



**Executive Director's Report  
Paul Rainwater**

**August 19, 2009**



# Washington Update

## July 7-9

- **With GOHSEP Director Mark Cooper**, briefed the Louisiana Congressional Delegation, the Federal Gulf Coast Coordinator and other FEMA officials on the state's recovery progress
  - ✓ House Homeland Security Appropriation Committee Staff
  - ✓ Senate Homeland Security Recovery Subcommittee Staff

## July 28-29

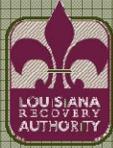
- **With New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin**, briefed HUD Sec. Shaun Donovan and Congresswoman Maxine Waters about unmet needs in housing, economic development and infrastructure

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- With Deputy Director Robin Keegan and Dave Bowman, met with HUD senior staff, Office of Management and Budget staff and Federal Gulf Coast Coordinator Janet Woodka to discuss the third Katrina/Rita allocation

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- Met with Sen. Mary Landrieu and Jane Campbell, her chief of staff, to discuss the third allocation



# Washington Update

## August 5

- Participated in a **Round Table discussion** with approximately 20 neighborhood nonprofits, led by Sen. Mary Landrieu, about the status of the Road Home program and the future of neighborhood-level programs

## August 17

- Joined Dept. of Homeland Security Sec. Janet Napolitano, FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate and Federal Coordinator for Gulf Coast Rebuilding Janet Woodka to announce **\$32 million in funding** to replace four buildings at **Southern University at New Orleans**

## August 20

- **Congressional Field Hearing** in New Orleans on the Road Home program



# Washington Update

## FEMA Arbitration Panels



Participated in press conference Aug. 6 on Capitol Hill announcing new arbitration panels



# Washington Update

## FEMA Arbitration Panels

- Will be used to **settle** infrastructure **funding disputes** between FEMA and state and local governments
- Can **only** be used **for Katrina and Rita projects** in excess of \$500,000
- **Three judges** on each panel, provided through the Civilian Board of Contract Appeals
  - ✓ Judges on the CBCA have a strong background in adjudicating contract and construction disputes involving large sums
  - ✓ Judges can get outside experts to weigh in at FEMA's expense



# Washington Update

## FEMA Arbitration Panels

- **Independent** of the federal government
- Decisions will be **binding**
- Number of panels depends on demand
- Any eligible applicant can request a panel review
- FEMA will publish **procedures by Aug. 31**
- The first panels will be ready to receive requests after the rules are published



# FEMA Trailer Deactivation

- **1,704 households in FEMA trailers**  
*(was 3,032 as of May 1)*
- **14 hotel/motel families receiving additional support**
  - ✓ 11 families permanently housed
  - ✓ 3 families with lease applications in process

## Sales and Donations Programs

- **408 sold**
- **333 sales pending**
- **366 donations pending**

FEMA has announced their **rebate policy** for families who purchased trailers before the price reduction

- Process will be handled in DC
- Letters have been sent to households with instructions for being refunded

as of Aug. 13, 2009



# FEMA Trailer Deactivation

## Resources

- **Rapid Re-Housing**

- ✓ Existing contracts through DSS with six provider agencies – \$7 million
- ✓ Extending contract with HANO to include both case management and rental assistance – \$5 million allocation for additional safety net
- ✓ ARRA funds for homeless prevention/Rapid Re-housing – \$26 million

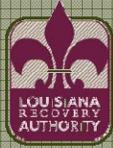
- **Housing Choice Vouchers**

- **Permanent Supportive Housing Vouchers**

- **LIHEAP Utility Assistance Program**

- **Homeowner Rehab Programs**

- ✓ Including Nonprofit Rebuilding Pilot and Plaquemines Housing programs

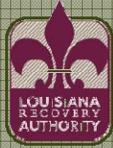


# FEMA Trailer Deactivation

## Disaster Case Management Pilot Program

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- Approximately **\$9.5 million** from FEMA
- Will serve the **3,304 households** that lived in FEMA subsidized housing as of April 27
- Two components:
  - ✓ **Case management service providers** will work directly with the households
  - ✓ **Lead program contractor** will manage and monitor case management service providers
- Expect contractors to **coordinate with the nonprofits** implementing the Nonprofit Rebuilding Pilot Program
- Will **launch in late August**; scheduled to end on March 31, 2010



