



**Addressing the Challenges of  
Recovery & Rebuilding  
from Hurricanes Katrina & Rita**

**Executive Director's Report  
October 12, 2006**



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT OVERVIEW

- **Road Home Status Update**
- **FEMA Alternative Housing Pilot**
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# ROAD HOME PROGRAM UPDATE

## **As of October 10:**

- 37,480 applications recorded in system
- 21,663 appointment letters mailed
- 7,487 appointments held
- 372 verified and benefits calculated
- \$18 million benefits calculated
- \$48,536 average award (based on calculated awards)



# THE TIPPING POINT

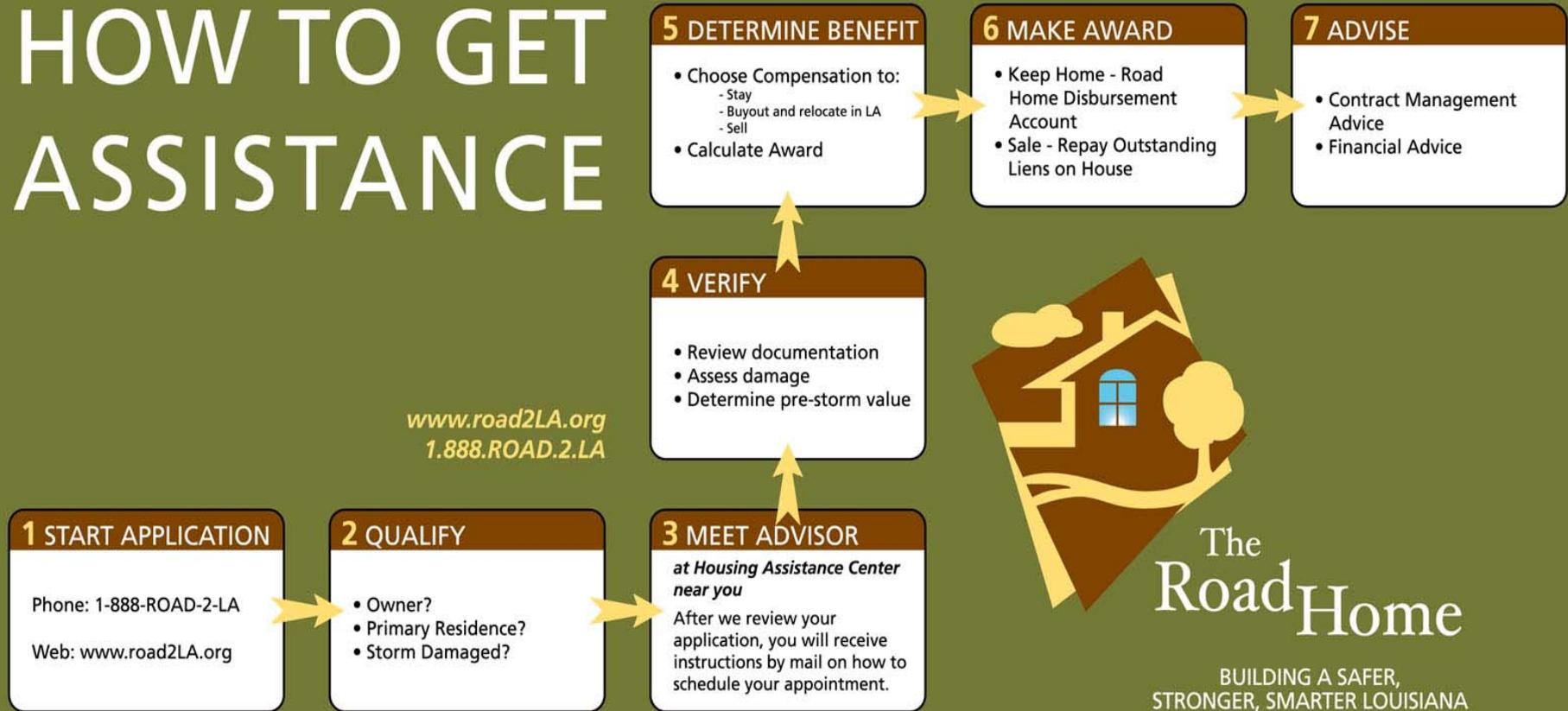
Next few weeks will demonstrate significant input and output in:

- Applications recorded
- Appointments scheduled and conducted  
(capacity for at least 1,000 per day)
- Benefits calculated
- Closings



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# APPLICATIONS

- Homeowners who registered with the LRA must still complete and submit an official *Road Home* application
- Apply online at [www.road2la.org](http://www.road2la.org) or request an application by calling 1-888-ROAD-2-LA
- The date an application was mailed or submitted online is not the only factor in scheduling appointments



