

Louisiana Emergency Management Conference

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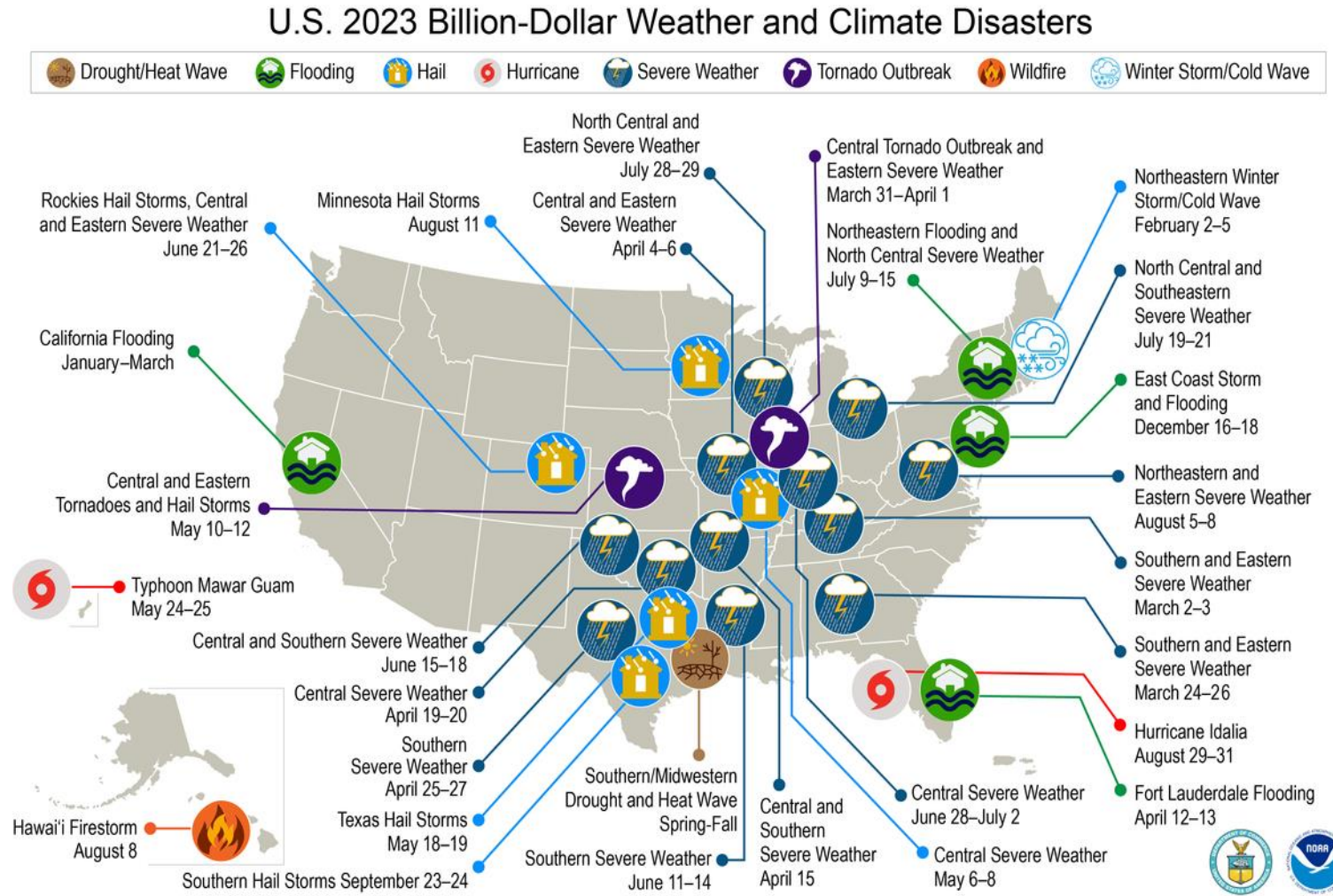
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FEMA

Weather and Climate Disasters

- 2023 Billion-Dollar Disasters
 - 28 disasters
 - \$92.9 billion
- 114 Stafford Act Declarations in 2023
- 32 Stafford Act Declarations so far in 2024