# DHAP – Case Management

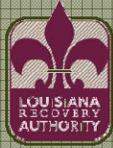
- **HUD made last payments August 1** for DHAP Katrina Transitional Closeout Plan
- Program currently serving **all 9,439 DHAP families remaining**
- Using \$2 million SSBG allocation to **extend case management through November**
  - ✓ Ensure that all families are safely transitioned into permanent solutions
  - ✓ Assist in final Housing Choice Voucher effort



# DHAP – Case Management

## Housing Choice Voucher conversion

- Process has been slow
- Approximately **35% of eligible families** have completed the conversion process
- **3,295 vouchers** have been issued as of July 31
- HUD sending a team to work with HANO on voucher conversions
- **HUD extending DHAP payments through October** for families who have applied for vouchers but have completed the application process (*over 5,000 families*)



# Housing Outreach Fairs

## Outreach for both FEMA Trailer and DHAP households

- **Four held in July**
  - ✓ 2 in New Orleans
  - ✓ 1 each in Baton Rouge and Lake Charles
- **14 being held in August**
  - ✓ 11 in New Orleans
  - ✓ 1 each in Baton Rouge, Lafayette and Lake Charles
- **Federal and state officials attending**
  - ✓ FEMA and HUD
  - ✓ LHFA, DSS, DHH and the LA Workforce Commission
- **To date, attended by more than 800 families**



# Gustav and Ike Recovery Funding

- HUD approved **Action Plan Amendment 1** on July 24 authorizing the state-implemented programs for the first allocation
- HUD published in the Federal Register the **Second Allocation** of Gustav and Ike Recovery Dollars **and approved waivers** on Aug. 14, 2009
- Second Allocation fully funds the anticipated parish allocations and includes funds to **10 additional parishes** primarily in **Northern Louisiana**



# Gustav and Ike Recovery Funding

## Parish-Implemented Recovery

- Three Parish Recovery Proposals have been submitted: **Terrebonne, Cameron and Vermilion**, accounting for **31% of all parish allocations**
- **Terrebonne** has been approved
- Proposals primarily address **levees/drainage infrastructure and housing**
- Expect **75% of parish proposals** to be submitted by September 1
- 40 of 53 parish **Cooperative Endeavor Agreements** have been signed; 13 have been approved through OCR



# Gustav and Ike Recovery Funding

## State-Implemented Programs

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- **Coastal Restoration**

The Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration held a Project Screening Review Meeting on Aug. 3

Reviewed five initial proposed coastal projects for the first \$15 million allocation

- **Farmers and Agribusiness Loan & Grant Program**

434 applicants for the Farm Recovery Program and 36 applicants for the Agribusiness Recovery Program, totaling \$45.9 million



# Gustav and Ike Recovery Funding

## Outreach

<b>Outreach</b>	
<b>Parish-Implemented Recovery</b>	<b>Date</b>
Terrebonne Parish Kick-Off Meeting	June 29
Public Participation Meetings by parish and Technical Assistance in the Recovery Proposal Process: 30-35 meetings held by three regional outreach representatives	July - August
Parish Outreach Meeting	July 9
Cameron Parish Housing Technical Assistance Meeting and Kick-Off for Technical Assistance Program	August 12
Northern Parishes Kick-Off Session	August 12
<b>State-Implemented Programs</b>	<b>Date</b>
Agriculture Recovery Launch during LA Farm Bureau's Annual Meeting	June 25-29
Agriculture Application Period: more than 25 outreach meetings held throughout the state	July - August



# Gustav and Ike Update

## Public Assistance

	Applicants	Projects	Obligated	Paid
Gustav	1,079	3,642	\$502 million	\$ 321 million
Ike	416	969	\$ 89 million	\$ 48 million

as of Aug. 13, 2009

## Individual Assistance

### Gustav

440,915 registered

#### Since June:

#### ***Housing Assistance***

- 42 approved
- \$281,986 distributed

#### ***Other Needs Assistance***

- 111 approved
- \$139,318 distributed

### Ike

53,911 registered

#### Since June:

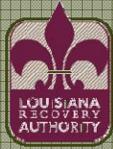
#### ***Housing Assistance***

- 12 approved
- \$62,667 distributed

#### ***Other Needs Assistance***

- 4 approved
- \$6,661 distributed

as of Aug. 5, 2009



# Public Assistance Update – Katrina/Rita

## PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SPENDING

Jan. - June 2009

**\$244M**

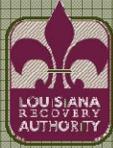
1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

