

Promoting Partnerships for Disaster Recovery in Louisiana

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As response efforts stabilize after a disaster, the focus shifts to recovery. FEMA's Interagency Recovery Coordination (IRC) group helps with long-term recovery that is inclusive, locally led, state-managed, and federally supported.

The IRC works under the guidelines of the National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF) with teams of specialists from FEMA and other federal agencies to mobilize and coordinate technical assistance, resources and subject matter experts who work with nongovernmental and private sector organizations. Together they support local, state and federal recovery efforts.

The NDRF is guided by eight principles:

- Individual and family empowerment;
- Leadership and local primacy;
- Pre-Disaster recovery planning;
- Engaged partnerships and inclusiveness;
- Unity of effort;
- Timeliness and flexibility;
- Resilience and sustainability; and
- Psychological and emotional recovery.

Participation by the whole community ensures recovery goals are locally planned and locally owned.

An important role of IRC is its imperative to provide additional assistance and access to nongovernmental financial resources that may meet needs that FEMA, state, and other programs cannot meet.

- 52. Recovery
- Following hurricanes Laura and Delta, housing and economic recovery were among the most critical needs for Louisianans. FEMA programs are in place to



help immediate needs, but long-term solutions require expanded ways of thinking and additional resources.

- IRC is collaborating with its federal partners, including the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Agency to explore additional housing funding. IRC also looks to obtain non-federal charitable grants.

5. Process

- IRC is conducting exploratory sessions to see where efforts should be focused and to ensure funds will be distributed where needed.
- Recovery Support Functions involve partners in local, state and tribal governments and private nonprofits. These new partners may include entities that have experience with permanent housing, financing, economic development, advocacy for underserved populations and long-term community planning.
- Recovery processes need to be capable of expanding to fit the situation. Efforts can last for many months and even years.

5. Support Functions:

- Economic Recovery: Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce;
- Community Planning and Capacity Building: FEMA;
- Housing Recovery: Department of Housing and Urban Development;
- Health and Social Services: Department of Health and Human Services;
- Infrastructure Systems: Army Corps of Engineers; and
- Natural and Cultural Resources: Department of the Interior.

For the latest information on Hurricane Laura, visit fema.gov/disaster/4559. For the latest information on Hurricane Delta, visit fema.gov/disaster/4570. Follow the FEMA Region 6 Twitter account at twitter.com/FEMARegion6.