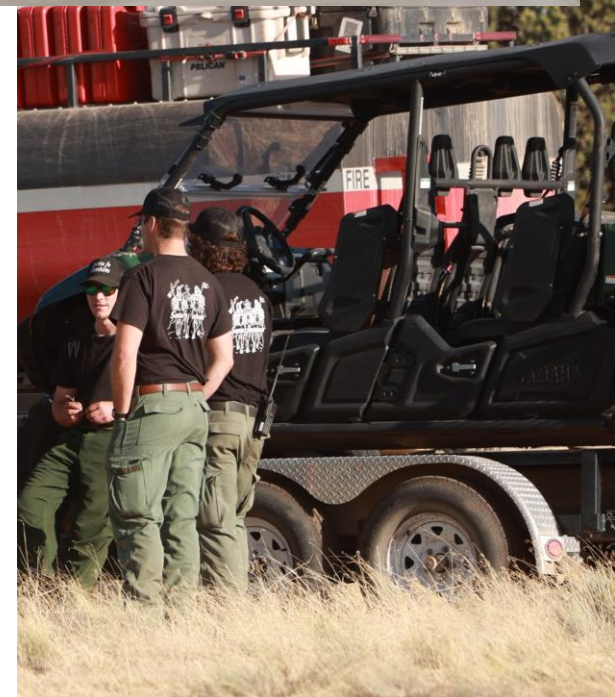


This map denotes the approximate location for each of the 28 separate billion-dollar weather and climate disasters that impacted the United States in 2023.



Nontypical Events

- FMAGs granted in Louisiana last fall.
 - Four FMAGs in seven days
 - FMAGs help with management and control of fires that could become a disaster.
- Saltwater Intrusion
 - Began from drought along Mississippi River
 - IRC mission-assigned USACE for technical support and assistance.
 - Recovery assistance and plans to mitigate against future intrusions.



2024 Year of Resilience

- Focusing on preparedness for individuals, communities, tribal nations, and local governments
- End the cycle of response and recovery and start building the resilience our communities need
- We need your help to recognize the immediate needs.