**\$373M**

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

**\$617M**

**TOTAL** as of June 30, 2009



# Public Assistance Update – Katrina/Rita

	Applicants	Projects	Obligated	Paid
<b>Katrina</b>	2,163	17,913	\$ 7.2 billion	\$ 4.3 billion
<b>Rita</b>	931	4,408	\$580 million	\$ 437 million

as of Aug. 13, 2009

<b>Express Pay</b>	<b>8/13/09</b>
RRFs	7,463
Totaling	\$1.42B
Average business days paid	5

## **Express Pay**

### **January – June 2009:**

- Processed 3,830 RRFs
- Paid \$775,506,439

*\*Maintained a turnaround time of 5 business days since March\**



# CDBG Update

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT SPENDING

[in millions]

Jan. - June 2009

**\$485**

**\$185**

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

● 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

**TOTAL \$670M**



# Road Home Update

as of Aug. 12, 2009

<b>Recent Road Home Program Data</b>	
<b>Applications Received</b>	185,113
<b>Total Closings Held</b>	124,504
<b>Total Amount Disbursed</b>	<b>\$7.9 billion</b>
<b>Average Award</b>	\$64,055

## **January – June 2009:**

- Successfully transitioned to new contractors
- Held 3,153 closings
- Disbursed \$464 million
- Increased the Average Award amount by almost \$1,700



# Road Home Appeals

## HGI Appeals

Cases in Appeals Department:

- **16,217** processed
- **15,727** resolved
- **490** remaining

### January – June 2009:

- Processed 1,033 new cases
- Resolved 1,417 cases
- Number of active cases dropped by 384

## Results of Resolved HGI Appeals Cases:

**5,592** additional funds awarded

- Average award of \$26,880

**743** award reduction

- Average reduction of \$17,833

**4,931** no change to award amount

**4,461** reviewed for eligibility determination

- 1,596 approved
- 2,865 denied



# Road Home Appeals

## State Appeals

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Cases in State Appeals:

- **3,454** received
- **70** in progress
- **2,832** closed or denied
- **552** approved

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

### January – June 2009:

- Received 1,061 cases
- Reduced the number of cases in progress by 86.2%
- Closed 1,867 cases
- Approved 414 cases
- Reduced the length of processing time by 25 days



# CDBG/Road Home Elevations

as of Aug. 7, 2009



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

- **29,715** homeowners interested in and eligible for elevation program
- **28,831** elevation disbursements awarded
- **\$834.9 million** disbursed

## January – June 2009:

- Awarded disbursements to 8,722 homeowners
- Disbursed \$289.7 million



# HMGP Elevations

- 22,660 interested applicants
- 14,182 files being worked
- 2,220 homeowner interactions
- **66** homeowner mid-point payments made totaling **\$1.23M**

as of Aug. 7, 2009



## As of January 1, 2009:

- 1,784 applicants contacted
- 74 potential payments
- 3 applicants

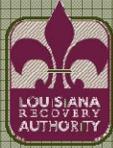


# Louisiana Land Trust

as of Aug. 7, 2009

Parish	Total ERRs	Completed
Acadia	2	2
Calcasieu	87	87
Cameron	113	108
Jefferson	146	146*
Orleans	4,635	4,475
Plaquemines	226	205
St. Bernard	4,192	3,784
St. Charles	1	1
St. Martin	3	3
St. Tammany	149	141
Terrebonne	42	42
Washington	13	13

*\*Jefferson Parish auctioned off 86 properties on Aug. 15*



# Louisiana Land Trust



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## LLT Demolition Program

### **Bid packages:**

- Complete – 3

### **Abatement and Demolition**

In progress – 4

Approved - 8

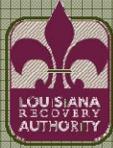
Opened – 4

In planning stage - 15

**Abatement and Demo properties estimated to be complete by the end of the year – 3,253**

### **Demos complete:**

- St. Bernard – 153
- Jefferson – 48
- Orleans – 9



# Louisiana Land Trust

as of Aug. 19, 2009

## LLT Title and Closings

### **Jefferson Auction:**

August 15, 2009

Properties auctioned – 86

Title work requested – 134

Title work completed – 32

### **Orleans:**

Title work requested – 662

Title work completed – 654

Scheduled closing – 2

Closed – 263

### **St. Charles Auction:**

August 15, 2009

Properties auctioned – 1

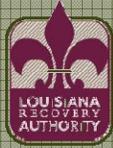
Title work requested – 1

Title work completed – 0

*Note: Upon closing this parish will be complete*



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# Small Rental Program

as of Aug. 10, 2009

- Active awardees: **5,851**
- Rental closings: **899**
- Rental award amount: **\$73.35M**
- Units produced: **1,853**
- Affordable units produced: **1,439**

