

# Restore Louisiana Homeowner Assistance Program Situation & Pipeline Report #114 January 20, 2025 – January 27, 2025

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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, 2024	\$1.27 B
2	+ 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		<	<b>⋄</b>			
	GREATER THAN 80% AMI				<	<	✓
GEOGRAPHY	MOST IMPACTED	N/A	N/A	N/A	<		NI/A
GEOGRAPHI	OTHER IMPACTED					<b>✓</b>	N/A
HOMEOWNER 62+ AND/OR HOUSEHOLD	YES	N/A	<		N/A	N/A	NI/A
MEMBER WITH DISABILITY	NO NO			<			N/A
STATUS OF REPAIRS	COMPLETE	NI/A	N/A N/A	NI/A			<
	INCOMPLETE	N/A		IN/A	<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.



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.



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.



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.



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.



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.

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#### **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 1/27/2025 there have been 39,328 total survey submissions. 25,785 homeowners were determined to be in Phases I – VII.
- 25,752 environmental reviews have been completed, representing 100% of the 25,752 homeowners in Phases I VII available for environmental review.
- 25,761 homeowners, from Phases I VII, have been invited to start an application. 20,798 applications have been submitted, representing 81% of the homeowners invited to start an application.
- There has been a total of 13,502 grant awards offered to homeowners totaling \$1,054,063,514.81. Of those, 13,228 homeowners have closed on their grant agreements, obligating \$1,026,971,474.09.
- 6,145 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.

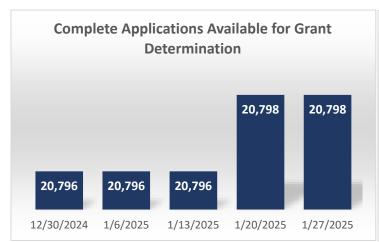


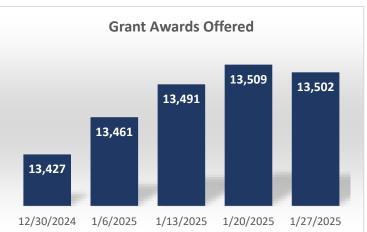
Table 2: Homeowner Program Snapshot.

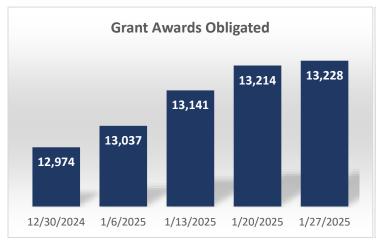
Restore 2020 Homeowner Program Weekly Snapshot						
Activity	As of 1/20/2025	Weekly Activity	As of 1/27/2025	Percentage	Total Dollars	
Surveys Recorded				Survey Deadlin		
Submitted Surveys	39,328	0	39,328	100%		
Working Phases (1-7) Total	25,785	0	25,785	66%		
Non-Working Phases Total	13,543	0	13,543	34%		
Environmental Reviews						
Environmental Reviews Available to Work	0	0	0			
Environmental Reviews Completed	25,751	1	25,752			
Home Inspections						
Home Inspections Available to Work	6	0	6			
Total Home Inspections Completed	20,326	0	20,326			
Applications In Process				Application Dea	i .	
Total Number of Invited Applications	25,760	1	25,761			
Applications Not Submitted by Deadline	4,962	1	4,963			
Application Documentation Requested	0	0	0			
Applications Available for Grant Determination	20,798	0	20,798	100%		
Pending Grant Determination	32	1	∢ 33	0.2%		
Grant Determinations			99.8%	% Grant Determinations		
Zero Award	833	0	<b>∢</b> 833	4%		
Ineligible	4,006	0	4,006	19%		
Withdrawn	814	7	<b>∢</b> 821	4%		
Inactive Offered	1,604	-1	<b>4</b> 1,603	8%		
Appeals In Progress	3	0	3			
Grant Awards Offered to Applicant	13,509	-7	<b>◄</b> 13,502	65%	\$1,054,063,514.81	
Grant Awards						
Grant Awards Obligated	13,214	14	13,228		\$1,026,971,474.09	
Solution 1 & 1/3	5,076	-4	5,072		\$430,778,847.97	
Solution 2 & 2/3	7,866	18	7,884		\$580,447,590.80	
Solution 3 Only	272	0	272		\$15,745,035.32	
Disbursements						
Total Disbursements	8,828	175	9,003		\$533,958,819.83	
Solution 1 & 1/3	3,275	116	3,391		\$182,486,875.95	
Solution 2 & 2/3	5,287	59	5,346		\$335,925,806.98	
Solution 3 Only	266	0	266		\$15,546,136.90	
Housing Rehab/Reconstruction Complete						
Housing Rehab/Reconstruction Complete	6,052	93	6,145			
Solution 1 & 1/3	2,353	37	2,390			
Solution 2 & 2/3	3,432	56	3,488			
Solution 3 Only	267	0	267			

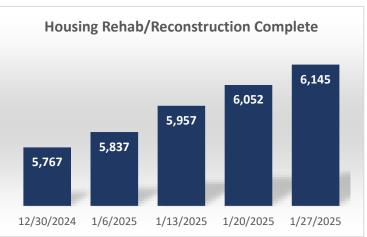


Table 3: Key Program Statistics: Totals to Date.









