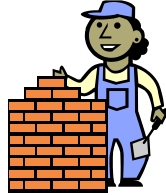


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SPECIAL EDITION CONTAINING TORNADO DISASTER ASST INFORMATION

RENTALS NEEDED FOR DISPLACED TORNADO VICTIMS

The Louisiana Housing Corporation is asking all landlords and investors with available rental units to add or update your rental listings to LAHousingSearch.org. Log in by clicking "Login" on the top right of LAHousingSearch.org. Call 1-877-428-8844 if there are any questions. Your rental listings are the crucial link for those in need. The Director of Housing Policy & Community Development for the City of New Orleans, is also seeking available units for lease. Some victims need short term rentals while working on home repairs. Others may need to lease longer. Please call the JEDC Housing Office at 948-0808 to have your name and property info added to the list for the city, or if at First Pilgrims, add this info to the Sign In Sheet of Available Rentals on the Media Table at the church.

FEDERAL GOVT APPROVED ON 02/11/2017 TO SEND FEDERAL AID TO ORLEANS & LIVINGSTON PARISHES AT THE REQUEST FROM GOV EDWARDS

The money is considered as individual assistance earmarked for eligible residents to help cover their recovery efforts. It can include up to \$33,000 in financial help and assistance in temporary housing for each household and will go directly to qualified underinsured and uninsured individuals and households. . Other parishes with tornado damages are Ascension, Jefferson and St James. This is only the beginning of disaster relief funds from FEMA and Congress, allocating financial aid. The Governor is expecting more assistance. **To apply for the federal disaster assistance, call the FEMA disaster assistance line to register at 1-800-621-3362 or go to the Library on Read Blvd. to complete an application. Must bring pictured ID, Social Security Card and Proof of Address. This program is called the FEMA Individuals and Households Program (IHP). You can also go online to www.disasterassistance.gov to register.**

HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR TORNADO VICTIMS

- **Temporary Shelter at Joe W. Brown Recreation Ctr, 5601 Read Blvd, New Orleans, La 70127. Food, water, cots and blankets are available for overnight shelter. The New Orleans Health Department with support from the Louisiana Red Cross, Catholic Charities, and the New Orleans Fire Department, is providing basic medical care and prescription assistance. Food, water and cleaning supplies are available for pickup at the Joe Brown Park Ctr also.**

- **Short Term and Long Term Housing for HANO Vouchers Holders & Veterans**
 -- Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) is assisting existing voucher holders find replacement housing.
 --Veterans Affairs and the SSVF Programs are providing short term and long term assistance to Veterans. For Veteran assistance in Orleans Parish, call the JEDC Housing Office from 8 am – 4 PM, M-F, at 504-702-8068 or 1-866-952-4673. Funds are available. For more information, see the SSVF article # 10 below.
- **Mayor Landrieu and the City Council Have waived Any Building Permits Related to Tornado Damage in New Orleans East.** The City along with volunteers and state and federal agencies, plan to clear all debris within 30 days from New Orleans East areas.
- **AirBNB** is offering temporary housing for tornado victims. Find more info here:
<https://www.airbnb.com/disaster-response>

HELP WITH MINOR HOME REPAIRS

- **The St Bernard Project, a Non-Profit Organization**, is helping to repair damaged Owner occupied homes for low-income families in Orleans Parish, if repairs are \$25,000 or less. Call (504) 644-4639 for more information or call (504) 277-6831 to obtain an application for the Owner-Occupied Rebuilding Program.
- **Renter/Owner Free Home Modification Program (ROHMP)**
 The Advocacy Center in partnership with the Office of Community Development through the City of New Orleans, is offering free home modifications for individuals who have mobility impairment, and are elderly or disabled. Modifications may include repair/replacement of doors, windows, door handles; installation of smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, grab bars, wheelchair lift, hand rails and ramps; widening of doors to accommodate wheelchair or scooter, removal of carpet and other minor home repairs in Orleans Parish. Call 1-800-960-7705 for more information visit the website at www.advocacyla.org.