# APPOINTMENTS

- After they apply, homeowners receive a letter with instructions on how to schedule an appointment
- Homeowners may call at their convenience once they receive their letters
- Meet with a housing advisor at any Center



# HOUSING CENTER LOCATIONS

## 10 Housing Assistance Centers open:

- Calcasieu
- Vermilion
- East Baton Rouge
- Orleans
- Cameron
- St. Bernard
- Jefferson
- St. Tammany
- Terrebonne
- Plaquemines

**Capacity for more than 1,000 appointments  
per day across all Centers**



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- *The Road Home* is extending its outreach efforts across the U.S.
- Housing Center location search underway in Houston
- Mobile Housing Assistance Center planned to travel throughout state and other cities to reach displaced residents



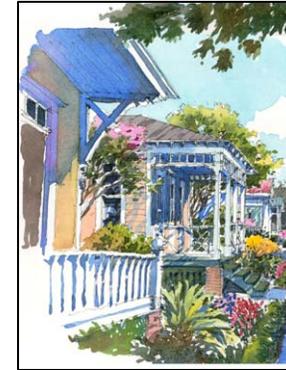
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# FEMA Alternative Housing Pilot Program

*From trailer park to livable community*



- Congress appropriated \$400 million to DHS to support alternative housing pilot programs. FEMA released the application to TX, LA, MS, AL, & FL on Sept. 15th
- Competitive grant program between the states for funding based on proposed project merit and ongoing housing needs
- Applications are due to FEMA on Friday, Oct 20<sup>th</sup>
- LRA is producing the application and will set policy goals for the pilot program's implementation



# FEMA Alternative Housing Pilot Program

## PROCESS

- LRA released a Request for Ideas (RFI) for the state's application on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>. Deadline for submission was Oct 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 45 ideas were submitted for consideration
- A national panel of experts was convened to review submissions and make recommendations on the merits of the ideas submitted
- Application is currently being developed based on those recommendations and housing needs

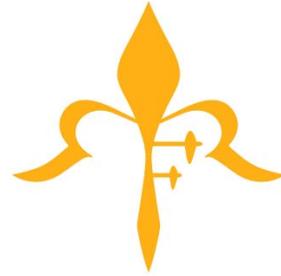


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## RECOVERY RESOURCE FAIR

*Promising leads under one roof*



Office of the  
Federal Coordinator for  
Gulf Coast Rebuilding



## Recovery Resource Fairs: Oct. 18-20

**Event** – Workshop to help local recovery project champions connect with the resources they need to begin implementing their Long-Term Community Recovery Plans (ESF-14)

**Objective** – Facilitate understanding of local project needs and available state, federal, and private resources among the local project champions and the resource organizations



# Recovery Resource Fairs: Oct. 18-20

## Methods –

1. Give selected Project Champions an opportunity to present their projects to a panel of potential Federal and Private funders
2. Give State, Federal, and Private resource organizations an opportunity to tell project champions about the resources they may be able to provide in plan implementation
3. Provide a venue for one-on-one conversations about specific projects between the project champions and potential resource providers/partners



# Recovery Resource Fairs: Oct. 18-20

## **Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>: Southwest Louisiana, Lake Charles Civic Center**

Invited Parishes – Acadia, Allen, Calcasieu, Cameron, Iberia, Jeff Davis, Lafayette, Sabine, Vermilion, Vernon

## **Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> – Southeast Louisiana, UNO Lindy Boggs Conference Center**

Invited parishes – East Baton Rouge, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Martin, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Washington

## **Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> – Southeast Louisiana, UNO Lindy Boggs Conference Center**

Invited Parishes – Assumption, Orleans, Jefferson, St. Charles, St. James, Terrebonne, Lafourche, St. Mary, St. John the Baptist



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# 2006 La Health and Population Survey

- Conducted by LPHI for the LRA and DHH
- Technical assistance, oversight and methodology provided by CDC and US Census
- 18 Parishes will be surveyed
- Preliminary results for Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard & Plaquemines released Oct. 4
- Results posted at [www.popest.org](http://www.popest.org)



# About the Survey

## What the survey does provide

- Household Population Estimates
- Demographics (Age, Race, Ethnicity, Income)
- Housing indicators
- Health conditions and access
- Much more

## What the survey does not provide

- Count of daytime, commuter residents
- Institutionalized populations such as prisons and dormitories
- Projections or indicators of how many will eventually return



