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## Historic Building Recovery Grant Program News

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### STAFF NEWS

**Dan Diguseppe**, one of the original project officers for the Historic Building Recovery Grant Program administered by the Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation, has moved to Chicago. The program benefited from his depth of experience and knowledge, and the staff wishes him the best of luck.

**Liz Russell** joined the staff on Nov. 3 as a new project officer. She brings a background in historic

preservation as well as practical rebuilding and construction experience to the team. Liz worked in Aberdeen, Scotland as a research project worker for The Scott Suther-



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land School of Architecture and Built Environment at Robert Gordon University before coming to New Orleans in January 2007 to volunteer in hurricane-recovery work. Soon after, she was hired by Hands On New Orleans as a construction site supervisor (AmeriCorps) to oversee the reconstruction of a Katrina-damaged home in the Hollygrove neighborhood, coordinating and monitoring the efforts of unskilled volunteers. She also has hands-on experience in construction and remodeling, which will serve her well in her new position. Liz earned a B.A. in Historic Preservation from the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Va., in 2006. The staff welcomes her to the program.

### RETURNED FUNDS

Eighty percent of the round 1 grant projects have been completed, but some homeowners did not use their full funding. Because of this, the program is very happy to report that an additional 16 grants have been awarded to those next in line in the original pool of eligible applicants. There are still 686 applicants eligible for grants who are not currently being funded due to lack of funds.

### RECENT HBRGP STATISTICS

Total number of grants funded to date: **561**

Total funds allocated: **\$18,742,488**

Total funds paid out to historic building owners: **\$15,981,115**

### WEB SITE DEVELOPMENT

The staff of the Historic Building Recovery Grant Program is currently developing a Web page to serve as a resource for grantees and others interested in repairing or restoring historic buildings. Please visit [www.crt.state.la.us/hp/hbrgp/asp](http://www.crt.state.la.us/hp/hbrgp/asp) to link to interesting and useful Web resources, including the "Research Resources" listed at the end of staff members' articles in recent issues of *Preservation in Print*. Watch for news next month about further development of this site.

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*A Sign of Progress. This sign is being placed in front of the historic buildings being repaired with Historic Building Recovery Grant funds. The grant program resulted from the efforts of Lt. Governor Mitch Landrieu, Dick Moe of the National Trust, and representatives of Preservation Resource Center who lobbied Congress for funding to save historic buildings damaged by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Since early 2007, more than \$18.5 million in federal grant money has been allocated to Louisiana grantees.*

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