## January – June 2009:

- Produced 1,039 units, approximately 57% of all units
- Produced 891 affordable units, approximately 65% of all affordable units
- Disbursed \$46.5 million





# LIHTC/CDBG Piggyback Program

*Site of The Muses in New Orleans, a mixed-income development that will provide 211 rental units in the Central City area*



**Total projects awarded:** 57  
Total units awarded: 8,165  
Total award amount: \$596M

**Projects closed/  
under construction:** 17  
Units under construction: 2,929  
Dollars closed: \$225M  
Dollars expended: \$215M

## **January - June 2009:**

- 9 developments completed
- 1,260 units produced; 598 affordable

## **As of Aug. 14, 2009:**

- 11 developments completed
- 1,525 units produced; 738 affordable



# Long Term Community Recovery Program

## January – June 2009:

49 projects were approved for more than \$192 million





# Long Term Community Recovery Program

January – June 2009

## VERMILION

8 projects - \$7.6 million

- Fire station
- Bridge replacements
- Drainage improvements
- Elevation of municipal offices
- Street improvements
- Electrical system hardening

## IBERIA

1 project - \$615,677

- Fisheries project

## WASHINGTON

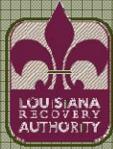
2 projects - \$2.2 million

- First Responder communications equipment
- Housing program

## TANGIPAHOA

1 project - \$625,000

- First responder communications equipment



# Long Term Community Recovery Program

**January – June 2009**

## **ST. BERNARD**

2 projects - \$46 million

- St. Bernard Parish Hospital
- Recreation Center and Val Riess Park

## **LAFOURCHE**

1 project - \$750,000

- Drainage master plan

## **JEFFERSON**

9 projects - \$12.7 million

- Parish Economic Development and Port District Technology Incubator
- Drainage and sewer improvements
- New generator and improvements to wastewater treatment facility
- Emergency sewer generators for lift stations

## **PLAQUEMINES**

1 project - \$1 million

- Parish government comprehensive master plan



# Long Term Community Recovery Program

## **CALCASIEU**

1 project - \$5.3 million

- Revitalization of the Lakefront area

## **CAMERON**

1 project - \$3.8 million

- Road improvements

**January – June 2009**



# Long Term Community Recovery Program

As of  
August 14:

Parish	Approved Projects	Total Amount
Orleans	78	\$294.7M
Jefferson	28	\$37.9M
Vermilion	10	\$7.65M
St. Tammany	3	\$2.8M
Washington	3	\$2.2M
<b>Cameron</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$21.5M</b>
Calcasieu	2	\$5.7M
Iberia	1	\$615,677
Lafourche	1	\$750,000
Plaquemines	2	\$2.5M
St. Bernard	2	\$46M
Tangipahoa	1	\$625,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>\$422.9M</b>



# Alternative Housing Pilot Program

**500 total units**

## **New Orleans – 287 units**

- **100 single-family units in Algiers**

Construction begun; completed in 2010

- **100 units on infill sites in various neighborhoods**

Completing Record of Environmental Assessment

- **27 single-family units in Westwego**

Construction underway; completed in November

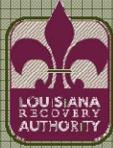
- **60 units as infill sites in Treme**

- **Neighborhood**

Completing Record of Environmental Assessment

## **AHPP Case Management**

- Call Center contract signed July 31
- Case Management will launch in September
- 4,000 letters will be mailed to highest priority households
- The call center will process initial applications
- Approximately 45,000 households are in the entire AHPP pool



# Alternative Housing Pilot Program

as of Aug. 14, 2009

## **Jackson Barracks – 93 units**

- Single-family units complete by August 31
- Construction on multi-family units to begin at the end of August/beginning of September



*Single-family units at Jackson Barracks*



# Alternative Housing Pilot Program



*The cottages at the Hidden Cove site in Baton Rouge*

## **Baton Rouge – 42 units**

- Construction will be complete by the end of August



*Work on the cottages at 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Lake Charles*

## **Lake Charles – 82 units**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue site: Construction will be complete by the end of October
- Infill site: Completing Record of Environmental Assessment