# Preliminary Population Estimate findings

Estimated Population	Household Population Estimates					
	Official Series	Official Series	Special Estimate	2006 PopEst	Estimated Loss	Pop Regain
Parish	July 1, 2004	July 1, 2005	January 1, 2006	August, 2006	(08/06 - 07/05)	(Jan 06 to Aug 06)
Jefferson	448,843	448,578	411,305	435,786	12,792	24,481
Orleans	443,430	437,186	158,353	187,525	249,661	29,172
Plaquemines	28,258	28,282	20,164	20,024	8,258	-140
St. Bernard	64,848	64,576	3,361	25,016	39,560	21,655
Totals	985,379	978,622	593,183	668,351	310,271	75,168

## Returnees – Homeowners vs. Renters

St. Bernard	Census 2000		ACS 2005		Popest 2006	
	Estimate	Proportion	Estimate	Proportion	Estimate	Proportion
Owner-occupied	18,753	75%	15,064	65%	7,888	88%
Renter-occupied	6,370	25%	7,971	35%	1,114	12%

Orleans	Estimate	Proportion	Estimate	Proportion	Estimate	Proportion
	Owner-occupied	87,535	46%	81,670	50%	46,717
Renter-occupied	100,716	54%	81,664	50%	27,791	37%



## Next Steps

- **Additional analysis of completed parishes and final reports**
- **Complete survey activities and reporting in 14 additional parishes**
- **Address sustainability issues to repeat survey over time between now and 2010 Census**
- **Analyze rate of return of available housing stock to project population returns**



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## President Bush asks Chairman Powell to help on PA process...

- Governor Blanco, Dr. Francis, and Walter Isaacson asked President Bush to help with the PA process
- President Bush directed Chairman Powell to become directly involved in reviewing FEMA Public Assistance (PA) complications in order to speed the flow of funds to the communities in need
- Chairman Powell has directed his Deputy, Jodey Arrington, to work with Principal Federal Officer for Gulf Coast Recovery, Gil Jamieson, to streamline the process
- Together, Powell and FEMA have hosted many meetings with large PA applicants, including the City of New Orleans, Sewerage and Water Board, Port of New Orleans, and others, in order to inventory common challenges and describe the process going forward



# Chairman Powell has become involved in the PA process...

## **Actions Taken/Results to Date**

- Outreach to Applicants: Obtained list of priority projects and issues
- Created plan to reform and streamline the entire PA program, including issues such as frequent personnel turnover, better cost estimating on the front-end, and FEMA organizational changes
- Co-located a PA representative with State officials in Baton Rouge to enhance coordination between FEMA and State
- Improved tracking and reporting systems for “Million Dollar Queue”
- Reduced layers in and made improvements to the “Million Dollar Queue” approval process, resulting in significant time reduction
- Expedited \$400 Million from FEMA field to HQ for approval
- Completed review of and responded to many Applicants’ top PA issues



## Pace of PA funding is increasing...

- Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> – \$738m of projects in categories C-G were requested by entities but had not yet been reviewed
  - (C-G projects account for 26% of all eligible PA funded projects)
- Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, that amount had been reduced to \$492m
  - (C-G projects account for 31% of all eligible PA funded projects)
- Oct 9<sup>th</sup> the amount was \$345m, a 2 month decline of 53%
  - (C-G projects account for 34% of all eligible PA funded projects)

In the last month, the pace has increased at even more rapid rate, with an 18% month to month increase in the eligible dollar amount for C-G Project Worksheets



## Public Assistance – Streamlining \$1m queue

Streamlining large project processes to make the PA process more efficient

Example: Projects in the “Million Dollar Queue”

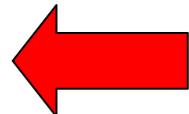
- Large projects (more than \$1m) are subject to additional reviews by federal entities in Washington D.C.
- In the last month the LRA, State and Federal entities have worked to streamline a backlog of \$1m+ projects that were in this review process.
- In the last month \$328.7m for 136 Project Worksheets have cleared or are moving through the \$1m queue
- 87 PW’s totaling \$272.5m have been obligated and 49 PW’s valued at \$156.2m are in the process of moving from Federal review to State entities



