

# Restore Louisiana Homeowner Assistance Program Situation & Pipeline Report #103 November 4, 2024 – November 11, 2024

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## **Program Overview**

The Restore Louisiana Homeowner Assistance Program provides grant funding to homeowners affected by 2020-21 Disasters to help with repairs, reconstruction, and/or reimburse for repairs already completed.

The program is administered by the Louisiana Office of Community Development (OCD) and funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through federal appropriations of Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds.

Louisiana has been allocated more than \$3.1 billion for all eligible storms:

	DISASTER EVENT ALLOCATIONS	DATE	AMOUNT
1	Hurricanes Laura & Delta	October 29, 2021	\$600 M
2	Hurricane Ida & May '21 Severe Storms	March 22, 2021	\$1.27 B
	+ Hurricanes Laura & Delta	March 22, 2021	+ \$450 M
3	Hurricane Ida & May '21 Severe Storms	Sept. 30, 2022	\$800 M

The first step in receiving program assistance is to complete the program survey. The information provided in the survey will help the program phase homeowners for assistance. The deadline to complete the survey was August 1, 2023.

## Homeowner Phase Prioritization Factors

To serve the most vulnerable populations effectively in our state, the program's phased approach, which is aligned with federal guidance, ensures that the most vulnerable populations are prioritized for assistance.



#### **Household Income**

Households with the lowest income, according to HUD AMI for their area, will be prioritized.



#### **Homeowner Age**

Homeowners over the age of 62 will be prioritized.



#### Disabled Household Members

If a household includes a disabled member, it will be prioritized.



#### Located in Most-Impacted Parishes

Household addresses located in a mostimpacted and distressed parishes will be prioritized.



# Repairs Complete or Incomplete

Households with incomplete repairs will be prioritized.

The phases prioritize homeowners for assistance based on household income, homeowner age, disabled household members, whether the damaged address is in a Most-Impacted parish, and if the damaged address' repairs are complete or incomplete.





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Based on current funding limitations and federal guidance, to be placed in a phase, you must have:

- (1) owned and still own the damaged home
- (2) occupied the home at the time of the disaster
- (3) sustained FEMA IA damages of \$3,000 or greater for repairs
- (4) NOT received or expect to receive structural insurance payments greater than \$50k

APPLICATION PHASES		PHASE I	PHASE II	PHASE III	PHASE IV	PHASE V	PHASE VI
	LESS THAN 50% AMI	<					
HOUSEHOLD INCOME	BETWEEN 50% & 80% AMI		<	<			
	GREATER THAN 80% AMI				<b>✓</b>	✓	<b>✓</b>
GEOGRAPHY	MOST IMPACTED	N/A	N/A	N/A	<		N/A
GEOGRAPHI	OTHER IMPACTED					<	N/A
HOMEOWNER 62+ AND/OR HOUSEHOLD	YES	N/A	<		N/A	N/A	NI/A
MEMBER WITH DISABILITY	N0			<			N/A
STATUS OF REPAIRS	COMPLETE		N/A	N/A			<
	INCOMPLETE	N/A			<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	

#### AMI = AREA MEDIAN INCOME

Based on survey responses and after an environmental review is completed on the damaged residence, the program invites homeowners in Phases 1 – 6 to start a program application for assistance to determine eligibility. Phase 7 eligibility is based on FEMA direct housing participation and other program eligibility requirements.

## Eligibility

After the application is submitted, it is reviewed for eligibility. To be eligible for program assistance, homeowners must meet the following requirements:

- Owner occupant at time of disaster event and still maintain ownership through program final project inspection.
- Damaged address was the applicant's primary residence at the time of disaster event
- Suffered damage as a result of the 2020-21 Disasters
- Eligible structure as determined by program, including single family homes, duplexes, mobile homes and condominiums
- Located in one of 60 disaster declared parishes

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## Homeowner Program Steps

Below is an overview of the homeowner journey in the program, from initial survey to reimbursement and/or repair or reconstruction.



