proposals** to be submitted through October

Parish	Allocation	Parish	Allocation
Ascension*	\$19,370,564	Rapides	\$16,362,354
Assumption*	\$26,879,387	St. Helena	\$3,404,232
Avoyelles*	\$3,906,483	St. James*	\$10,533,467
Cameron*	\$53,148,217	St. Martin	\$5,312,648
East Baton Rouge*	\$34,223,293	St. Mary	\$19,461,923
City of Baker**	\$1,030,121	Tangipahoa	\$10,032,566
Grant*	\$424,360	Terrebonne*	\$123,270,148
Iberia	\$11,035,502	Vermilion	\$8,369,081
Livingston	\$11,264,828	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$356,999,053</b>

\*\*Funds for the City of Baker are included in the East Baton Rouge Parish plan

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## Gustav and Ike Recovery Programs

### Parish Outreach and Technical Assistance

**The LRA Outreach Team**

- Has met with the following parishes and city in the last two weeks:
 

Concordia	St. Bernard
East Baton Rouge	Terrebonne
Iberville	Vermilion
LaSalle	City of Baker

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### State-Implemented Programs

**Farmers and Agribusiness Loan & Grant Program**

- 1,143 applicants for the Farm Recovery Program
- 97 applicants for the Agribusiness Recovery Program
- Totaling \$119.8 million
- LDAF will finish reviewing proposals by Oct. 30

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## Public Assistance Update – Gustav/Ike

### PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SPENDING GUSTAV/IKE

Jan. - Sept. 2009



<b>\$135M</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter
<b>\$173M</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter
<b>\$109M</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter
<b>\$417M</b>	TOTAL FOR ALL THREE QUARTERS

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## Gustav and Ike Update

### Public Assistance

	Applicants	Projects	Obligated	Paid
<b>Gustav</b>	1,079	4,647	\$579 million	\$ 370 million
<b>Ike</b>	416	1,203	\$130 million	\$ 66 million

### Individual Assistance

<p><b>Gustav</b></p> <hr/> <p>440,916 registered</p> <p><b>Housing Assistance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 39,831 approved</li> <li>• \$166.9M distributed</li> </ul> <p><b>Other Needs Assistance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 58,558 approved</li> <li>• \$51.9M distributed</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ike</b></p> <hr/> <p>53,912 registered</p> <p><b>Housing Assistance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10,399 approved</li> <li>• \$54.3M distributed</li> </ul> <p><b>Other Needs Assistance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5,321 approved</li> <li>• \$9.9M distributed</li> </ul>
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## Public Assistance Update – Katrina/Rita

### PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SPENDING

Jan. - Sept. 2009



<b>\$244M</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter
<b>\$373M</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter
<b>\$230M</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter
<b>\$847M</b>	

**TOTAL FOR ALL THREE QUARTERS**

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## Public Assistance Update – Katrina/Rita

	Applicants	Projects	Obligated	Paid
<b>Katrina</b>	2,163	17,945	\$ 7.6 billion	\$ 4.4 billion
<b>Rita</b>	931	4,410	\$595 million	\$ 461 million

as of Oct. 16, 2009

Express Pay	10/16/09
RRFs	8,769
Totaling	\$1.63B
Average business days paid	5

**Express Pay**  
**January – September 2009:**

- Processed 5,531 RRFs
- Paid \$1.08 billion

*\*Maintained a turnaround time of five business days since March\**

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## CDBG Update

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT SPENDING

[in millions]  
Jan. - Sept. 2009

<b>\$485</b>	<b>\$185</b>	<b>\$167</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	• 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	• 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter

**TOTAL \$837M**

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## Road Home Update

as of Oct. 9, 2009

Recent Road Home Program Data	
Applications Received	185,113
Total Closings Held	<b>125,066</b>
Total Amount Disbursed	<b>\$8 billion</b>
Average Award	\$64,039

**January – September 2009:**

- Held 3,895 closings
- Disbursed \$503.5 million

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## Road Home Appeals

### HGI Appeals

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Cases in Appeals Department:

- **16,604** processed
- **16,301** resolved
- **303** remaining

**January – September 2009:**

- Processed 1,674 new cases
- Resolved 2,131 cases
- Number of active cases dropped by 536

**Results of Resolved HGI Appeals Cases:**

**5,907** additional funds awarded

- Average award of \$26,823

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**806** award reductions

- Average reduction of \$17,954

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**5,125** no change to award amount

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**4,463** reviewed for eligibility determination

- 1,583 approved
- 2,880 denied

as of Oct. 1, 2009
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## Road Home Appeals

### State Appeals

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Cases in State Appeals:

- **3,618** received
- **83** in progress
- **2,927** closed or denied
- **608** approved

*The average length of time to process a state-level appeal is 60 days.*

### January – September 2009:

- Received 1,250 cases
- Reduced the number of cases in progress by 91.7%
  - Jan. 2: 1,078 cases in progress
  - Oct. 2: 89 cases in progress
- Closed 2,017 cases
- Approved 494 cases

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## CDBG/Road Home Elevations



*A home in New Orleans elevated through the Road Home Elevation program*

as of Oct. 9, 2009

- **29,715** homeowners interested in and eligible for elevation program
- **29,040** elevation disbursements awarded
- **\$841.1 million** disbursed

