



**LOUISIANA DISASTER  
RECOVERY FOUNDATION**  
*Louisiana's Fund for Louisiana's People*

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**LDRF GRANTS NEARLY \$2.3M TO LOUISIANA NONPROFITS**

The Louisiana Disaster Recovery Foundation (LDRF), Louisiana's only statewide social justice philanthropy, approved \$2,298,680.00 in grants to be disbursed to Louisiana nonprofit organizations providing affordable housing, support for small businesses and microentrepreneurs, and promoting civic engagement and grassroots leadership in vulnerable Louisiana communities.

During its most recent quarterly grant cycle, the Louisiana Disaster Recovery Foundation continued to support its mission of relief, recovery and betterment for the people of Louisiana by awarding grants totaling nearly \$2.3M to Louisiana nonprofit organizations. Grants under \$100k were approved by LDRF's Grants Committee on Nov. 18; grants exceeding \$100k were approved at LDRF's Dec. 2 Board of Directors meeting.

Since its inception in 2005 immediately following Hurricane Katrina, LDRF has awarded \$33M in grants, providing immediate relief for survivors of Katrina, Rita, Gustav and Ike in Louisiana, as well as investing in long-term strategies to improve housing, economic development and civic infrastructure for a better Louisiana.

The organizations to which the most recent \$2,298,680.00 in grants were made and the projects funded are listed in the table below.

The Louisiana Disaster Recovery Foundation (LDRF) is a private foundation established by former Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco on Sept. 6, 2005 and the recipient of the \$24.4 million Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund. LDRF's mission is to transform the disaster caused by hurricanes Katrina and Rita into an unprecedented opportunity for a new Louisiana -- providing resources for the relief, recovery and betterment of all its people by ensuring access and opportunity in rebuilding their communities and culture.

ORANIZATION	PROJECT	PROGRAM AREA/LOCATION	GRANT AMOUNT
Annenberg Institute for School Reform	Support the Emerging Knowledge Forum with knowledge-building strategies in human capital development and data- informed decision-making	Education New Orleans	\$100,000.00 Source: Civic Engagement Fund

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Central City Renaissance Alliance	To support resident engagement and outreach by hiring a full time community organizer for a 12-month effort that will focus the activities of central city residents toward the successful design, launch and implementation of neighborhood development effort.	Community Organizing New Orleans	\$50,000.00 Source: Civic Engagement Fund
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Charter School for Science and Technology	Support the MLK Bayou Education Project, a catalyst for strategically combining the cultural, economic and ecological goals of the Lower Ninth Ward/Bayou Bienvenue Wetlands rebuild effort with a comprehensive, model curriculum and interpretive program for educating urban elementary and secondary students about wetlands and coastal restoration	Education New Orleans	\$99,785.00 Source: Civic Engagement Fund
Global Green USA	Support the "Build it Back" Initiative to target the Central City and Treme neighborhoods of New Orleans to educate 1500-2000 residents about the benefits of increasing energy and water efficiency and improving indoor air quality as they rebuild or improve their home.	Housing New Orleans	\$100,000.00 Source: Bush Clinton Katrina Fund
Project Build A Future, Inc.	Assist with a down payment on the building and selling of three single family homes to households earning less than 80% of the Area Median Income that were displaced by Katrina.	Housing Lake Charles	\$60,000.00 Source: Bush Clinton Katrina
Rethink (Kids Rethink New Orleans Schools)	To support Rethink's organizational and program development to elevate the voices of the city's young people so they are able to influence policy-making that affects the quality of their own public education and engage in valuable civic learning as they participate in historic decision making processes.	Education New Orleans	\$50,000.00 Source: Civic Engagement

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Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	To continue the advocacy around housing policies in SE LA affecting the victims of Hurricane Katrina.	Advocacy Hammond	\$36,595.00 Source: Bush Clinton Katrina Fund

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Churches Supporting Churches	To support the work that CSC is doing with the Ford Foundation to craft a housing development model that will create affordable housing and ameliorate the housing crisis in New Orleans.	Housing New Orleans	\$227,300.00 Source: Bush Clinton Katrina Fund
Community Beyond Housing Initiative – Fiscal Agent Make It Right Foundation	To support the recovery and rebuilding of the city of new Orleans by assisting with the design and construction of Make It Right homes in the Lower Ninth Ward.	Housing New Orleans	\$150,000.00 Source: Bush Clinton Katrina Fund
Greater New Orleans Disaster Recovery Partnership	To help fund GNODRP's warehouse/donations project cost for 12 months beginning Dec. 2008-Nov. 2009.	Small Business	\$150,000.00 Source: Bush Clinton Katrina Fund
Greater New Orleans Disaster Recovery Partnership (Program Related Investment Agreement)	To help support a Disaster Case Management Pilot Program, which will transition Katrina survivors from FEMA-supported temporary housing into long-term sustainable housing solutions.	Housing New Orleans	\$500,000.00 Source: Bush Clinton Katrina Fund
Neighborhood Housing Services of New Orleans, Inc.	To continue to assist the Hornets' "Hoops for Homes" project for a 2 <sup>nd</sup> year, which provides stability to the school systems by helping K-12 teachers living and teaching in the region before Katrina return to their homes and continue to teach within the New Orleans school system.	Housing New Orleans	\$250,000.00 Source: Bush Clinton Katrina Fund

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Southern University College of Business	For renewal of support for the Effective Leadership Program in Louisiana for program year 2009-2010.	Education Baton Rouge	\$125,000.00 Source: Civic Engagement Fund
Unity of Greater New Orleans (Program Related Investment Agreement)	To support the acquisition and rehabilitation of 3222 Canal Street to rehabilitate the building into 108 units for working adults and formerly homeless individuals, including onsite space for tenant amenities and social services.	Small Business New Orleans	\$400,000.00 Source: Bush Clinton Katrina Fund