Completing the program survey is the first step in receiving program assistance. The Restore Louisiana program survey deadline was August 1, 2023. Homeowners who did not submit a survey by the deadline may not be considered for program assistance.



The federally required environmental review is the process of reviewing a project and its potential environmental impact to determine whether it meets federal, state and local environmental standards. The environmental review is conducted without an appointment and from the road or right-of-way.

# START THE PROGRAM APPLICATION

Qualified homeowners who submitted a program survey and have had an environmental review of their property performed by the program will be invited to start the program application according to their phase. The deadline to complete the Restore Louisiana program application was October 31, 2023.



During a scheduled damage assessment appointment with the applicant, inspectors will use industry standard software to inspect work already completed and to determine a scope of work for prospective repairs needed to complete the home. The program will also send inspectors to test for lead-based paint in homes constructed prior to 1978.

#### 5 ELIGIBILITY REVIEW

The program will review the application and information from third-party sources to determine whether the homeowner meets eligibility requirements for the program. If the program is unable to verify information from third party sources, applicants may be required to submit supporting documentation for program review.

#### 6 AWARD DETERMINATION

After steps 1-5 are completed, the homeowner will receive their calculated grant award which accounts for any duplication of benefits. The homeowner will have 60 days to either accept or appeal their award. Homeowners may also consult with their case manager during this period.

# 7 CONTRACTOR SELECTION

If a homeowner has remaining repairs or will require reconstruction, during the application the homeowner will choose between SOLUTION 1: Program Managed Construction or SOLUTION 2: Homeowner Managed Construction prior to closing on their grant award. Based on individual conditions at the time of application, applicants can choose the program solution which best fits their own need and capacity to complete their home repair or reconstruction project within the program allotted timeframe.

Prior to closing on their grant awards, applicants will be asked to select their contractor based on their previously chosen solution. Applicant will be able to work with their case manager throughout the contractor selection process.

Please visit the program Resources page for more information on contractor selection:

- Solution 1 Reconstruction
- Solution 2 Reconstruction
- Solution 2 10 Tips for Hiring a
- Contractor
- Solution 2 Mobile Home Unit Repair
- Fortified Construction Checklist
   Fortified Roof Checklist

Options

Contractor Selection is the last status where the solution chosen on the application may be changed prior to closing on the grant award.

#### 8 GRANT AGREEMENT & EXECUTION

After accepting their award, the homeowner will meet with the closing team to sign their grant agreement.

#### 9 REIMBURSEMENT, REPAIR, RECONSTRUCTION

Once the grant agreement is executed and depending on the homeowner's selected solution, the homeowner's selected solution, the homeowner will be issued a reimbursement check and/or will be provided a grant award to repair or reconstruct their home. The allotted time for project repairs/ reconstruction starts on the date the grant agreement is executed.

## Program Outreach

• The Restore Louisiana Homeowner Assistance Program discontinued mobile support locations effective Friday, November 17, 2023, including the office located in Lake Charles at the Magnolia Building, 1011 Lakeshore Drive. Homeowners may continue to submit their applications to the Restore Louisiana Homeowner Assistance Program online by logging into their account at restore.la.gov or by calling the program call center at 866.735.2001 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.



## **Executive Summary**

- The Restore Louisiana Homeowner Assistance survey opened on Feb. 1, 2022. The program opened applications:
  - o Phase 1 on May 11, 2022
  - o Phase 2 − 3 on Aug. 24, 2022
  - o Phase 4 − 5 on Nov. 28, 2022
  - o Phase 6 on Dec. 15, 2022
  - o Phase 7 on Apr. 17, 2023
- Survey Submission Deadline of 8/1/2023 has passed.
- Application Submission Deadline of 10/31/2023 has passed.
- Grant Award Agreement Execution Deadline of 11/1/2024 has passed.
- As of 11/11/2024 there have been 39,330 total survey submissions. 25,781 homeowners were determined to be in Phases I – VII.
- 25,745 environmental reviews have been completed, representing 100% of the 25,745 homeowners in Phases I – VII available for environmental review.
- 25,754 homeowners, from Phases I VII, have been invited to start an application. 20,782 applications have been submitted, representing 81% of the homeowners invited to start an application.
- There has been a total of 13,267 grant awards offered to homeowners totaling \$1,005,884,940.78. Of those, 11,996 homeowners have closed on their grant agreements, obligating \$911,108,148.92.
- 4,996 Housing projects have been completed to date.