### January – September 2009:

- Awarded disbursements to 9,137 homeowners
- Disbursed \$301.1 million

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## HMGP Elevations

as of Oct. 9, 2009

- 23,159 interested applicants
- 15,583 files being worked
- 2,854 homeowner interactions
- **107** homeowner mid-point payments made totaling **\$2.09M**

**Supplemental Staff Contract**  
**Contract signed**; staff at work

Affecting payments by **December 1**

Expect **500 payments** each month

Average of **\$15,000 per payment**

**Third Quarter 2009:**

- 53 mid-point payments made
- \$1.03 million disbursed

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## Louisiana Land Trust

as of Oct. 13, 2009

### LLT Demolition Program

- **Total properties scheduled for disposition: 9,930**
- **Structures to be transferred “as is”: 788**
- **Total inspections completed: 9,878**
  - Structure & Slab: 3,237
  - Slab only: 5,270
  - Vacant lot: 583
  - Transfer as is: 788



Louisiana Land Trust

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## Louisiana Land Trust

as of Oct. 13, 2009

### LLT Demolition Program

- **Substantially completed demolitions: 390**
  - Demo of Structure and Slab: 77
  - Demo of Slab only: 313
- **Demolitions currently underway**
  - Demo of Structure: 750
  - Demo of Slab: 5,074
  - Slab abatement: 5,074

#### Transfer and Closing Update

- Closed and/or transferred: 353
- Scheduled to close: 28
- Title work completed: 700

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## Small Rental Program

as of Oct. 12, 2009

■	Active awardees:	<b>5,879</b>
■	Rental closings:	<b>1,313</b>
■	Rental award amount:	<b>\$100M</b>
■	Units produced:	<b>2,201</b>
■	Affordable units produced:	<b>1,743</b>

**January – September 2009:**

- Produced 1,383 units
- Produced 1,190 affordable units
- Disbursed \$61.6 million



*A small rental property in New Orleans that received funding from the SRPP*

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**LIHTC/CDBG Piggyback Program** as of Oct. 16, 2009



*The Crescent Club opened in New Orleans in September, providing 228 units, 91 of which are affordable.*

<b>Total projects awarded:</b>	<b>58</b>
Total units awarded:	8,165
Total award amount:	\$596M
<b>Projects closed/ under construction:</b>	<b>16</b>
Units under construction:	2,701
Dollars expended:	\$234M

**January - September 2009:**

- 12 developments completed
- 1,753 units produced: 829 affordable

**As of Oct. 7, 2009:**

- 14 developments completed
- 2,093 units produced: 983 affordable

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**Alternative Housing Pilot Program** as of Oct. 19, 2009

**470 Total Units**

- **119 Completed Units**
  - 59 – Jackson Barracks
  - 42 – Baton Rouge
  - 18 – 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Lake Charles



*Cottages at "The Fields" on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Lake Charles*

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## Alternative Housing Pilot Program



*Work on the multi-family units at Jackson Barracks*

\*More orders will be placed for the NORA Infill modular units by the end of October

as of Oct. 19, 2009

**236 Under Construction**

- 100 – Algiers
- 32 – Multi-Family Units at Jackson Barracks
- 25 – NORA Infill
- 27 – Westwego
- 36 – Lake Charles Infill
- 16 – 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Lake Charles

**115 Units Not Yet Started**

- 75 – NORA Infill\*
- 40 – Treme neighborhood

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## Alternative Housing Pilot Program

**AHPP Case Management**

- Program launched Sept. 28
- 4,000 letters mailed to highest priority households
  - **588 households** called the Contact Center and will receive application letters this week
    - 195 – Baton Rouge
    - 204 – Lake Charles
    - 167 – New Orleans
    - 22 – Westwego
- Estimated **occupancy timeline** after a complete application is submitted
  - 1-3 months to qualify and finance households with good credit
  - 3-6 months for households in need of minor credit repair
  - 1-2 months for a family to be placed in a rental unit
- **Second round of letters (6,000)** will be mailed the week of Oct. 26

as of Oct. 20, 2009

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## Unmet Needs

### Blight Remediation

- More than **60,000 homes** in New Orleans and St. Bernard remain blighted
- A **Blight Remediation Program** is needed
  - ✓ Enable communities to remove or repair and rebuild damaged rental, owner-occupied and commercial structures
  - ✓ Could also encourage businesses to relocate to abandoned industrial space
  - ✓ Program would provide construction dollars matched to a particular LLT property
  - ✓ Grant recipients would be neighborhood groups, non-profits or parishes

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## Unmet Needs

### Recovery School District

- **Pre-Katrina enrollment in New Orleans – 63,000 at 128 public school campuses**
  - ✓ Enrollment currently at 35,000; estimated to reach 55,000 by 2016
  - ✓ 85 schools are being fully renovated or rebuilt to modern educational standards
- **Joint Master Plan for School Facilities in New Orleans**
  - ✓ Six phases
  - ✓ Estimated in 2008 the plan would cost \$1.8 billion to implement; underestimated true cost
  - ✓ Phase 1 funded at \$700 million

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## Unmet Needs

### Recovery School District

- Request has been made to FEMA to combine funding for all phases into one lump sum of approximately **\$2 billion**
  - ✓ Allowed through the 2007 federal omnibus appropriations bill
- FEMA would save more than **\$150 million in negotiation fees for individual projects**

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## Unmet Needs

- **100 percent federal match** for Gustav and Ike
- **Scope alignment** for Public Assistance projects
- Clarity on **HMGP**
- **FMAP fix** for Medicaid in Louisiana

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