# Current approved PA funds by Parish...

## COMPARING ALL FEDERAL PA CATEGORIES BETWEEN OCTOBER 9 AND SEPTEMBER 18, 2006

Parish	PW'S	October 9 Obligated \$	September 18 Obligated \$	Change
Orleans	4,883	723,129,398	606,033,347	117,096,051
St. Bernard*	628	645,364,364	552,004,106	93,360,258
St. Tammany	840	240,212,089	234,038,643	6,173,446
Plaquemines	645	188,703,745	159,464,033	29,239,712
Jefferson	1,393	188,565,724	183,128,460	5,437,263
Washington	236	104,749,528	104,749,528	0
Calcasieu	1,256	66,516,650	65,124,420	1,392,229
East Baton Rouge	234	39,199,017	38,899,909	299,108
Cameron	404	34,129,625	30,110,460	4,019,165
Vermilion	242	27,535,881	27,446,782	89,099
Lafourche	210	25,449,600	19,915,758	5,533,841
St. Charles	152	21,627,240	21,550,880	76,359
Tangipahoa	246	17,427,919	17,427,919	0
Lafayette	135	14,861,159	14,861,159	0
Terrebonne	182	10,030,872	10,029,430	1,442
Iberia	176	9,032,198	9,032,198	0
St. Mary	157	5,073,391	5,073,391	0
46 Parishes	1,638	56,624,026	56,538,451	85,575
Statewide**	4,659	1,628,299,879	1,590,705,038	37,594,841
<b>LOUISIANA TOTAL</b>	<b>18,316</b>	<b>4,046,532,303</b>	<b>3,746,133,912</b>	<b>300,483,966</b>





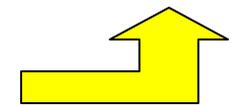
# Increase in approvals of funds for infrastructure repairs....

## COMPARISON OF CATEGORIES C-G BETWEEN SEPT. 18 and OCT. 9, 2006

Parish	October 9 C-G Total	September 18 C-G Total	C-G Total Change
Orleans	439,272,869	338,196,635	101,076,234
St. Bernard	193,794,264	108,479,347	85,314,918
Plaquemines	113,535,546	98,098,297	15,437,249
Jefferson	45,244,480	41,066,439	4,178,040
St. Tammany	28,937,774	26,838,898	2,098,876
Cameron	28,665,308	24,719,988	3,945,320
Calcasieu	27,239,903	26,943,307	296,596
Vermilion	15,231,214	15,256,265	(25,051)
Lafourche	8,536,059	8,536,059	-
Terrebonne	3,725,936	3,725,936	-
Tangipahoa	3,377,851	3,377,851	-
Washington	3,143,742	3,143,742	-
St. Charles	2,360,256	2,347,986	12,270
Iberia	2,074,124	2,074,124	-
Other Parishes	10,415,760	10,269,098	146,662
Statewide	450,282,683	445,260,575	5,022,108
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,375,837,769</b>	<b>1,158,334,546</b>	<b>217,503,223</b>

**Strong improvement**

**Moving from recovery to rebuilding, 72% of increase is in C-G**



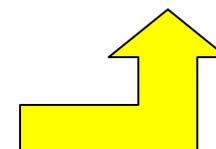


# Infrast... repair funds requested by parishes but not approved by FEMA...

## Parish Entity Requests in FEMA Categories C-G (10-9-06)

Parish	Grand Total
Orleans	351,641,116
Cameron	70,605,037
St. Tammany	49,512,003
St. Bernard	39,230,092
Jefferson	37,041,804
Plaquemines	34,089,225
Terrebonne	6,096,691
Iberia	4,346,435
Vermilion	3,481,782
St. Charles	2,196,142
Calcasieu	1,194,901
Lafourche	1,177,790
Tangipahoa	371,565
St. John the Baptist	240,982
St. Mary	115,042
Washington	82,920
Acadia	52,410
Lafayette	41,587
Jefferson Davis	29,257
East Baton Rouge	28,170
Vernon	18,768
Iberville	9,285
St. Landry	8,741
Allen	6,415
Rapides	3,732
<b>Total Non-Obligated</b>	<b>601,621,891</b>

Additional fund approvals and requests expected in coming months





## Public Assistance – Lafourche & Terrebonne Parish

	TERREBONNE PARISH	LAFOURCHE PARISH
ALL PA OBLIGATED PROJECT WORKSHEETS (A-G)	178 PROJECT WORKSHEETS \$10,030,872	207 PROJECT WORKSHEETS \$25,449,600
PA OBLIGATED PROJECT WORKSHEETS FOR CATEGORIES C-G	92 PROJECT WORKSHEETS \$3,725,936	138 PROJECT WORKSHEETS \$8,536,059
PERCENT OF TOTAL ALLOCATED TO CATEGORIES C-G	52% OF PROJECT WORKSHEETS 37% OF OBLIGATED DOLLARS	67% OF PROJECT WORKSHEETS 34% OF OBLIGATED DOLLARS
CURRENT NON-OBLIGATED REQUESTS MADE BY PARISH WIDE ENTITIES	3 PROJECT WORKSHEETS \$6,115,932	3 PROJECT WORKSHEETS \$1,177,790
DEBRIS REMOVAL	FEMA OBLIGATED \$9.7 million 168,183 CY DEBRIS HAULED by USACE and APPLICANTS 100% COMPLETE	FEMA OBLIGATED \$18.6 million 279,676 CY DEBRIS HAULED by USACE and APPLICANTS 99.6% COMPLETE