

2021 BATON ROUGE REBUILDS DEVELOPER PROGRAM (BRRDP) **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

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Question # 1

Please provide me with the application link for the virtual event I participated in today and the video. Thanks again for the valuable information.

Answer # 1

The link to the webinar recording is here: <https://www.brla.gov/855/Office-of-Community-Development>

Question # 2

Where can I find the list and required documents to complete an application?

Answer # 2

The following list of documents required to submit a complete application can also be found in section XI of the BRRDP Application Resource Guide using the following link:

http://louisianahousingcorporation.com/BRRDP_ApplicationResourceGuide_1Feb2021.pdf

The documents to be printed, signed, and submitted are as follows:

- Duplication of Benefits (DOB) Certification
- Outreach Certification
- Vacancy Certification
- Stop Work Certification

Applications proposing New Construction, Reconstruction and/or Rehabilitation must be submitted with the following required supporting documents:

- Site plan
- Floor plan
- Evidence that project meets zoning requirements
- Scope of Work
- Evidence that the proposed housing unit is not in a flood hazard area
- Lender's commitment contingent upon receipt of 2021 BRRDP funds
- Documentation of other committed and available funds
- Front, side, and rear elevations (New Construction and Reconstruction Only)
- Interior Photos (Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Only)
- Exterior Photos (Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Only)
- Construction Contract if work has been started on the units (Rehabilitation Only)
- Proposed compliance alignment of the Scope of Work with HUD CPD Green Building Retrofit Checklist (Rehabilitation Only – See Attachment B to Print and Sign)
- Stop Work Order provision document (Example in Attachment C; Document can be downloaded and printed from Website)

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- Duplication of Benefits certification (Example in Attachment F; Document can be downloaded and printed from Website)
- Vacancy certification (Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Only) (Example in Attachment D; Document can be downloaded and printed from Website)
- Tenant certification (Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Only) (Example in Attachment E; Document can be downloaded and printed from Website)
- Sources and Uses

Question # 3

I missed the seminar. Is there a way to find it?

Answer # 3

The link to the webinar recording is here: <https://www.brla.gov/855/Office-of-Community-Development>

Question # 4

I'm having difficulty locating the application on the website.

Answer # 4

The application along with all supporting documents including detailed instructions (Application Resource Guide) can be found using the following link: <http://louisianahousingcorporation.com>

Question # 5

I am inquiring more information regarding the 2021 Baton Rouge Rebuilds Developer Program. I missed the virtual event yesterday, however I was able to obtain some great notes from a colleague. I am a private for-profit property owner. I went to the website listed in search of the application, but was unsuccessful.

- 1) Pursuant to this paragraph below in your NOFA, what is a "pre-qualified Lender?" Where is the list of pre-qualified Lenders located? Can you provide this list in your response to the question?

An Eligible Applicant either must partner with a pre-qualified commercial Lender (Lender) to provide the Eligible Applicant mortgage lien construction financing (Construction Loan) for a Qualified Project OR must fully fund all development costs of the Qualified Project with the Applicant's own funds. Please note, Applicants using commercial financing must provide a commitment letter contingent upon receipt of a 2021 BRRDP loan to be included with Application submission.

Answer # 5

Applicants are not required to use specific lenders. However, LHC staff has compiled a list of lenders that worked with Borrowers in Phase 1 of the Louisiana Neighborhood Landlord Rental Program. LHC does not endorse or recommend any specific lender and the Borrower is advised to explore all lending sources available to them. This list will be made available on the application website.

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Question # 6

Regarding the BRRDP virtual workshop video from 05 February, how often can we expect these types of funds/programs to be administered for Baton Rouge (or other parts is LA) and will there be future similar programs/ application periods for 2022 or beyond?

Answer # 6

The City of Baton Rouge (The City) receives funds annually from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) which includes Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. On September 21, 2016 the City was notified by HUD that it would receive funding through a special recovery fund established under HUD's CDBG Program; this *Declared Disaster Recovery Fund* (DDRF) will provide \$11,065,556 in disaster assistance to the City to assist in its recovery from the August 2016 flood events. The City was eligible for the funds because it is an entitlement community under the CDBG program. Therefore this particular funding—DDRF—is not cyclical.

There are always new opportunities coming through other funding sources. You can subscribe to receive updates from LHC (<https://www.lhc.la.gov/subscribe>) and regularly check the City-Parish Office of Community Development website (<https://www.brla.gov/855/Office-of-Community-Development>).

Question # 7

I would like to be added to any contact/email lists that provide updates on future Baton Rouge development funding projects and programs for affordable and/or environmentally sustainable housing. I am not participating in the current BRRDP application cycle.

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Question # 8

I would like to know more about the BR Rebuilds Developer Program 2021. I need assistance with filling out the application. Please give me a call if you can to give me more info into how to apply thanks.

Answer # 8

The application along with all supporting documents including detailed instructions (Application Resource Guide) can be found using the following link: <http://louisianahousingcorporation.com>

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If you have additional questions, email BRRDP@hga-llc.com.

Question #9

According to the NOFA timeline, on yesterday (2/18/2021), the 2021 BRRDP Questions/Comment responses would be posted. I checked this link (<http://louisianahousingcorporation.com/index.html>) and did not see a Q/A response posting. Is it being posted in a different link? If so, can you share it with me?

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Answer # 9:

The extreme weather conditions along with office closures delayed our responses but we are working to make them available as soon as possible.