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I beg you take courage; the





brave soul can mend even disaster. - Catherine II



DEAR CITIZENS OF LOUISIANA:

In August and September of 2005, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita changed the lives of millions of people in Louisiana and our neighboring states of Mississippi and Texas. As we in Louisiana move forward to rebuild our shattered coastal communities, we must do so with optimism, determination, courage, perseverance and a strong vision of how we will turn this tragedy into an opportunity to come back even stronger and better.

All of us at the LPFA are committed to taking on the enormous challenges that our state faces. While the challenges might seem daunting, we are confident that our elected leaders, businesses and organizations—such as the LPFA—will work as a team to build a better Louisiana for ourselves and for future generations.

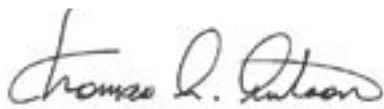
Congress has provided us with some potentially powerful tools that we can use to revitalize our state's economy. For example, the LPFA expects to facilitate bond sales for hundreds of millions of dollars worth of construction projects under the Gulf Opportunity Zone Act (Go Zone) passed by Congress in late 2005. We are closely examining every state and federal hurricane relief program to determine how the LPFA can play a role in making them work for the benefit of the people of Louisiana.

As you will learn in other pages of this Annual Report, the LPFA did not wait to be asked for help after Hurricane Katrina hit our state—we jumped right in with programs, grants and other forms of assistance. The LPFA played a key role as administrator of the state's Emergency Bridge Loan Program, which provided short-term loans to hurricane-impacted small businesses. Without these emergency loans, many of the participating businesses might have folded.

The LPFA also provided relief to organizations and individuals with whom we had ongoing relationships. We provided a total of \$350,000 in grants to a wide range of organizations that include universities in the impacted areas, the Audubon Nature Institute, the Lower Cameron Hospital Service District, the New Orleans Museum of Art, Friends of the Frontline and others. We also authorized up to \$100,000 in grants to participants in our LouLease housing program who were displaced by Hurricane Katrina, and donated \$50,000 to a fund that provided emergency relief to hurricane-displaced college financial aid professionals.

Since we opened our doors for business in 1974, the LPFA has played an important role in Louisiana's economic development. As Louisiana works to rebuild after two devastating hurricanes, we will continue to facilitate job creation, economic development, improvements to education and health care, and access to higher education throughout Louisiana. We are rededicating ourselves to our mission of helping facilitate projects that benefit the people of Louisiana.

Sincerely,



Thomas A. Antoon
Chairman, Board of Trustees



James W. Parks II
President and CEO



Thomas A. Antoon



James W. Parks II



From Left:

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Carl D. Clark Secretary-Treasurer

Thomas A. Antoon Chairman

Jerome Boykin, Sr.

Camille A. Cutrone

Not Pictured:

Joseph J. "Jerry" McKernan, who served on the Board in 2005.

In 2006, Gov. Kathleen B. Blanco appointed Christopher C. Arsement of Lafayette to the LPFA Board of Trustees.

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Vision

Vision is not limited to what stands before you; the true visionary can see beyond boundaries and into the future. The New Orleans Museum of Art has long had a vision of collecting and celebrating Louisiana culture. After Hurricane Katrina, the museum realized that maintaining the artistic heritage of Louisiana and bringing it into a rebuilt future was critically important. With the help of a \$10,000 grant from the LPFA and other donations, the museum has reopened and is able to offer free admission to all Louisiana residents.



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The New Orleans Museum of Art reopened with a gala ceremony featuring special appearances by dozens of Louisiana artists, including Irvin Mayfield, the New Orleans Ballet, Richard Ford, C.C. Lockwood, and George Rodrigue of Blue Dog fame.

WHAT IS THE LPFA?

The Louisiana Public Facilities Authority (LPFA) is a financing authority created in 1974 as a public trust and public corporation by a Louisiana corporation pursuant to an indenture of trust. The State of Louisiana is the beneficiary of that trust. The LPFA has never received any tax or other appropriation from the State of Louisiana for its operations, as it is a self-supporting entity that operates solely on revenues generated by fees on bonds issued through the LPFA.

