

INFO SHEET

The HOPWA Hurricane Response Project is a joint effort between Collaborative Solutions, Inc. in Birmingham, AL and AIDS Housing of Washington in Seattle, WA. The purpose of this project is to provide an intensive and coordinated response to help ensure the continuity of HIV/AIDS housing and support services for low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families in the impacted areas of Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana.

The HOPWA Hurricane Response Project is funded by the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) National Technical Assistance Program, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of HIV/AIDS Housing.

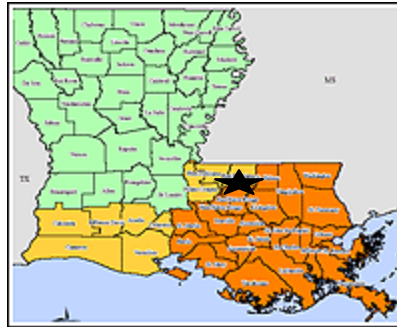
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For more information about the HOPWA program, go to:  
<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/aidshousing/programs/>



BATON ROUGE HOPWA HOUSING RESOURCES



FEMA Designated Disaster Counties. The dark orange counties have access to individual and public assistance and the yellow counties have public assistance only. <http://www.fema.gov>

HURRICANE KATRINA IN BATON ROUGE

In the weeks following Hurricane Katrina more than 300,000 evacuees left their homes and headed to Baton Rouge.<sup>1</sup> Baton Rouge is located approximately 80 miles from New Orleans and stands as the state's capital. One year later an estimated 50,000 evacuees still remain and many want to return to New Orleans.<sup>2</sup> As these evacuees enter Baton Rouge they face several challenges from housing, health care, employment, and education issues. These challenges are still a factor one year later.

Baton Rouge would feel Katrina's fury in a different manner than their gulf coast neighbors. Shelters were the first challenge the city faced. Immediately, Baton Rouge enforced their emergency disaster plan.

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*East Baton Rouge Parish Housing Authority processed approximately 5,000 families and issued 3,000 to 4,000 housing vouchers.<sup>2</sup>*

*Baton Rouge's vacancy rate for apartments is virtually at 0% and most have waiting lists.<sup>2</sup>*

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Local hotels, schools, churches, Louisiana State University, and even the River Center Convention Center housed evacuees days before the Hurricane struck land. There were over 120 shelters at the height of the crisis. One year later Baton Rouge estimates the need for an additional 11,000 to 18,000 housing units to attain an adequate level.<sup>2</sup>

Health care continues to be an overwhelming situation with no end in sight. Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center treated 3,000 patients in 8 days. Earl K. Long Medical Center experienced doubled inpatient admissions. Several additional sights were established to deal with specific special needs

patients from pregnant mothers to mental health problems. It is estimated that 705 of the evacuees in Baton Rouge are uninsured because of the hurricane.<sup>2</sup>

## HOPWA IN BATON ROUGE



Louisiana is divided into nine Public Health regions. Baton Rouge is located in Region Two. Baton Rouge is the largest single recipient of HOPWA funds in Louisiana outside of the New Orleans area. These funds are administered through HIV/AIDS Alliance for Region Two (HAART). HAART currently runs five housing programs, including HOPWA.<sup>3</sup> All case management is handled through Volunteers of America (VOA). VOA provides extensive services and is currently the largest nonprofit social service organization in the region.<sup>4</sup>

The Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program was established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to address the housing and service needs of low-income individuals living with HIV/AIDS and their families. HOPWA makes grants to states, local communities, and nonprofit organizations for projects that will benefit low income persons medically diagnosed with HIV/AIDS and their families.<sup>5</sup>

Under the HOPWA program there are three formula grantees, the State of Louisiana, the City of Baton Rouge, and the City of New Orleans; and two competitive grantees, UNITY for the Homeless and Odyssey House. The City of New Orleans covers Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist and St. Tammany Parishes. The City of Baton Rouge covers East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge, Ascension, East Feliciana, West Feliciana, Pointe Coupee, Iberville, St. Helena, and Livingston parishes. The balance of the state is covered by the State of Louisiana Grantee.