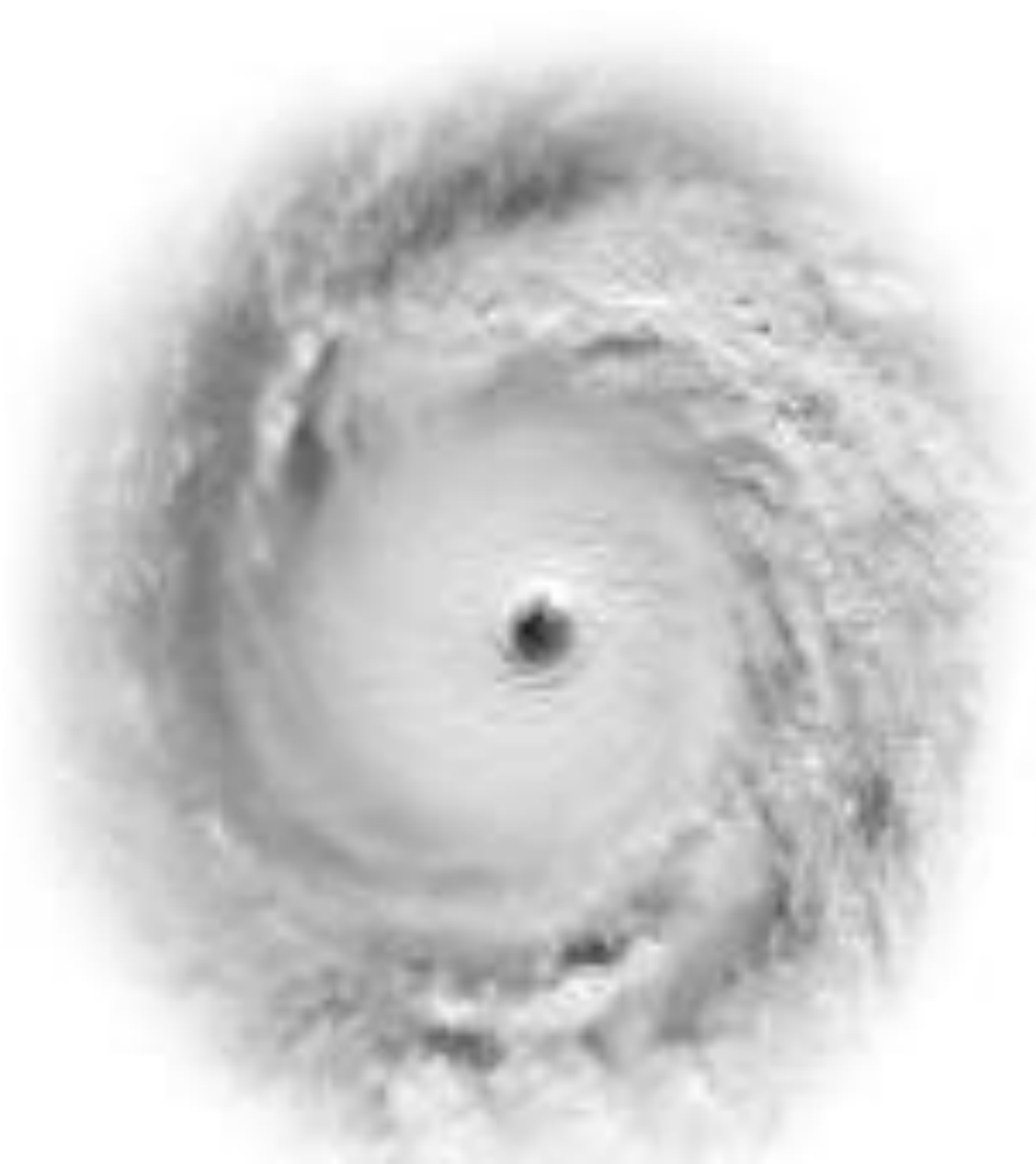
Open Disasters – Louisiana Activity

- 17 DR Declarations
- 3 EM Declarations
- 4 FMAG Declarations
- 8,038 open PWs
- Over \$24.2 Billion in obligated funds

Disaster Number	Declaration Date	Disaster Type	Incident Type	Grantee Type	Number Of PWs Open	Total Obligated
1603	08/29/2005	DR	Non-COVID	State	556	\$13,697,053,155.87
1607	09/24/2005	DR	Non-COVID	State	15	\$679,893,759.79
1786	09/02/2008	DR	Non-COVID	State	43	\$710,301,236.92
3543	09/14/2020	EM	Non-COVID	State	2	\$5,839,055.98
3568	08/27/2021	EM	Non-COVID	State		
3600	09/27/2023	EM	Non-COVID	State	1	\$0.00
4080	08/29/2012	DR	Non-COVID	State	78	\$300,695,196.76
4228	07/13/2015	DR	Non-COVID	State	2	\$11,415,704.83
4263	03/13/2016	DR	Non-COVID	State	74	\$110,025,230.46
4277	08/14/2016	DR	Non-COVID	State	219	\$763,400,119.43
4439	06/03/2019	DR	Non-COVID	State	20	\$23,012,000.82
4458	08/27/2019	DR	Non-COVID	State	118	\$52,563,123.40
4462	09/19/2019	DR	Non-COVID	State	46	\$19,942,970.51
4484	03/24/2020	DR	COVID	State	367	\$2,482,418,750.36
4559	08/28/2020	DR	Non-COVID	State	2,339	\$2,652,463,400.29
4570	10/16/2020	DR	Non-COVID	State	472	\$116,606,612.14
4577	01/12/2021	DR	Non-COVID	State	334	\$57,706,788.78
4590	03/09/2021	DR	Non-COVID	State	298	\$35,616,115.44
4606	06/02/2021	DR	Non-COVID	State	67	\$11,562,988.06
4611	08/29/2021	DR	Non-COVID	State	2,987	\$2,511,403,981.39
5482	08/23/2023	FM	Non-COVID	State		
5484	08/25/2023	FM	Non-COVID	State		
5485	08/27/2023	FM	Non-COVID	State		
5486	08/30/2023	FM	Non-COVID	State		

Hurricane Season 2024

- For this year, Colorado State University is predicting an extremely active Atlantic hurricane season.
 - 23 named storms
 - 11 hurricanes
 - 5 major hurricanes
 - 42% chance of landfall for the Gulf Coast



Grant Opportunities

Funding Per Fiscal Year						
AWARD	FY-18	FY-19	FY-20	FY-21	FY-22	TOTALS
Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)	\$2,600,390.13	\$2,622,402.75	\$2,197,700.54	\$1,800,218.28	\$3,110,175.51	\$12,330,887.21
Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG - Supplemental)	N/A	N/A	\$208,515.50	\$2,422,669.99	N/A	\$2,631,185.49
Total Funding Last Five Years						\$14,962,072.70

- **Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER)**
- <https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters>
- **Nonprofit Security Grant**
- **Hazard Mitigation**
- **Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)**
- **Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)**
- [FEMA Grants | FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov/grants)

