

FEMA Extends Housing Program for Hurricanes Ida, Delta, and Laura

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BATON ROUGE, La. – In collaboration with the state, FEMA is providing survivors of Ida, Delta, and Laura with a six-month extension to remain in FEMA’s Direct Housing Program.

The temporary program was extended until Feb. 29, 2024, however survivors will continue to pay rent to occupy the units.

FEMA’s housing program eligibility—and occupancy—is based on the survivor’s continued progress on their permanent housing plan. FEMA recertification advisors meet regularly with survivors to discuss their progress and provided resources as needed.

Disaster Case Management (DCM) staff will continue to work with survivors through the recovery process to address any unmet needs, provide guidance and locate eligible services with volunteer agencies and groups.

At the peak of the program, there were 6,276 households licensed into FEMA’s Direct Housing Program. Currently, 2,345 remain in the program throughout the state of Louisiana.

Recovery officials note that several Louisiana communities passed temporary zoning exemptions to permit FEMA units. Survivors are encouraged to check with their local officials to make sure they are not in violation of local zoning ordinance.