## Program Mobile and Event Outreach

- There were no planned outreach events during this reporting period.
- Table 1: Completed Outreach:

Mo./ Yr.	Outreach
2022 Jun-Dec	111
1st Qtr. '23	56
2nd Qtr. '23	113
3rd Qtr. '23	229
4th Qtr. '23	92

No planned Mobile Outreaches scheduled to take place in the next reporting period.



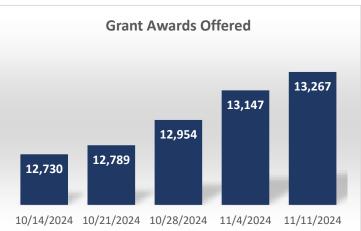
Table 2: Homeowner Program Snapshot.

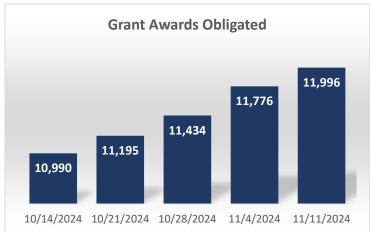
Restore 2020 Homeowner Program Weekly Snapshot					
Activity	As of 11/4/2024	Weekly Activity	As of 11/11/2024	Percentage	Total Dollars
Surveys Recorded				Survey Deadlin	e 8/1/23
Submitted Surveys	39,330	0	39,330	100%	
Working Phases (1-7) Total	25,781	0	25,781	66%	
Non-Working Phases Total	13,549	0	13,549	34%	
Environmental Reviews					
Environmental Reviews Available to Work	0	0	0		
Environmental Reviews Completed	25,744	1	25,745		
Home Inspections					
Home Inspections Available to Work	13	0	13		
Total Home Inspections Completed	20,301	3	20,304		
Applications In Process				Application Dea	adline 10/31/23
Total Number of Invited Applications	25,753	1	25,754	•	
Applications Not Submitted by Deadline	4,971	-1	4,970		
Application Documentation Requested	2	0	2	·	
Applications Available for Grant Determination	20,780	2	20,782	100%	
Pending Grant Determination	81	-12	◀ 69	0.3%	
Grant Determinations			99.7%	% Grant Determinations	
Zero Award	833	0	<b>∢</b> 833	4%	
Ineligible	4,007	6	4,013	19%	
Withdrawn	697	4	₹ 701	3%	
Inactive Offered	2,015	-116	<b>◄</b> 1,899	9%	
Appeals In Progress	33	-2	31		
Grant Awards Offered to Applicant	13,147	120	13,267	64%	\$1,005,884,940.78
Grant Awards					
Grant Awards Obligated	11,776	220	11,996		\$911,108,148.92
Solution 1 & 1/3	4,579	82	4,661		\$377,596,807.96
Solution 2 & 2/3	6,930	136	7,066		\$517,937,437.19
Solution 3 Only	267	2	269		\$15,573,903.77
Disbursements					
Total Disbursements	7,777	237	8,014		\$447,348,614.55
Solution 1 & 1/3	3,095	106	3,201		\$152,933,836.95
Solution 2 & 2/3	4,431	125	4,556		\$279,521,063.12
Solution 3 Only	251	6	257		\$14,893,714.48
Housing Rehab/Reconstruction Complete					
Housing Rehab/Reconstruction Complete	4,888	108	4,996		
Solution 1 & 1/3	1,856	42	1,898		
Solution 2 & 2/3	2,775	61	2,836		
Solution 3 Only	257	5	262		

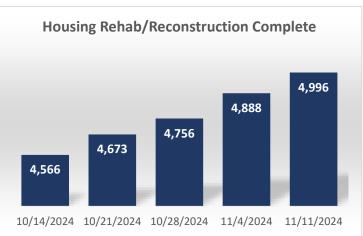


Table 3: Key Program Statistics: Totals to Date.