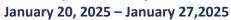


# Table 8: Demographic Information for Submitted Applications.

Self-Reported Race	Submitted Applications	Submitted Applications %	Grants Offered	Grants Offered Percentage %	Grant Awards Obligated	Obligated Percentage %
American Indian/Alaska Native	161	0.8%	153	1.1%	152	1.2%
American Indian/Alaska Native and White	99	0.5%	96	0.7%	95	0.7%
American Indian/Alaskan Native/Black-African American	259	1.3%	251	1.9%	245	1.9%
Asian	100	0.5%	91	0.7%	89	0.7%
Asian and White	22	0.1%	21	0.2%	20	0.2%
Black/African American	8,608	41.4%	8,127	60.2%	7,970	60.3%
Black/African American and White	227	1.1%	209	1.6%	205	1.6%
Decline to answer	281	1.4%	258	1.9%	247	1.9%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	8	0.0%	8	0.1%	8	0.1%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander and White	10	0.1%	10	0.1%	10	0.1%
Other Multi-Racial	235	1.1%	221	1.6%	216	1.6%
White	4,251	20.4%	3,959	29.3%	3,873	29.3%
NOT PROVIDED	6,537	31.4%	98	0.7%	98	0.7%
Total	20,798	100%	13,502	100%	13,228	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	7
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	22
14	13	8
15	8	7
16	46	36
17	43	32
18	37	28
19	9	6
20	3	3
21	0	0
22	61	36
23	24	16
24	55	35
25	65	40
26	57	36
27	32	20
28	0	0
29	64	48
30	76	47
31	14	7
32	309	211
33	342	217
34	965	581
35	382	255
36	258	167

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House	Submitted	Grant Awards
District	Applications	Offered
37	361	248
38	20	17
39	30	23
40	58	42
41	42	24
42	70	49
43	13	10
44	36	22
45	9	5
46	55	39
47	367	204
48	43	32
49	108	90
50	129	102
51	1,217	798
52	733	478
53	1,225	667
54	1,193	653
55	877	609
56	521	344
57	1,291	881
58	721	540
59	75	51
60	309	233
61	49	28
62	87	64
63	62	41
64	35	22
65	32	21
66	25	18
67	39	28
68	42	30
69	17	11
70	30	21
71	35	27
72	1,044	763

House District	Submitted Applications	Grant Awards Offered
73	535	374
74	168	117
75	128	85
76	107	61
77	70	32
78	140	79
79	157	89
80	54	34
81	511	366
82	90	56
83	497	315
84	313	162
85	124	79
86	323	220
87	260	180
88	74	42
89	49	25
90	100	53
91	183	111
92	318	198
93	161	97
94	86	46
95	185	126
96	70	57
97	368	235
98	100	58
99	369	219
100	413	290
101	39	27
102	221	153
103	212	140
104	87	46
105	319	191
Unknown	0	0
Total	20,798	13,502





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

Senate District	Submitted Applications	Grant Awards Offered
1	366	214
2	2,243	1,667
3	870	566
4	769	488
5	366	220
6	924	669
7	459	314
8	1,081	619
9	161	98
10	427	249
11	279	151
12	954	656
13	257	179
14	134	91
15	142	95
16	78	55
17	429	325
18	427	277
19	1,825	1,163
20	3,349	1,917
21	1,155	841

Senate District	Submitted Applications	Grant Awards Offered
22	162	126
23	34	23
24	143	102
25	910	572
26	193	125
27	1,405	870
28	164	108
29	136	87
30	603	399
31	104	64
32	36	26
33	50	30
34	72	58
35	45	32
36	0	0
37	3	2
38	9	4
39	34	20
Unknown	0	0
Total	20,798	13,502





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

Damaged Parish	*> \$3K FVL	Submitted Applications	Grant Awards Offered
Acadia	710	116	82
Allen	821	153	102
Ascension	1,493	379	255
Assumption	605	278	215
Beauregard	1,631	217	153
Bienville	1	0	0
Bossier	1	0	0
Caddo	269	46	26
Calcasieu	12,504	2,185	1,372
Cameron	1,068	218	111
Catahoula	1	0	0
East Baton Rouge	1,918	412	283
East Feliciana	235	84	62
Grant	345	51	31
Iberia	460	144	122
Iberville	404	108	80
Jackson	72	11	9
Jefferson	10,086	2,091	1,273
Jefferson Davis	988	176	123
La Salle	45	0	0
LaSalle	0	11	8
Lafayette	553	112	75
Lafourche	6,984	2,211	1,349
Lincoln	98	11	9
Livingston	2,104	417	284
Morehouse	131	30	23
Natchitoches	222	26	17