### Grantee Information:

#### New Orleans Field Office

U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development  
HUD - Field Office  
Greg Hamilton  
501 Magazine  
9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New Orleans, LA 70130  
(504) 589-7201  
(504) 589-6619  
<http://www.hud.gov>

#### State of Louisiana Formula Grantee

Department of Health and Hospitals  
HIV/AIDS Program  
Kira Radtke  
1010 Common Street  
11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New Orleans, LA 70112  
(504) 568-74-74  
(504) 599-1307  
[kradtke@dhh.la.gov](mailto:kradtke@dhh.la.gov)  
<http://www.oph.dhh.state.la.us/HIVAIDS/>

#### City of Baton Rouge Formula Grantee

Office of Community Development  
Robert McNeese  
P.O. Box 1471  
Baton Rouge, LA 70821  
(225) 389-3039  
(225) 389-3939  
<http://brgov.com/dept/ocd/>

#### City of New Orleans Formula Grantee

Division Of Housing/Neighborhood Development  
1340 Poydras Street  
Suite 1000  
New Orleans, LA 70112  
(504) 658-4290  
<http://www.cityofno.com>

#### UNITY For the Homeless Competitive Grantee

Vicki Judice  
2475 Canal Street  
Suite 300  
New Orleans, LA 70119  
(504) 821-4496  
(504) 821-4709  
<http://www.unityforthehomeless.org/>

#### Odyssey House Competitive Grantee

Edward Carlson  
1125 N. Tonti Street  
New Orleans, LA 70119  
(504) 821-9211  
<http://www.onlinc.org>

## Project Sponsors:

Individuals interested in HOPWA-funded or HIV-specific housing and services should contact the organization serving their county of residence.

Organization Contact Information	Parishes Served	Medical/Supportive Services	Housing Options (HOPWA Funded or HIV-specific)
HIV/AIDS Alliance for Region Two, Inc. (HAART) Timothy Young Executive Director P.O. Box 66913 Baton Rouge, LA 70896 (225) 927-1269 (225) <a href="mailto:haartinc@aol.com">haartinc@aol.com</a> <a href="http://www.haartinc.org/">http://www.haartinc.org/</a>	Region II: Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Point Coupee, West Baton Rouge, and West Feliciana	A variety of services are provided through a number of agencies. Contact HAART for full listing.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Long-term tenant-based rental assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-family housing units <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered Site Apartments <input type="checkbox"/> Single Family Homes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Group Home/ Housing Facility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Short-term rent or utility assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Rent or utility deposits
Our Lady of the Lake Hospital/St. Anthony's Home Jacqueline Shellington Director, Immunological Support Program 5000 Hennessey Blvd. Baton Rouge, LA 70808 (225) 765-8917 (225) 765-8631 <a href="mailto:jshellin@ololrhc.com">jshellin@ololrhc.com</a> <a href="http://www.ololrhc.com/body.cfm?xyzpdqabc=0&amp;id=11&amp;action=list">http://www.ololrhc.com/body.cfm?xyzpdqabc=0&amp;id=11&amp;action=list</a>	Statewide	Case management services, mental health counseling, and assistance with the complex medical, financial, and social service systems.	<input type="checkbox"/> Long-term tenant-based rental assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-family housing units <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered Site Apartments <input type="checkbox"/> Single Family Homes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Group Home/ Housing Facility <input type="checkbox"/> Short-term rent or utility assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Rent or utility deposits
Volunteers of America Jan Shank CEO 3756 Government Street Baton Rouge, LA 70806 (225) 922-3900 (225) 922-3999 <a href="mailto:janes@voa-br.org">janes@voa-br.org</a> <a href="http://www.voa-br.org/">http://www.voa-br.org/</a>	Three offices that cover the entire state.	Case management, supportive living services, day program, residential care program, treatment foster care, family preservation services, foster and adoptive family resource center, children and family clinic, Christian outreach program, mental health services.	<input type="checkbox"/> Long-term tenant-based rental assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-family housing units <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered Site Apartments <input type="checkbox"/> Single Family Homes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Group Home/ Housing Facility <input type="checkbox"/> Short-term rent or utility assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Rent or utility deposits
Baton Rouge Black Alcoholism Council (BRBAC) Shirley Lolis Executive Director/Program Director 950 E. Washington Street Baton Rouge, LA 70806 (225) 338-9333 (225) 338-9962 <a href="mailto:slolismetro@yahoo.com">slolismetro@yahoo.com</a> <a href="http://www.brbac-metrohealth.org/">http://www.brbac-metrohealth.org/</a>	Metro Baton Rouge Area	BRBAC offers programs for mothers and children, including youth services	<input type="checkbox"/> Long-term tenant-based rental assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-family housing units <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered Site Apartments <input type="checkbox"/> Single Family Homes <input type="checkbox"/> Group Home/ Housing Facility <input type="checkbox"/> Short-term rent or utility assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Rent or utility deposits
LA Health & Rehab Center, Inc. Soundra Temple Executive Director 1033 N. Lobdell Blvd. Baton Rouge, LA 70806 (225) 231-2490 (225) 231-2857 <a href="mailto:soundraJT@aol.com">soundraJT@aol.com</a> <a href="http://www.lahealthandrehab.org/">http://www.lahealthandrehab.org/</a>	Statewide	Mental health services, chemical dependence services, waiver services, alcohol and drug detoxification services, substance abuse clinic, and therapeutic recreation program	<input type="checkbox"/> Long-term tenant-based rental assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-family housing units <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered Site Apartments <input type="checkbox"/> Single Family Homes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Group Home/ Housing Facility <input type="checkbox"/> Short-term rent or utility assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Rent or utility deposits
Capital Area Alliance of the Homeless (CAAH) Randy Nichols Executive Director 5850 Florida Blvd. Baton Rouge, LA 70806 (225) 201-0696 (225) 201-1792 <a href="mailto:rknichols@gctfs.org">rknichols@gctfs.org</a> <a href="http://www.homelessinbr.org/">http://www.homelessinbr.org/</a>	Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Pointe Coupee, West Baton Rouge, and West Feliciana	Case management, mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment, life skills training, employment and job assistance.	<input type="checkbox"/> Long-term tenant-based rental assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-family housing units <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered Site Apartments <input type="checkbox"/> Single Family Homes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Group Home/ Housing Facility <input type="checkbox"/> Short-term rent or utility assistance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rent or utility deposits

