



St. Charles Parish Public Meeting:

Hurricane Ida Recovery Priorities for Economic Revitalization and Infrastructure

Wednesday, September 20, 2023, 5:30 P.M.



Purpose

- ❖ Gather citizen input on priority areas in which to spend the **\$3.89 million** allocation in *HUD Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery Funds* (CDBG-DR) received by the Parish *through the State of Louisiana* as a result of the impacts from Hurricane Ida and the declared disaster events in 2020 and 2021.
- ❖ Provide meaningful engagement of impacted communities, low-to-moderate income (LMI) residents, and residents of Disadvantaged Communities in the planning and development of projects under 2 specific programs to be administered by St. Charles Parish:
 - 1. Hometown Revitalization Program**
 - 2. Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program.**

**Funds are not eligible for homeowner repairs, reconstruction or elevations.*

RESTORE LA: State Recovery Programs

RESTORE LA HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

\$680 M

AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAMS

Flood Insurance Program \$1.5 M

Interim Housing Assistance \$4 M

AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING PROGRAMS

Soft Second Mortgage Assistance \$15 M

Middle-Market Loan Program (MMLP) \$60 M

PRIME (Piggyback) Program \$764 M

Rapid Rehousing Program \$15 M

Neighborhood Landlord Rental Program \$40 M

Permanent Supportive Housing Program (PSHP) \$11 M

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Small Business Loan and Grant Program \$96.1 M

Hometown Revitalization Program \$125 M

INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMS

Nonfederal Share Match Program \$240.8 M

HGMP Global Match Program \$77.3 M

Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program \$100 M

Intent



Hometown Revitalization Program: \$2,328,333

Purpose: To encourage new economic revitalization opportunities for LA communities while supporting the crucial recovery of the state's commercial areas.

- Create/retain jobs and to allow residents to have access to the products and services they need within their community.
- Respond to communities' most urgent rebuilding needs and assist in identifying long-term and innovative solutions to strengthen economic development within local communities.
- All funds must be used on projects that will benefit low to moderate income (LMI) areas/individuals and have a tie to the disaster and satisfy an unmet need.



Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program: \$1,568,847




Purpose: Aims to address remaining unmet needs by supporting more resilient community infrastructure and planning.

- All funds must be used on projects that will benefit low to moderate income (LMI) areas/individuals and tie to the disaster.
- Serve disadvantage communities that were economically distressed prior to the storm events.

Requirements

- Documented tie to the storm event
- Must be located within the Parishes/areas that were presidentially declared disaster areas
- National objective must be to benefit low-to-moderate income (LMI) persons
- 40% of allocation must be spent in a designated “Disadvantaged Community”
- Must meet one of the HUD Eligible Activities
 - HRP: Section 105(a) 8, 12, 14, 15, 17, 19, 21, 22
 - RCIP: Section 105(a) 1-5, 7-9, 11, 12, 16

Legend

-  Disadvantaged Communities
-  LMI Block Group 51%+
-  Parish Boundary



HUD LMI Limits

FY 2023 Income Limits Summary

FY 2023 Income Limit Area	Median Family Income Click for More Detail	FY 2023 Income Limit Category	Persons in Family							
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
New Orleans- Metairie, LA HUD Metro FMR Area	\$82,000	Very Low (50%) Income Limits (\$) Click for More Detail	28,700	32,800	36,900	41,000	44,300	47,600	50,850	54,150
		Extremely Low Income Limits (\$)* Click for More Detail	17,250	19,720	24,860	30,000	35,140	40,280	45,420	50,560
		Low (80%) Income Limits (\$) Click for More Detail	45,950	52,500	59,050	65,600	70,850	76,100	81,350	86,600

NOTE: **St. Charles Parish** is part of the **New Orleans-Metairie, LA HUD Metro FMR Area**, so all information presented here applies to all of the New Orleans-Metairie, LA HUD Metro FMR Area. HUD generally uses the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) area definitions in the calculation of income limit program parameters. However, to ensure that program parameters do not vary significantly due to area definition changes, HUD has used custom geographic definitions for the New Orleans-Metairie, LA HUD Metro FMR Area.

Stakeholder Outreach & Citizen Participation

**Consultation lists included below demonstrate ongoing efforts and continue to expand*



Local Leaders & Elected Officials

- Parish President
- Council Members



Parish Government Departments

- Public Works Department
- Economic Development and Tourism
- Business and Career Solutions Center
- Finance Department
- Grants Office



Impacted Residents: LMI & Disadvantaged Communities

- Public Hearing
- Survey

St. Charles Parish Hometown Revitalization Program

\$2,328,333

Examples of Eligible Activities

- Commercial revitalization grant
- Redeveloping a Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI) or industrial corridor
- Micro lending program
- Small business assistance program
- Business Incubators
- Eligible economic development or neighborhood revitalization technical assistance

Parish Priorities Received (to-date)

- Community Centers to provide public services
- Small business assistance or Micro-lending program
- Redeveloping an LMI or industrial corridor

St. Charles Parish Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program

\$1,568,847

Examples of Eligible Activities

- Replace or redesign existing structures to mitigate against future disasters
- Relocating public buildings from a high-risk area through acquisition of new property
- Drainage improvements to reduce flooding
- Acquisition, construction, reconstruction, or installation of public works facilities
- Rehabilitate or replace existing pump systems
- Removal of material and architectural barriers which restrict mobility and accessibility

Parish Priorities Received (to-date)

- Pump Station Upgrades
- Culvert Crossing Improvements
- Canal Widening



Public Engagement

- Open Discussion (following presentation)
- Survey
 - In-person, paper version
 - QR Code link (left)
 - Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, & Instagram)
 - <https://www.stcharlesparish.gov/departments/grants/community-development-block-grant-disaster-recovery>
- Comment Period
 - Open until September 27, 2023



Comment Period