GOHSEP Open Non-Disaster Grants

Grant	Program	Recipient	Obligated Amount	POP End Date
EMT-2021-EP-00001	Emergency Management Performance Grant	GOHSEP	\$5,633,396.00	9/30/2023
EMT-2021-EP-00002	Emergency Management Performance Grant	GOHSEP	\$1,586,873.00	9/30/2023
EMT-2022-EP-00003	Emergency Management Performance Grant	GOHSEP	\$6,415,373.00	9/30/2024
EMT-2023-EP-00001	Emergency Management Performance Grant	GOHSEP	\$5,565,065.00	9/30/2025
EMT-2023-E0-00002	Emergency Operation Center	GOHSEP	\$8,525,074.00	5/31/2026
EMT-2014-FM-E004	Flood Mitigation Assistance	GOHSEP	\$22,413,269.99	3/30/2023
EMT-2012-FM-E002	Flood Mitigation Assistance	GOHSEP	\$3,230,756.20	5/16/2025
EMT-2014-FM-E003	Flood Mitigation Assistance	GOHSEP	\$25,876,395.11	7/9/2023
EMT-2016-FM-E003	Flood Mitigation Assistance	GOHSEP	\$37,385,560.34	10/30/2024
EMT-2016-FM-E005	Flood Mitigation Assistance	GOHSEP	\$46,368,023.06	8/30/2024
EMT-2018-FM-E001	Flood Mitigation Assistance	GOHSEP	\$56,305,591.66	3/21/2025
EMT-2020-FM-E004	Flood Mitigation Assistance	GOHSEP	\$58,113,473.55	6/18/2024
EMT-2021-FM-E001	Flood Mitigation Assistance	GOHSEP	\$93,837,063.34	2/2/2025
EMT-2020-FM-053	Flood Mitigation Assistance	GOHSEP	\$84,173,516.74	9/1/2025
EMT-2021-FM-024	Flood Mitigation Assistance	GOHSEP	\$38,121,690.00	9/22/2025

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EMT-2022-FM-E001	Flood Mitigation Assistance	GOHSEP	\$38,927,838.84	9/22/2025
EMT-2023-PD-0002	Legislative Pre-Disaster Mitigation	GOHSEP	\$2,520,000.00	8/20/2026
EMT-2016-PC-0008	Pre-Disaster Mitigation	GOHSEP	\$2,322,246.75	10/30/2024
EMT-2020-PC-0001	Pre-Disaster Mitigation	GOHSEP	\$3,167,181.40	12/18/2023
EMT-2020-PC-0009	Pre-Disaster Mitigation	GOHSEP	\$13,505,108.43	9/3/2024
EMW-2022-CY-00029	State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program	GOHSEP	\$3,326,689.00	11/30/2026
EMW-2023-CY-00017	State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program	GOHSEP	\$6,732,858.00	11/30/2027
EMW-2020-SS-00011	Homeland Security Grant Program	GOHSEP	\$8,540,988.00	8/31/2023
EMW-2021-SS-00019	Homeland Security Grant Program	GOHSEP	\$5,418,000.00	8/31/2024
EMW-2022-SS-00042	Homeland Security Grant Program	GOHSEP	\$7,027,000.00	8/31/2025
EMW-2023-SS-00008	Homeland Security Grant Program	GOHSEP	\$7,252,833.00	8/31/2026
EMW-2020-UA-00011	Non-Profit Security Grant Program	GOHSEP	\$966,511.00	8/31/2023
EMW-2021-UA-00018	Non-Profit Security Grant Program	GOHSEP	\$1,677,840.00	8/31/2024
EMW-2022-UA-00041	Non-Profit Security Grant Program	GOHSEP	\$1,223,755.79	8/31/2025
EMW-2023-UA-00008	Non-Profit Security Grant Program	GOHSEP	\$3,648,018.00	8/31/2026
Total			\$599,807,989.20	

FEMA Program Updates

IA Reforms Help Survivors Recover Faster

- Establish benefits that provide flexible funding directly to survivors when they need it most.
- Establishing Serious Needs Assistance
 - Now available in all disasters receiving IA
 - The payment of \$750 per household with serious needs
- Establishing Displacement Assistance
 - Provide eligible survivors with up-front assistance for immediate housing options



Establish New Benefits

- **Standardizing Serious Needs Assistance**
FEMA is standardizing assistance for serious needs by making a \$750 payment available in all disasters receiving Individual Assistance, for eligible households to access essential items like, food, water, baby formula and other emergency supplies.
- **Create Displacement Assistance**
This new form of assistance is designed for survivors that cannot return to their home following a disaster and provides them financial assistance they can use flexibly to pay for their immediate housing needs. It will provide eligible survivors with up-front funds to assist with immediate housing options of their choice until they are able to secure a rental option to focus on their long-term recovery.

