

# Great Floods of 2016 4263 and 4277





# **Rent Stress in Louisiana**

Housing is considered "affordable" to a household if the rent (including utilities) is no more than 30% of its pre-tax income.

Households spending more than 30 percent are labeled "cost burdened" or "rent-stressed," and those spending more than 50 percent are labeled "severely cost burdened" or "severely rent-stressed".



\*United States Census, American Community Survey 2010-2014, 5Year Estimates



## **Key Facts**

Across the state, there is a deficit of affordable and available rental units to extremely low income (ELI) households, many of whom faced significant housing cost burdens prior to the historic floods.







## 65 and Over Population



of the state's population is 65 and over



**56%** 

of Louisiana's 65 and over population are low income



# **Rent Stressed Statistics**

Income Levels	Total Renter Households	% of Households with Severe Burden
Income at or below 30% AMI	198,953	70%

Income Levels	Surplus/Deficit of Affordable and Available Rental Units
Income at or below 30% AMI	-107,787



## Low to Moderate Income Rental Population Impacted

42	63	4277	
Ascension	100 <sup>%</sup>	68%	Ascension
EBR		78%	EBR
Lafayette		73 <sup>%</sup>	Lafayette
Livingston	80%	68%	Livingston
Ouachita	80%		Ouachita
Tangipahoa	84 <sup>%</sup>	77 %	Tangipahoa
* FEMA IA Report			



# **Rental Solutions**

<b>Restore Programs</b>	<b>Estimated Allocation</b>	
Multifamily Restoration Program	\$50,000,000	
Rental Repair and Infill Program	\$40,000,000	<b>\$130,000,000</b> in rental assistance to
Piggyback Program	\$20,000,000	Louisiana families
Rapid Rehousing	\$15,000,000	
Permanent Supportive Housing	\$5,000,000	



## **Restoration and Infill Programs**

#### **Multifamily Restoration Program**

- For profit, non-profits, private property owners and public housing authorities may be eligible to apply
- 51% of the units must be affordable to low income tenants
- Multi-unit developments located in a flood zone; and properties not in a flood zone, may be eligible for assistance.
  - 20 units or more (flood damaged)
- 20-year compliance period
- Award will be based on the lessor of a gap in costs or on a per unit cost

#### **Rental Repair and Infill Program**

- Partially forgivable or fully forgivable loans for reconstruction, rehab or new construction
- Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO), non-profits, public housing authorities, development agency of units of local government, for profit and private landlords may be eligible to apply
- 1 to 7 unit properties may be eligible for assistance
- 51% of the units must be affordable to low income tenants
- Must agree to meet the occupancy rule requirements established by HUD



# Rapid Re-housing & Permanent Supportive Housing

### Rapid Re-housing

- The program to be administered by the Louisiana Housing Authority to provide rental assistance to renters displaced by the floods who are at risk of becoming homeless.
  - Very low and extremely low income families receiving TSA from FEMA
  - Very low and extremely low income families temporarily living with friends and family
- Displaced households at 30% AMI and below
- Homeless displaced households (including those living in hotels; families with 4 or more minors
- Funds may be used for up to 24 months of rental assistance, security deposits, rental and utility, application and background check fees required for housing.

#### **Permanent Supportive Housing**

- The program to be administered by the Louisiana Housing Authority for households that are homeless, at risk of becoming homeless.
- To be eligible, applicants must meet all four conditions:
  - Household member has a substantial, long-term disability
  - Household member with a condition above receiving Medicaid-funding or funded support services
  - Support services include qualified member to get and keep housing
  - Household income at or below 50% AMI
- The program will use the existing state PSH program that serves as a model for the rest of the country.



# **Program Timelines**

- SPRING 2017: Technical assistance workshops
- **SUMMER 2017:** Program announcement and guidelines
- MID-SUMMER 2017: Award announcements
- FALL 2017: Construction begins





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