

HUD sends \$234 million to help Louisiana deal with flooding



This March 4, 2002 file photo from a plane flying out of the Houma airport shows Isle Jean Charles from 1000 feet. *(The Times-Picayune archive)*



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The federal government is sending \$233.8 million in grants to Louisiana to relocate a coastal American-Indian village, prevent damage from hurricanes and make a suburban slice of New Orleans better at handling storm waters.

The funds are part of a \$1 billion package the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced Thursday to make the nation more resilient in the face of disasters.

HUD is spending \$48.3 million to help Isle de Jean Charles rebuild its village behind levees in Terrebonne Parish.

HUD also is giving New Orleans \$141.2 million to help a large area known as Gentilly fulfill the city's goal of better handling storm water.

The rest of the money is going into a state program to help residents along the coast avoid flooding.

Correction: A headline on an earlier version of this story indicated the full \$234 million would go toward moving Isle de Jean Charles. A greater share of the money would go to help Gentilly and the city of New Orleans handle storm water.

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