Reforms Help Survivors Recover Faster and Stronger

- Cuts red tape and expands eligibility to reach more people
 - Removing loan application requirements
 - Helping underinsured survivors
 - Simplifying assistance for entrepreneurs
 - Expanding habitability criteria
 - Making accessibility improvements



Cut Red Tape and Expand Eligibility

- **Simplify Other Needs Assistance**
FEMA will no longer require survivors to apply for a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) loan before being considered for certain types of assistance. Survivors now have the option to apply for a low-interest SBA loan at the same time they apply for FEMA assistance.
- **Help Underinsured Survivors**
Survivors who receive an insurance payment for damage to their home may be eligible to receive assistance from FEMA, even if their insurance payment is more than congressionally established maximums for Housing Assistance or Other Needs Assistance (\$42,500 for Fiscal Year 2024).
- **Expand Habitability Criteria**
Survivors who need to fix a disaster-damaged area of their home may qualify for FEMA support so the home is in a safe and sanitary condition, to include home repair regardless of pre-existing conditions of the disaster-damaged area. For example, if an already leaky roof was further damaged by a disaster, it may be eligible for repairs required to bring it back to a working condition.
- **Make Accessibility Improvements**
Survivors with disabilities may now use FEMA funding to make certain accessibility improvements to homes damaged by a declared disaster.
- **Simplifying Assistance for Entrepreneurs**
FEMA may provide self-employed survivors with some initial financial support to replace disaster-damaged tools and equipment, or other items required for a specific trade or profession.

Reforms Simplify Application Process

- Application process is simplified to meet survivors' individual needs and meet people where they are.
