



Louisiana Housing Corporation

August 16, 2016

Mr. Gerald M. Stolar, Federal Coordinating Officer
Federal Emergency Management Agency
FEMA 4277-DR-LA
FEMA JFO
415 North 15th Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

Re: Privacy Act Request for FEMA's "Disaster Recovery Assistance Files" system of records

Dear Mr. Stolar:

I am writing to request that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provide the Louisiana Disaster Housing Task Force (LDHTF) – comprised of the Louisiana Housing Corporation, Louisiana Division of Administration, Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services, Louisiana VOAD, the American Red Cross, Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, and Parish Officials (of those parishes covered under FEMA-DR-4277) – with information relating to applications for disaster assistance that FEMA received within the State of Louisiana for FEMA-DR-4277 LA.

The Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC) has authority under Louisiana Revised Statutes 40:600.86 et seq. to provide disaster assistance as part of its continuing mission to provide housing assets for the state of Louisiana. The LHC specifically would like to assist property owners under programs to be made available through the Louisiana Disaster Housing Task Force and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) coordinated Housing Disaster Recovery Support Function.

The information received from FEMA will be used to determine outstanding needs, to properly calculate and determine eligibility for programs, and to prevent a duplication of benefits in determining eligibility for assistance. The data requested will also allow the State of Louisiana to better determine if there is potential for a financial gap in providing its share of any assistance to the victims of this disaster, and to conduct research, analysis and feasibility studies as required by the state and federal government. Additionally, the information will ensure that the citizens of Louisiana do not violate the laws and regulations that would result in repayment of certain benefits received, which is a component part of LDHTF's mission.

Specifically, I am requesting the following fields be released pursuant to FEMA DR-4277:

- FEMA Applicant ID

- Applicant Name
- Damaged Street Address
- Damaged City
- Damaged State
- Damaged ZIP (ZIP 5)
- Damaged Latitude (if available)
- Damaged Longitude (if available)
- Household Composition
- Income
- Special Needs (Y/N)
- Own/Rent
- Insurance
- Insurance Company
- Insurance Settlement
- Flood Insurance
- Inspection (Y/N)
- Residence Type
- Real Property FEMA Verified Loss (RP FVL)
- Destroyed (Y/N)
- Water Level
- Flooded (Y/N)
- Foundation Damage (Y/N)
- Foundation Damage Amount
- Roof Damage (Y/N)
- Roof Damage Amount
- TSA Eligible (Y/N)
- TSA Received (Y/N)
- Rental Assistance Received (Y/N)
- Rental Assistance Amount
- Rental Assistance Ineligible Reason
- Repair Received (Y/N)
- Repair Amount
- Repair Ineligible Reason
- Replacement Received (Y/N)
- Replacement Amount
- Replacement Ineligible Reason
- SBA Eligible (Y/N)
- SBA Received Amount
- Renter Damage
- Habitability Repairs Required (Y/N)
- Rental Assistance End Date
- Rental Resource Street
- Rental Resource City
- Rental Resource State
- Rental Resource ZIP (ZIP 5)

Additionally, I am requesting the following Geographic Information Systems (GIS) layers, shapefiles and/or geodatabases be released pursuant to FEMA DR-4277:

- Flood Depths
- Flood Inundation Extents
- Impassable Routes
- Dwelling/Structure Affected
- Dwelling/Structure Destroyed
- Infrastructure Affected
- Infrastructure Destroyed

I am requesting this information pursuant to 44 C.F.R. 206.110(j)(2)(i) and (ii), and the "routine use" provision of the Privacy Act of 1974, and specifically under routine use (H)(1) of DHS/FEMA-008, Disaster Recovery Assistance Files, Notice of System of Records (74 Federal Register 48763, 48765-6, September 24, 2009), allowing FEMA to release information to a state providing disaster assistance. I am requesting this information be provided through a secured data transmission to the LHC/LDHTF to be updated on an ongoing, weekly basis until which time the LHC/LDHTF terminates this request.

I feel strongly this request is urgent and valid. As immediate response activities are completed, the State will move forward quickly in plan development and coordination with local governments. The ability to utilize FEMA-collected data to accurately inform those plans, followed by their expeditious implementation, will facilitate best possible outcomes as our affected citizens recover from this disaster.

My office will not further disclose this information to entities not specifically named in this request, or use the information for any purpose other than that stated above. The information will be protected in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974. My office also understands that if any misuse or unauthorized release of the information occurs due to State or local government actions, the State of Louisiana agrees to have future funds de-obligated by FEMA for any and all costs incurred by FEMA that results from such misuse or unauthorized release.

If you or your staff has any questions or need additional information about this matter, please contact Ray Rodriguez, Chair, Louisiana Disaster Housing Task Force, Louisiana Housing Corporation, at (225)763-8872 or @lhc.la.gov.

Sincerely,



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Chief Operating Officer
Louisiana Housing Corporation

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