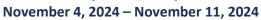


# Table 8: Demographic Information for Submitted Applications.

Self-Reported Race	Submitted Applications	Submitted Applications %	Grants Offered	Grants Offered Percentage %	Grant Awards Obligated	Obligated Percentage %
American Indian/Alaska Native	164	0.8%	157	1.2%	147	1.2%
American Indian/Alaska Native and White	100	0.5%	96	0.7%	84	0.7%
American Indian/Alaskan Native/Black-African American	257	1.2%	249	1.9%	232	1.9%
Asian	99	0.5%	90	0.7%	83	0.7%
Asian and White	23	0.1%	22	0.2%	20	0.2%
Black/African American	8,462	40.7%	7,970	60.1%	7,233	60.3%
Black/African American and White	228	1.1%	211	1.6%	193	1.6%
Decline to answer	277	1.3%	251	1.9%	227	1.9%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	8	0.0%	8	0.1%	8	0.1%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander and White	9	0.0%	9	0.1%	8	0.1%
Other Multi-Racial	237	1.1%	220	1.7%	187	1.6%
White	4,205	20.2%	3,900	29.4%	3,501	29.2%
NOT PROVIDED	6,713	32.3%	84	0.6%	73	0.6%
Total	20,782	100%	13,267	100%	11,996	100%

Female Head of Household % of Complete

Apps:





Appendix A Table 11: Submitted Applications and Grants Offered by House District.

House District	Submitted Applications	Grant Awards Offered
1	2	1
2	10	6
3	16	9
4	11	6
5	3	2
6	1	0
7	3	1
8	0	0
9	0	0
10	0	0
11	10	8
12	18	12
13	30	21
14	13	8
15	8	7
16	46	35
17	43	33
18	37	30
19	9	7
20	3	2
21	0	0
22	61	33
23	24	16
24	55	35
25	65	39
26	57	34
27	32	20
28	0	0
29	64	48
30	76	50
31	14	8
32	309	210
33	342	208
34	964	577
35	381	255
36	258	164

House District	Submitted Applications	Grant Awards
District	Applications	Offered
37	360	240
38	20	17
39	30	22
40	58	43
41	42	25
42	70	51
43	13	10
44	36	22
45	9	5
46	55	40
47	367	198
48	43	32
49	108	91
50	129	99
51	1,214	763
52	733	462
53	1,225	665
54	1,193	640
55	876	600
56	520	335
57	1,289	877
58	720	530
59	75	50
60	309	227
61	49	27
62	87	63
63	62	41
64	35	21
65	32	21
66	25	18
67	39	29
68	42	29
69	17	10
70	30	22
71	35	26
72	1,043	743

House District	Submitted Applications	Grant Awards Offered
73	534	363
74	168	116
75	128	87
76	107	58
77	70	30
78	140	78
79	157	86
80	54	34
81	511	358
82	90	51
83	497	308
84	313	160
85	124	80
86	323	216
87	260	176
88	74	41
89	49	25
90	100	54
91	182	115
92	317	186
93	161	103
94	86	47
95	184	120
96	70	55
97	368	236
98	100	64
99	369	217
100	413	287
101	39	26
102	221	152
103	212	135
104	87	45
105	319	179
Unknown	0	0
Total	20,782	13,267



Appendix A Table 12: Submitted Applications and Grants Offered by Senate District.

