

Applicants for Louisiana's Road Home program surpass 100,000 mark

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More than 100,000 people have registered for aid through the state's Road Home program, Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco announced today. "I am delighted with this response. It reflects the yearning of our citizens to access the assistance they need to return to their homes and communities. Let me again take this opportunity to remind the thousands of additional citizens who have not registered that now is the time to pursue The Road Home by getting in touch with us," said Governor Blanco.

Beginning this month, homeowners can apply to the Road Home program by going to www.road2LA.org or by calling 1-888-ROAD-2-LA (1-888-762-3252).

According to the program's objectives, homeowners who pre-registered for the Road Home will receive application materials in the mail and must submit the application online or by mail. Those who did not pre-register may apply online or by calling 1-888-ROAD2LA to have an application sent to them. Once an application has been submitted and reviewed, qualified homeowners will receive instructions by mail on how to schedule an appointment at one of the Housing Assistance Centers in the state.

Beginning the week of Aug. 21, 10 such Housing Assistance Centers will open around the state, staffed by financial counselors who will help applicants speed up the process of receiving aid.

According to a release from the Governor's office, homeowners will be asked to supply records about ownership, flood and homeowners' insurance, mortgage balances, and estimates for rebuilding costs. The program is free, and no credit card information will be requested by Road Home counselors.

The Road Home is a recovery program initiated by Governor Blanco. It is the largest single housing recovery program in U.S. history. Through The Road Home, eligible homeowners affected by Hurricane Rita or Katrina may receive up to \$150,000 for uncompensated damages to return to their homes.

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