 - Removes barriers for late applicants
 - No longer provide documentation for late application
 - Streamlines temporary housing assistance applications
 - Reducing documentation required
 - Simplifies the process for appeals
 - No longer provide written appeal letter



Simplify the Application Process

- **Streamline Temporary Housing Assistance Applications**
FEMA is reducing documentation requirements for applicants seeking continued temporary housing assistance. Individual caseworkers will engage closely with survivors to offer support and increase transparency.
- **Remove Barriers for Late Applicants**
Survivors requesting approval for a late application no longer have to provide documentation supporting the reason for their late application.
- **Simplify the Process for Appeals**
Survivors who do not agree with the type or amount of FEMA assistance offered will experience a simplified process to appeal. A signed, written appeal letter will no longer be required to accompany supporting documentation.

Reducing Barriers to Public Assistance

- Additional flexibility
 - Increase small project threshold to \$1 million
- Expanding the eligibility criteria for hazardous trees, limbs, branches and stumps
- Building back more Resilient
 - Emphasizing 406 Mitigation
 - Consensus Based Codes and Standards
 - Net Zero Energy Design
 - Low Carbon Construction Materials



Consumer Price Index Thresholds

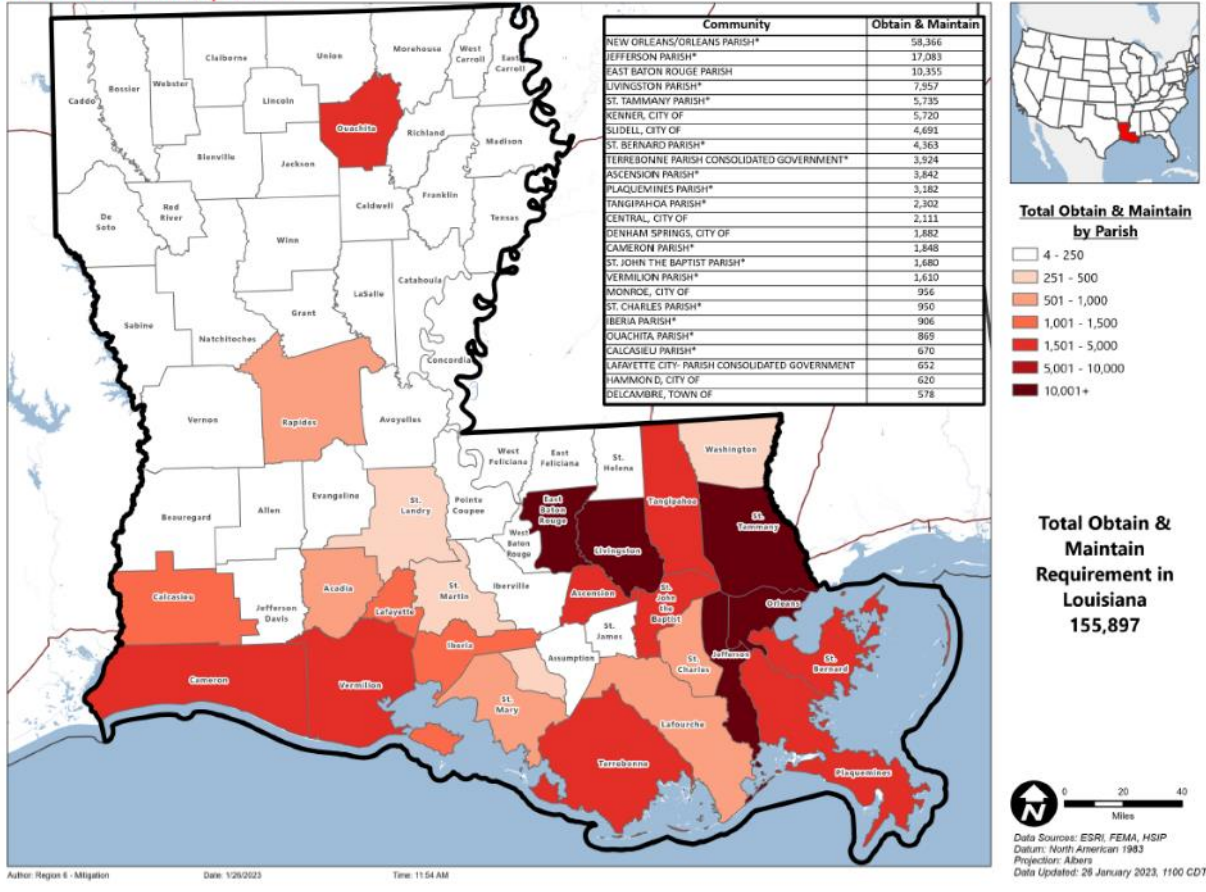
FY	Per Capita	Parish-wide Indicator	Small Project Minimum	Large Project Threshold
2014*	\$1.39	\$3.50	\$3,000*	\$120,000*
2015	\$1.41	\$3.56	\$3,040	\$121,600
2016	\$1.41	\$3.57	\$3,050	\$121,800
2017	\$1.43	\$3.61	\$3,100	\$123,100
2018	\$1.46	\$3.68	\$3,140	\$125,500
2019*	\$1.50	\$3.78	\$3,200	\$128,900
2020	\$1.53	\$3.84	\$3,300	\$131,100
2021	\$1.55	\$3.89	\$3,320	\$132,800
2022	\$1.63	\$4.10	\$3,500	\$139,800
2023	\$1.77	\$4.44	\$3,800	\$1,000,000**
2024	\$1.84	\$4.60	\$3,900	\$1,037,000