Senate District	Submitted Applications	Grant Awards Offered
1	366	208
2	2,241	1,641
3	870	562
4	769	489
5	365	233
6	923	647
7	459	312
8	1,081	598
9	161	96
10	427	237
11	279	146
12	953	652
13	256	172
14	134	92
15	142	94
16	78	53
17	429	317
18	427	273
19	1,821	1,137
20	3,349	1,880
21	1,152	814

Senate District	Submitted Applications	Grant Awards Offered
22	162	126
23	34	23
24	143	99
25	909	556
26	193	129
27	1,403	858
28	164	107
29	136	80
30	603	402
31	104	64
32	36	24
33	50	30
34	72	59
35	45	32
36	0	0
37	3	1
38	9	4
39	34	20
Unknown	0	0
Total	20,782	13,267



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Appendix B Table 13: FEMA Verified Loss (FVL) Greater than \$3,000, Submitted Applications and Grants Offered by Parish.

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Damaged Parish	*> \$3K FVL	Submitted Applications	Grant Awards
	FVL	Applications	Offered
Acadia	710	116	84
Allen	821	153	100
Ascension	1,493	378	252
Assumption	605	278	209
Beauregard	1,631	217	156
Bienville	1	0	0
Bossier	1	0	0
Caddo	269	46	25
Calcasieu	12,504	2,182	1,352
Cameron	1,068	218	106
Catahoula	1	0	0
East Baton Rouge	1,918	412	281
East Feliciana	235	84	62
Grant	345	51	28
Iberia	460	144	121
Iberville	404	108	79
Jackson	72	11	9
Jefferson	10,086	2,090	1,239
Jefferson Davis	988	176	119
La Salle	45	0	0
LaSalle	0	11	7
Lafayette	553	112	75
Lafourche	6,984	2,210	1,324
Lincoln	98	11	9
Livingston	2,104	416	274
Morehouse	131	30	24
Natchitoches	222	26	17

Damaged Parish	*> \$3K FVL	Submitted Applications	Grant Awards Offered
Orleans	7,318	1,909	1,221
Ouachita	433	90	67
Plaquemines	876	270	148
Pointe Coupee	74	22	18
Rapides	1,258	151	91
Red River	1	0	0
Sabine	161	17	9
St. Bernard	959	144	96
St. Charles	2,754	835	540
St. Helena	672	389	297
St. James	1,448	570	424
St. John the Baptist	4,007	1,208	828
St. Landry	604	93	67
St. Martin	353	79	57
St. Mary	427	143	114
St. Tammany	2,751	451	233
Tangipahoa	4,495	1,594	1,085
Terrebonne	8,193	2,927	1,747
Union	103	16	10
Vermilion	677	118	77
Vernon	497	69	43
Washington	753	157	109
West Baton Rouge	101	22	16
West Feliciana	41	9	6
Winn	135	19	12
Other	0	0	0
Total	82,840	20,782	13,267