Damaged Parish	*> \$3K FVL	Submitted Applications	Grant Awards Offered
Orleans	7,318	1,910	1,209
Ouachita	433	90	67
Plaquemines	876	270	165
Pointe Coupee	74	22	17
Rapides	1,258	151	94
Red River	1	0	0
Sabine	161	17	9
St. Bernard	959	144	95
St. Charles	2,754	837	549
St. Helena	672	389	311
St. James	1,448	570	434
St. John the Baptist	4,007	1,209	838
St. Landry	604	93	67
St. Martin	353	79	55
St. Mary	427	143	117
St. Tammany	2,751	451	238
Tangipahoa	4,495	1,596	1,107
Terrebonne	8,193	2,930	1,794
Union	103	16	10
Vermilion	677	118	77
Vernon	497	69	42
Washington	753	157	107
West Baton Rouge	101	22	16
West Feliciana	41	9	7
Winn	135	19	13
Other	0	0	0
Total	82,840	20,798	13,502

<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	Oblig	rated Award Amount (\$)
Acadia	1	82	\$ 6,732,094.89	79	\$	6,387,256.05
Allen	0	102	\$ 9,686,199.24	101	\$	9,601,199.24
Ascension	1	255	\$ 18,034,273.92	249	\$	17,299,947.70
Assumption	0	215	\$ 17,538,488.63	212	\$	17,448,319.87
Beauregard	1	153	\$ 15,349,009.60	150	\$	14,916,605.22
Caddo	0	26	\$ 1,643,754.58	26	\$	1,640,824.55
Calcasieu	7	1.372	\$ 125,190,746.28	1,348	\$	122,514,497.22
Cameron	0	111	\$ 10,120,390.22	106	\$	9,640,158.94
East Baton Rouge	0	283	\$ 18,027,660.34	277	\$	17,364,284.59
East Feliciana	0	62	\$ 5,793,563.68	61	\$	5,722,828.44
Grant	0	31	\$ 2,656,683.70	29	\$	2,460,667.65
Iberia	0	122	\$ 10,116,480.13	122	\$	10,116,480.13
Iberville	0	80	\$ 6,269,429.29	80	\$	6,269,429.29
Jackson	0	9	\$ 805,640.50	9	<del>,</del> \$	805,640.50
Jefferson	1	1,273	\$	_	\$ \$	
Jefferson Davis	0	1,273	\$ 70,195,514.33 10,362,119.99	1,241 121	<u> </u>	68,423,624.59
LaSalle	0		\$ 		\$ \$	10,023,614.66
		8	757,543.52	8		757,543.52
Lafayette	0	75	\$ 5,135,215.92	73	\$	4,982,962.41
Lafourche	0	1,349	\$ 120,647,778.44	1,324	\$	117,259,367.10
Lincoln	0	9	\$ 747,865.02	9	\$	747,865.02
Livingston	0	284	\$ 23,373,804.67	282	\$	23,248,934.47
Morehouse	0	23	\$ 2,254,917.98	23	\$	2,254,917.98
Natchitoches	0	17	\$ 1,379,907.48	17	\$	1,379,907.48
Orleans	1	1,209	\$ 59,964,703.54	1,178	\$	56,561,063.13
Ouachita	0	67	\$ 5,227,283.14	66	\$	5,217,423.59
Plaquemines	0	165	\$ 13,382,304.74	157	\$	12,799,327.69
Pointe Coupee	1	17	\$ 1,731,776.67	15	\$	1,476,709.95
Rapides	0	94	\$ 7,506,982.19	89	\$	7,132,246.14
Sabine	0	9	\$ 679,400.72	9	\$	679,400.72
St. Bernard	0	95	\$ 4,698,953.50	93	\$	4,501,146.01
St. Charles	2	549	\$ 43,744,847.03	544	\$	43,554,139.89
St. Helena	2	311	\$ 27,802,309.93	302	\$	26,558,441.55
St. James	0	434	\$ 34,380,791.84	431	\$	33,868,822.83
St. John the Baptist	4	838	\$ 58,947,962.60	828	\$	58,009,006.59
St. Landry	1	67	\$ 5,565,447.48	65	\$	5,328,425.26
St. Martin	1	55	\$ 4,593,064.77	55	\$	4,593,064.77
St. Mary	1	117	\$ 9,569,426.19	113	\$	9,324,971.91
St. Tammany	1	238	\$ 12,945,443.00	229	\$	12,038,690.62
Tangipahoa	3	1,107	\$ 91,627,256.52	1,082	\$	89,305,009.10
Terrebonne	4	1,794	\$ 165,521,815.34	1,758	\$	162,059,581.12
Union	0	10	\$ 699,019.75	10	\$	699,019.75
Vermilion	0	77	\$ 6,360,029.16	77	\$	6,359,958.62
Vernon	0	42	\$ 3,699,096.14	40	\$	3,468,962.96
Washington	1	107	\$ 9,453,350.38	105	\$	9,223,567.88
West Baton Rouge	0	16	\$ 1,384,238.22	15	\$	1,186,687.78
West Feliciana	0	7	\$ 396,273.25	7	\$	396,273.25
Winn	0	13	\$ 1,362,656.36	13	\$	1,362,656.36
UNKNOWN	0	0	\$ -	0	\$	- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Total	33	13,502	\$ 1,054,063,514.81	13,228		\$1,026,971,474.09