<p>St. Vincent's DePaul Society  Michael Acaldo  Chief Executive Officer  P.O. Box 127  Baton Rouge, LA 70821  (225) 383-7837  (225) 383-6623  <a href="mailto:macaldo@svdpbr.com">macaldo@svdpbr.com</a>  <a href="http://www.svdpbr.com">http://www.svdpbr.com</a></p>		<p>Employment assistance, education services, substance abuse treatment, life skills education.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Long-term tenant-based rental assistance  <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-family housing units  <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered Site Apartments  <input type="checkbox"/> Single Family Homes  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Group Home/ Housing Facility  <input type="checkbox"/> Short-term rent or utility assistance  <input type="checkbox"/> Rent or utility deposits</p>
<p>Philadelphia Center  Ken Beatty  Executive Director  2020 Centenary Blvd.  Shreveport, LA 71104  (318) 222-6633 ext. 11  (318) 222-6678  <a href="mailto:kbeatty99@yahoo.com">kbeatty99@yahoo.com</a>  <a href="http://www.philadelphiacenter.org/">http://www.philadelphiacenter.org/</a></p>	Northwest Louisiana	<p>Care coordination, transportation, dental care, food bank, co-payment and deductible assistance program, emergency assistance critical need, housing utilities, health insurance continuation program, home delivered meals, mental health counseling, prescription drug assistance, substance abuse counseling, HIV testing.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Long-term tenant-based rental assistance  <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-family housing units  <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered Site Apartments  <input type="checkbox"/> Single Family Homes  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Group Home/ Housing Facility  <input type="checkbox"/> Short-term rent or utility assistance  <input type="checkbox"/> Rent or utility deposits</p>
<p>Go CARE  Richard Womack  Executive Director  2915 Desiard Street  Monroe, LA 71201  (318) 325-1092  (318) 325-1222  <a href="mailto:rwomack@bayou.com">rwomack@bayou.com</a>  <a href="http://www.go-care.com/">http://www.go-care.com/</a></p>	Caldwell, East Carroll, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, West Carroll	<p>Ambulatory/Outpatient medical care, case management, drug reimbursement, food bank, outreach services, transportation, HIV counseling and testing, risk management.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Long-term tenant-based rental assistance  <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-family housing units  <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered Site Apartments  <input type="checkbox"/> Single Family Homes  <input type="checkbox"/> Group Home/ Housing Facility  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Short-term rent or utility assistance  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rent or utility deposits</p>
<p>Matthew 25:40  Chris Stewart  Executive Director  P.O. Box 3052  Lake Charles, LA 70602  (337) 430-0888  (337) 430-0910  <a href="mailto:mat2540@iamerica.net">mat2540@iamerica.net</a></p>	Allen, Beauregard, Cameron, Calcasieu, and Jeff Davis		<p><input type="checkbox"/> Long-term tenant-based rental assistance  <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-family housing units  <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered Site Apartments  <input type="checkbox"/> Single Family Homes  <input type="checkbox"/> Group Home/ Housing Facility  <input type="checkbox"/> Short-term rent or utility assistance  <input type="checkbox"/> Rent or utility deposits</p>
<p>Acadiana C.A.R.E.S. (Concern for AIDS Relief, Education and Support)  Claude Martin  Executive Director  203 W. Third Street  Lafayette, LA 70501  (337) 233-2437  (337) 235-4178  <a href="mailto:claudemartin@acadianacares.com">claudemartin@acadianacares.com</a>  <a href="http://www.acadianacares.com">http://www.acadianacares.com</a></p>	Southwest Louisiana	<p>Case management, substance abuse treatment, direct financial assistance, food bank, mental health therapy, child care assistance, educational workshops, health insurance reimbursements, medication assistance, oral health care, physician linkage.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Long-term tenant-based rental assistance  <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-family housing units  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered Site Apartments  <input type="checkbox"/> Single Family Homes  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Group Home/ Housing Facility  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Short-term rent or utility assistance  <input type="checkbox"/> Rent or utility deposits</p>