Louisiana State Public Assistance Threshold = \$8,570,273

PA Obtain and Maintain Policy

- FEMA requires applicants who receive PA funding to obtain and maintain coverage on damaged structures.
- Failure to do so can result in being ineligible for future disaster assistance.
- Some applicants carry blanket coverage which may or may not meet the FEMA requirement.
- Modifications may be made to insurance requires on a facility-by-facility basis.





IA Obtain and Maintain Policy

- Households in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) that receive federal disaster assistance for flood-damaged repair or replacement of home or personal property.
 - Homeowners must maintain coverage as long as they own the property.
 - Renters must maintain coverage as long as they live at the rental property.
- Not complying can make you ineligible for certain types of future disaster assistance in a flood event.

Not Approved - Noncompliant with Flood Insurance Requirement (NCOMP - HR)
Your application cannot be approved for Home Repair or Replacement Assistance because you didn't maintain a flood insurance policy.

Mitigation and Flood Insurance








Hazard Mitigation Plans

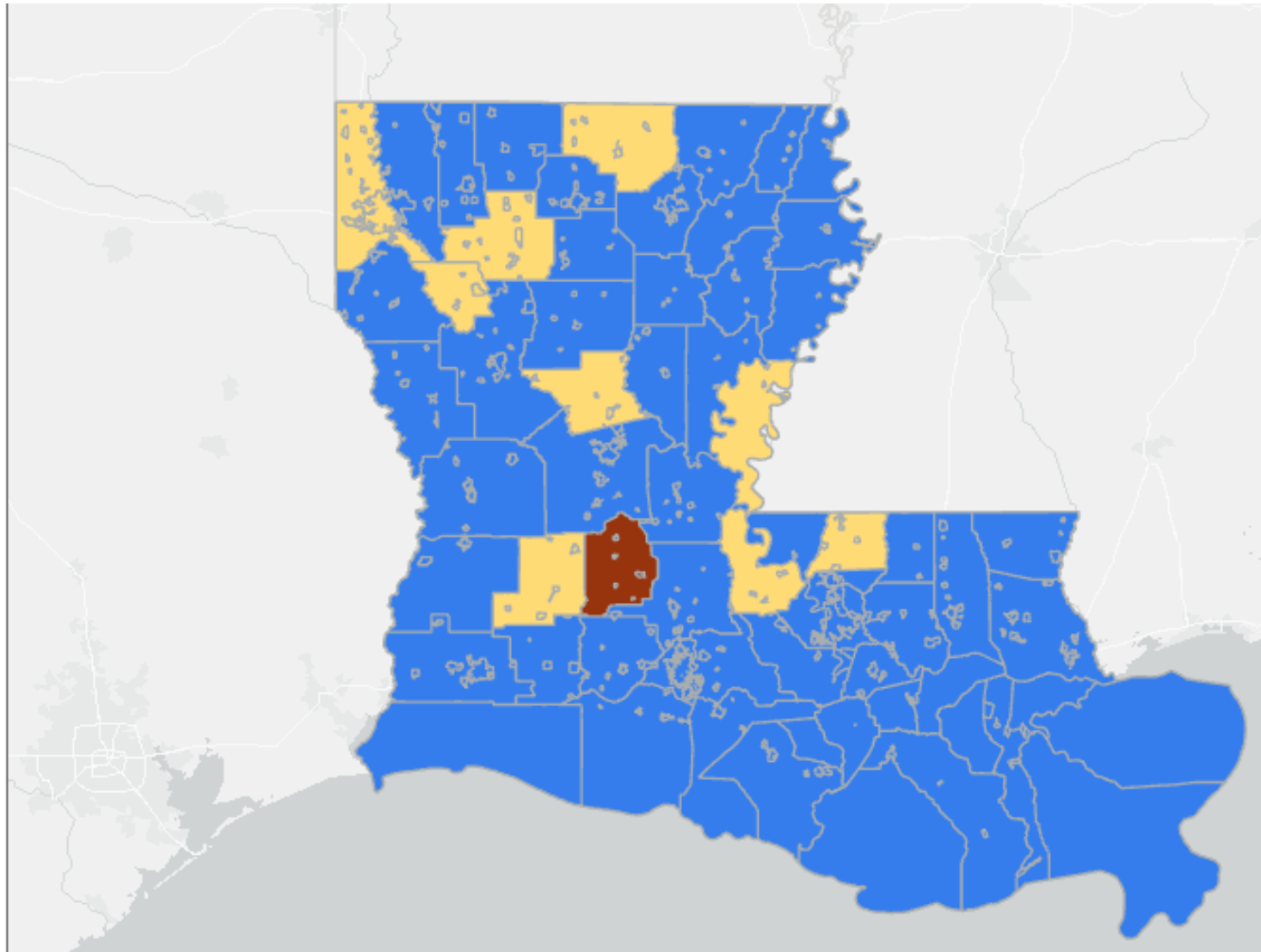
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Local Government



Jurisdiction Status

-  Approved/Amending
-  APA
-  In Review
-  Awaiting Review
-  Plan in Progress
-  Expired
-  No Plan



Flooding – Who Needs Flood Insurance?

- More deaths occur due to flooding than from any other thunderstorm-related hazard
- Room for growth
 - 25% of Louisiana households have flood insurance
- Flood insurance policies cover direct physical losses to structures and belongings
- FEMA's Community Rating System or (CRS) program
- [fema.gov/floodplain-management/community-rating-system](https://www.fema.gov/floodplain-management/community-rating-system)



Community Disaster Resilience Zones

- Specially designated zones meant to drive federal, public and private resources to the most at-risk and in-need jurisdictions
 - Six Zones in Louisiana
- Intended to bring Regional experts, and stakeholders to discuss Regional/Community Resilience
- Will conduct listening sessions beginning in May





Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

- Largest investment in broadband, rail, transit, clean energy and water.
- Types of grants include:
 - Planning Grants
 - Resilience Improvement Grants
 - Community Resilience and Evacuation Routes
 - At-Risk Coastal Infrastructure.
- Port of New Orleans

Greater Community Engagement

Disability Integration

- Available Resources
 - Collaboration with Louisiana's Emergency Management Agency to deliver a monthly webinar highlighting resources for the Access and Functional Needs community
- Known Gaps in Services/Communications
 - Meet the needs of the community quickly and efficiently post-disaster
- Ways for Local Emergency Management to Get Involved
 - Participate in local emergency shelter surveys to identify barriers to the Access and Functional Needs community
 - Help us remove those barriers



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All of Us are Emergency Managers