VOLUNTEER AND DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

- Louisiana VOAD: <http://www.lavoad.org/>
- Crisis Cleanup: <https://www.crisiscleanup.org/>
- Evacuteer: <http://www.evacuteer.org/>
- Youth Rebuilding New Orleans: <http://yrno.com/yrno-tornado-relief/>
- Greater New Orleans Foundation: <https://www.gnof.org/>
- Foundation for Louisiana: <http://www.foundationforlouisiana.org/>
- Hands on New Orleans: <http://www.handsonneworleans.org/>
- Second Harvest Food Bank: <http://no-hunger.org/>
- City Church of New Orleans: <http://citychurchno.com/events/relief/>

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

- **Southeast Louisiana Free Legal Services (SLLS)**
 SLLS is offering free legal aid for low-income individuals experiencing consumer law, employment, family, government benefits, tax, and housing and homeless problems. Six offices are in Covington, Hammond, Baton Rouge, Houma, New Orleans/East Jefferson/St Bernard and

The West Bank Jefferson/St Charles & Plaquemines Office. Call the local office in New Orleans located at 1010 Common Street, Ste 1400A. at 504-529-1000, and enter the extension 250 for Consumer; 242 for Employment; 224 for Family; 242 for Government Benefits; 225 for Taxes; 223 for Housing; 233 or 244 for Homeless Advocacy problems or 254 for foreclosure prevention. The Fax Number is 504-529-1009. You can also apply online at www.slls.org.

- **Supportive Services For Veterans Families Program (SSVF)**

The JEDC Housing Division in partnership with the Hope Center and five other Parishes, is providing Case Management services to assist Veterans with temporary rental, utility fee payments, security or utility deposits, moving costs, general housing stability, transportation and emergency housing assistance; workforce training and education, legal services, credit counseling and education planning. The JEDC Housing office is located in the First Pilgrims Baptist Church Administration Bldg., located at 1234 Arts Street. The office services Orleans Parish. To receive information on available assistance or to schedule an appointment, call 504-702-8068 or 1-866-952-4673. Office Hours are Monday-Friday, from 8 AM – 4 PM by appointment only. For Non-Veteran housing and employment needs call 504-948-0808 to get information or to schedule an appointment.

OTHER

- **Apply for Disaster Food Stamps:** Go to www.dcf.la.gov/DSNAP or call 1-888-524-3578.
- **File a Homeowners Insurance Claim.** The homeowner is responsible for covering damage up to the amount of their deductible. The insurance company will pay the rest when the claim is approved. Insurance agencies will advance homeowners up to \$5,000 until their full claim is paid. This also applies to renter's insurance policies. Most policies also cover additional living expenses, loss of appliances, electrical damage, etc. attributed to the disaster that affected the home. Don't discard any damaged items until the adjuster has seen them. Also, take pictures with your phone if you can.
- **Unemployment Assistance:** Call the Louisiana Workforce Commission at 1-866-783-5567 or go online to www.laworks.net to sign up for Unemployment Benefits if you are unable to work because of the storm.
- **U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Will Assist Homeowners & Businesses Impacted By The Tornadoes:**
SBA provides a wide range of services to businesses, renters and homeowners with severe property damage and economic loss. Business owners may apply at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>, or call 1-800-659-2955. Renter and home owners may borrow up to \$200,000 to repair or replace their primary residence. For more information, go to the website at <http://www.sba.gov/content/disaster-assistance>.
- **Total Community Action (TCA) & Other Programs**
Total Community Action (TCA) has extended their services to include in addition to utility assistance, employment services, food pantry, housing and deposit assistance, assistance for previously incarcerated individuals and programs for children youth and family services. Call 504-324-8609 for an appointment.

- **Build a New Energy Efficient Home**

The Jerusalem Economic Development Corporation (JEDC) Housing Division is building new energy efficient homes on a home owner's lot or can assist with finding a lot for first time homebuyers or any buyer interested in new construction. Call (504) 884-0829 for more information. JEDC Housing Division is also a member of the Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance (GNOHA) Own the Crescent Affordable Housing Program that includes member agencies who are building throughout the city. **Go to www.ownthecrescent.org for more information.** Down payment assistance maybe available for first time homebuyers.

- **Having Problems Paying Your Bills?**

Money Management International, formerly known as Consumer Credit Counseling Service, offers budget and debt counseling free phone interviews to individuals who need help with budgeting, debt management, money management skills, and credit issues. The agency will prepare a budget for you and call your creditors to make arrangements to reduce your monthly payments. The creditors will report to credit bureaus for twelve months that the debtor is paying on time. Call 1-866-889-9347, 24 hours a day, for more information or visit the website at www.moneymanagement.org.

- **Get Free Help Weatherizing Your Home With Energy Smart Solutions For Home Owners & Renters**

Contact the Energy Smart Solutions Center at 1-866-721-0249 for more information. Or call 225-567-2350 for the Quad Area Community Action agency that's doing free weatherization work in Orleans Parish also. Entergy Smart also has the Multi-Family Direct Install Program that provides free Low Flow Shower Heads and Faucet Fixtures, free AC Tune Ups and free florescent light bulbs for Tenants and Home Owners. Call 504-523-9788 for more information.