## **Informational Links:**

### **State of Louisiana: Hurricane Information**

<http://katrina.louisiana.gov/>

This is the State of Louisiana's official website for dissemination of information concerning Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. It includes information about Louisiana's housing recovery plan, as well as details about jobs, affordable housing, reviving businesses, voting, and social services for displaced residents, government agencies, businesses, and nonprofit organizations.

### **Louisiana Association of Nonprofit Organizations (LANO)**

<http://www.lano.org/>

The Louisiana Association of Nonprofit Organizations (LANO) is a statewide network of nonprofits, foundations and individuals dedicated to the vision of strong, accountable, efficiently run nonprofits. The website includes guidance for recovery of nonprofits, lists of funding sources, and other information related to services and relief efforts.

### **Louisiana Disaster Recovery Foundation**

<http://www.louisianahelp.org/>

This is the website of one of three major recovery and relief efforts launched by Louisiana Governor Blanco. The Foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations for services aimed at hurricane relief and recovery.

## **Louisiana Family Recovery Corps**

<http://www.recoverycorps.org/>

The Louisiana Family Recovery Corps (LFRC) is supported by a combination of private contributions, state and federal funding for hurricane recovery assistance. LFRC coordinates and provides funding for a large network of Louisiana-based nonprofit organizations that provide case managers and direct assistance to displaced families throughout the affected areas and in temporary housing communities.

## **Louisiana Recovery Authority**

<http://www.lra.louisiana.gov/>

The Louisiana Recovery Authority is the planning and coordinating body that was created in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita by Governor Blanco to plan for the recovery and rebuilding of Louisiana. The website includes up-to-date information on recovery efforts and plans, community forums, hurricane data and related information on rebuilding.

## **Rebuilding Louisiana Coalition**

<http://rebuildinglouisianacoalition.org/>

This website serves as a forum through which community-based groups and experts in a variety of development-related fields can submit solutions-oriented proposals and commentary on policy making.

## **FEMA Housing Information**

<https://rims.fema.gov/hportal/home.htm>

FEMA's Housing Portal consolidates rental resources for evacuees identified by federal agencies, private organizations, and individuals.

## **USDA Rural Development**

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rd/disasters/katrina.html>

The USDA provides rural housing information for evacuees, including additional loan information and state by state contacts.

## **MS Disaster Housing Referrals**

<http://www.msdisasterhousing.org/>

Partner agencies identify housing solutions for hurricane evacuees.

## **Disaster Housing Online**

<http://www.dhronline.org/chooseState.cfm>

This provides a quick and easy disaster housing search tool.

## **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**

<http://www.hud.gov/local/index.cfm?state=al>

HUD in Alabama with Katrina relief information through the state Department of Human Resources and the United Way of Central Alabama (UWCA).

<sup>1</sup> MSNBC (2006) *Evacuees: Where Are They Now?* Available <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/14323600/site/newsweek>.

<sup>2</sup> Appleseed (2006) *Baton Rouge City Report* <http://appleseeds.net/servlet/GetArticleFile?articleFileId=237>.

<sup>3</sup> HAART (2006) *HIV/AIDS Alliance Region II*, Available <http://www.haartinc.org/HOPWA.html>.

<sup>4</sup> Volunteers of America (2006) *Serving Greater Baton Rouge*, Available <http://www.vo-a-br.org>.

<sup>5</sup> U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development *Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program*, Available <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpr/aidshousing/programsor>.