<sup>\*</sup>Pipeline #6: FEMA Major/Severe Data Updated

<sup>\*</sup>Pipeline #17 FEMA Major Severe column updated to reflect FVL>\$5K

<sup>\*</sup>Pipeline #26 FVL>\$5K column updated to reflect FVL>\$3K

<sup>\*</sup>Pipeline #46: FEMA Data Updated



# Appendix C Table 14: Grant Awards by Parish.

Damaged Parish	Pending Grant Determination	Grant Award Offered	Grant Awards ered Amounts (\$)	Obligated Award	Obli	igated Award Amount (\$)
Acadia	1	84	\$ 6,472,864.31	Awaru 77	\$	5,814,551.10
Allen	0	100	\$ 9,535,239.60	92	\$	8,345,083.92
Ascension	0	252	\$ 17,753,225.05	225	\$	15,549,758.72
Assumption	2	209	\$ 16,622,280.87	201	\$	16,127,369.72
Beauregard	1	156	\$ 15,166,129.66	140	\$	13,683,003.41
Caddo	0	25	\$ 1,377,031.87	23	\$	1,337,890.85
Calcasieu	4	1,352	\$ 120,516,526.36	1,248	\$	110,758,014.50
Cameron	1	106	\$ 9,685,419.04	96	\$	8,419,364.15
East Baton Rouge	1	281	\$ 16,712,818.70	255	\$	14,890,109.84
East Feliciana	0	62	\$ 5,726,982.31	57	\$	5,440,375.78
Grant	0	28	\$ 2,078,036.15	25	\$	1,713,634.74
Iberia	0	121	\$ 9,850,666.61	109	\$	8,818,192.28
Iberville	2	79	\$ 5,781,243.21	70	<del>,</del>	5,323,396.46
Jackson	0	9	\$ 803,640.50	8	<del>\$</del>	683,640.50
Jefferson	8	1,239	\$ 	1,112	\$	59,928,712.33
	1	1,239	\$ 66,311,734.74	1,112	\$ \$	
Jefferson Davis	1		9,304,298.41	5	<u>\$</u> \$	8,913,569.34
LaSalle		7 75	\$ 516,665.60	-		330,624.72
Lafayette	0		\$ 5,103,959.65	67	\$	4,504,870.56
Lafourche	8	1,324	\$ 114,972,490.04	1,191	\$	104,127,458.54
Lincoln	0	9	\$ 738,970.61	7	\$	569,417.39
Livingston	0	274	\$ 22,543,132.49	254	\$	21,127,901.38
Morehouse	0	24	\$ 2,153,198.26	21	\$	1,832,415.01
Natchitoches	0	17	\$ 1,266,903.52	17	\$	1,266,903.52
Orleans	5	1,221	\$ 59,397,763.99	1,013	\$	46,325,141.62
Ouachita	0	67	\$ 5,525,624.76	59	\$	4,129,341.92
Plaquemines	3	148	\$ 11,642,392.01	122	\$	9,811,871.59
Pointe Coupee	0	18	\$ 1,669,021.65	16	\$	1,524,906.37
Rapides	1	91	\$ 6,985,390.78	83	\$	6,297,775.56
Sabine	0	9	\$ 641,517.79	9	\$	641,517.79
St. Bernard	1	96	\$ 4,647,009.34	85	\$	4,187,973.48
St. Charles	4	540	\$ 41,498,271.96	497	\$	38,683,183.04
St. Helena	2	297	\$ 25,506,374.52	279	\$	24,040,326.99
St. James	1	424	\$ 32,748,480.82	398	\$	30,849,047.14
St. John the Baptist	7	828	\$ 57,677,850.59	779	\$	54,623,235.10
St. Landry	1	67	\$ 5,263,730.71	61	\$	5,008,770.29
St. Martin	0	57	\$ 4,619,393.29	53	\$	4,363,240.34
St. Mary	1	114	\$ 9,220,130.12	100	\$	8,062,963.65
St. Tammany	1	233	\$ 12,437,311.10	204	\$	10,749,080.04
Tangipahoa	4	1,085	\$ 87,030,488.55	990	\$	79,685,559.35
Terrebonne	6	1,747	\$ 155,974,716.88	1,591	\$	143,344,346.71
Union	0	10	\$ 691,313.98	9	\$	571,313.98
Vermilion	0	77	\$ 6,190,374.83	70	\$	5,437,060.93
Vernon	1	43	\$ 3,520,950.01	37	\$	2,989,528.84
Washington	1	109	\$ 9,287,193.32	99	\$	8,048,744.37
West Baton Rouge	0	16	\$ 1,276,300.41	12	\$	1,103,317.49
West Feliciana	0	6	\$ 304,773.25	6	\$	304,773.25
Winn	0	12	\$ 1,135,108.56	11	\$	818,870.32
UNKNOWN	0	0	\$ -	0	Ş	-
Total	69	13,267	\$ 1,005,884,940.78	11,996		\$911,108,148.92