








## Strengthening Weather Resiliency for Louisiana Citizens

The bipartisan infrastructure deal makes major strides towards unleashing expanded financing for families, communities, and local businesses to protect themselves from severe weather. Louisiana citizens have benefitted immensely from these programs in the past and by providing never before seen levels of funding for further expansions of these programs, we can be sure Louisiana's citizens will be better protected.

-  **\$3.5 billion for Flood Mitigation Assistance grants.** These grants are used for projects that reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings insured by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). In the last fiscal year, one-third of applications for this program came from Louisiana. (<https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/floods>)
-  **\$3.5 billion for the Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program** to reduce energy costs for low-income households by increasing the energy efficiency of their homes, while ensuring their health and safety. The Louisiana Housing Corporation can help potential applicants determine eligibility and guide them through the application process. (<https://www.lhc.la.gov/weatherization-assistance-program-wap>)
-  **\$1 billion for Building Resilient Infrastructures and Communities (BRIC grants).** These grants provide funding for pre-disaster mitigation of natural disasters, including flooding. (<https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/building-resilient-infrastructure-communities>)
-  **\$492 million for NOAA National Coastal Resilience Fund.** This funding will improve flood resiliency for coastal communities by restoring or expanding natural ecosystems. This will also enhance fish and wildlife habitats, while mitigating other coastal hazards. (<https://www.nfwf.org/apply-grant>)
-  **\$500 million for the STORM Act:** This provides grants to establish a revolving fund for mitigation assistance to reduce risks from disasters and natural hazards. Funds would provide assistance to local governments to carry out projects to reduce disaster risks for homeowners, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and communities. This is to decrease loss of life and property, the cost of insurance claims, and federal disaster payments. (FEMA is still building the application portal.)