



MANUFACTURED HOUSING REPLACEMENT ASSISTANCE [SOLUTION 2]



OVERVIEW

Restore Louisiana's policy is to **replace, not rehabilitate/repair**, flood-damaged manufactured housing units (MHUs) to best serve the long-term housing needs of flood-affected citizens and protect homeowners from potential environmental health hazards. Water damage to MHUs often results in serious structural and environmental health hazards for occupants of MHUs that may not be effectively remediated with rehabilitation activities. Newer MHUs are built to higher construction standards and offer more energy-efficient options that result in better utility efficiency and lower utility charges.

The Program will provide funds for the replacement of single-wide or double-wide damaged units, and the homeowner has complete control over the selection of a new replacement unit.¹

- A damaged single-wide MHU will yield a maximum Program allowance of \$45,000.
- A damaged double-wide MHU will yield a maximum Program allowance of \$65,000.
- The maximum Program allowance will be reduced by any duplication of benefits.
 - Homeowners who received other sources of funding for structural repairs will have the opportunity to submit receipts for repair work performed on the damaged MHU for review. Funds already used to begin repairs on a damaged MHU cannot be reimbursed by the Program. However, eligible expenditures will be used to offset the duplication of benefits.
- An applicant's actual award will be adjusted to the lesser of the actual cost of the replacement MHU or the applicant's maximum program allowance reduced by duplication of benefits.
- Program funding can also cover the cost for transport, set-up, and site work necessary to install the unit. If the applicant is going to be relocating the MHU to a new location, they must advise their dealer and their Construction Technical Advisor (CTA).
- Replacement units purchased and installed prior to the damage assessment may be reimbursable under the Program's Solution 3 option.

¹ A new replacement unit is defined as a unit that has never been issued a title.



REVIEW GRANT AWARD



Once the homeowner reviews their award, they can either accept or request to speak to a case manager. In the event a homeowner believes their grant award is not calculated according to program policy, they have the option to appeal.

NEXT UP: SUBMIT REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION



Restore LA supports Fair Housing/Equal Employment Opportunity/ADA Accessibility



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Upon accepting the grant award, homeowners will be required to submit a copy of the purchase agreement, which should include all site preparations including utility connections and elevation costs (if required and/or applicable), prior to signing the grant award. A Program CTA will review the purchase agreement.

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SIGN GRANT AWARD



Once the purchase agreement has been fully vetted, the homeowner will be contacted by a member of the closing team to schedule an appointment to sign the grant award. After signing the grant award, a CTA will make contact via phone or email within 2-3 business days to issue a Notice to Proceed (NTP).

If the new manufactured home will be located in the 100-year flood zone, a copy of a post elevation certificate and proof of flood insurance will be required. Eligible homeowners who owned an MHU located in a floodway will be required to find a new location that is not located in the floodway to install their replacement MHU.

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SCHEDULE A FINAL INSPECTION



Once the installation of the new manufactured home is complete, including connecting utilities and elevation (if applicable), the homeowner should contact their assigned CTA to schedule an inspection to confirm installation. Upon a successful Program inspection, a request for disbursement of the eligible grant funds will be processed. All funds will be issued as a two-party check to the Applicant and the manufactured home dealer (if purchase not completed) or Applicant and finance company (if purchase completed).