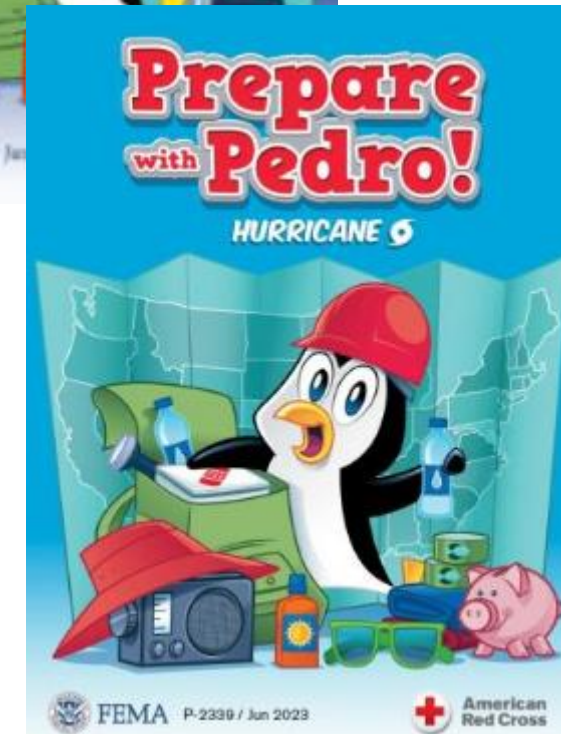
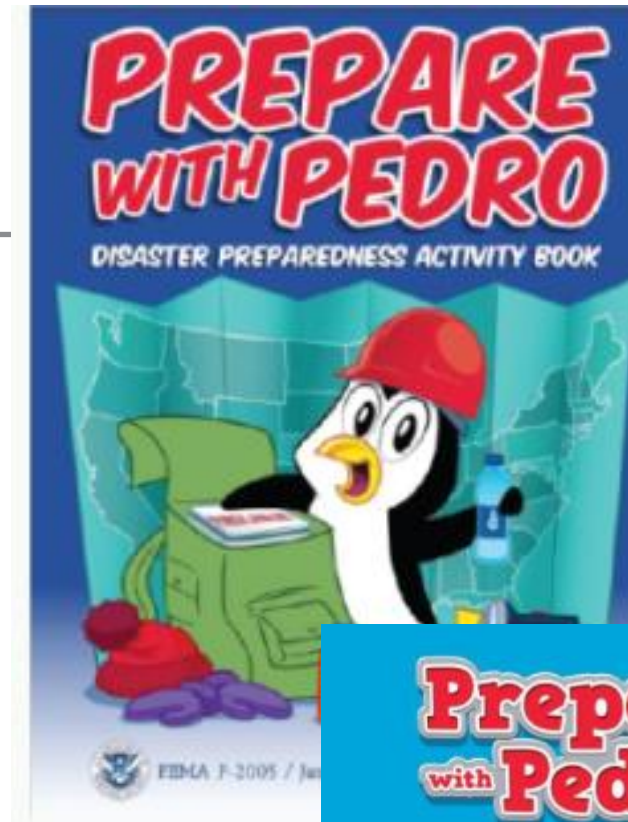
Building a culture of preparedness through training and education:

- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program
- Youth Preparedness Council
- Faith-Based Community Preparedness
- FEMA Corps
- Other non-governmental partnerships



Youth Outreach

- Important to involve kids in preparedness planning
- Kids as young as kindergarteners can learn what to do before, during and after a disaster
- Ready.gov/Kids has great activities to engage kids



Partnering with Business and Industry

- The vast network of business, industry, academia, trade associations, and other non-governmental organizations are partners in every phase from preparedness to response and recovery to mitigation
- For over a decade, the FEMA has worked steadily to increase the level of business and industry collaboration at all levels
- [Private Sector Emergency Management Association](#)
- [American Logistics Aid Network \(ALAN\)](#)





LC RESILIENCY SUMMIT

Additional FEMA Resources

- EMI and CDP Courses: <https://training.fema.gov/emicourses/> and https://cdp.dhs.gov/online_course
- Ready.gov and Listo.gov: <https://www.ready.gov/> and <https://www.ready.gov/es>
- PA Program and Policy Guide: https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_pappg-v4-updated-links_policy_6-1-2020.pdf
- IA Program and Policy Guide: https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-09/fema_individual-assistance-program-policy-guide_11-29-2018.pdf
- Preparedness Tool Kit: <https://preptoolkit.fema.gov/>
- Resilience Analysis and Planning Tool (RAPT): <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/practitioners/resilience-analysis-and-planning-tool>

Closing

- What Does Resilience Mean to You? What does it mean to your community?
- Give us your feedback on the FEMA online products like the National Risk Index and National Preparedness Toolkit
- Encourage Mitigation activities in your community to include the purchase of Flood Insurance
- Let us know what we can do to make our programs more accessible, more equitable, and more useful to you
- Thank you for your partnerships
- Please visit with the FEMA Staff that are in attendance

An aerial photograph of a city skyline at dusk, with a blue color cast. The text "Thank you!" is overlaid in the center. The skyline includes a prominent skyscraper on the left, several mid-rise buildings, and a large, modern building complex in the foreground. A body of water is visible in the bottom right corner.

Thank you!