The purpose of the LPFA is to promote, encourage and further all activities that are or may become beneficial to the State of Louisiana. This includes– but is not limited to – issuing taxable and tax-exempt bonds for:

- Industry and commerce to foster economic growth and stability
- Hospital, extended care, clinical, community health, geriatric, nursing home and medical care facilities
- Educational facilities
- Student loans
- Residential housing
- Projects protecting the people of Louisiana against air, water, noise, ground and other types of pollution
- Public utility facilities and services
- Projects that increase efficiency in the operation of state and local governments
- Cultural and recreational facilities
- Public transportation facilities
- Other activities or facilities that may be deemed a proper public function for the furtherance of the general welfare, health, safety, economic, environmental, governmental, educational, scientific, transportation, recreational and cultural development of the State of Louisiana and its residents

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In achieving those ends, the LPFA acts on behalf of a borrowing entity as a conduit issuer of special obligation revenue bonds to provide financing for eligible public and private projects throughout the state. Entities borrow money through the LPFA, not from the LPFA, using the LPFA bonds to access the financial markets for the borrowing of capital.

The LPFA complies with state laws regarding public records, public contracts, open meetings, public bids, the Bond Validation Procedures Law and the state Code of Ethics. Annual independent financial audits of the LPFA are submitted to the State Legislative Auditor. All LPFA bond issues must undergo review and approval by the State Bond Commission. All bond-issuance fees paid in connection with LPFA bond issues are subject to the review of the State Bond Commission or the Louisiana Attorney General. The annual operating budget of the LPFA is also subject to review and approval by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.



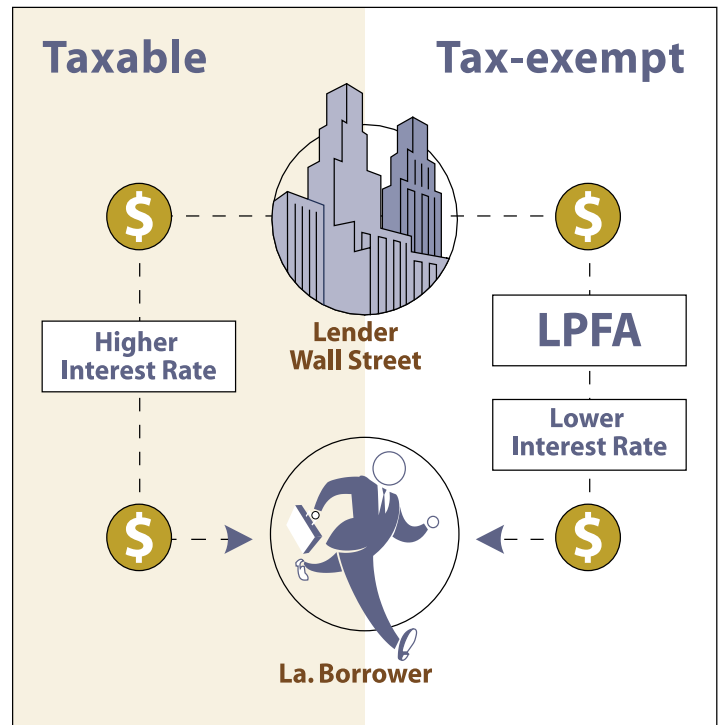
Inspiration

There are heroes who get all the press, and then there are heroes who make all the difference. Through the efforts of Pearl Cole at Abraham's Tent in Lake Charles, hundreds of poor and displaced Louisianians can feed their families. Pearl's deep compassion and unflagging good humor make her the rarest of heroes: not someone who prompts us to think, "I wish I could do that," but one who inspires us to think, "I can do that." Abraham's Tent is partially funded through the Louisiana Association of Non-profit Organizations (LANO), recipient of a \$30,000 LPFA grant.



LPFA'S ROLE IN A FINANCING

- The LPFA's purpose in a financing is to act as a conduit to pass through the payments from the borrower to the bondholder to reduce the financing costs for the borrower.
- The LPFA assists by issuing bonds on behalf of a borrower in order to allow the borrower to obtain the savings afforded by a tax-exempt borrowing.
- No LPFA funds are at risk in connection with a financing and no funds of the State of Louisiana or any political subdivision thereof are at risk. Each LPFA bond contains language to that effect.
- The bonds issued by the LPFA are payable solely by the underlying borrower from the funds and assets pledged for each individual bond issue and the LPFA does not enhance the credit of the underlying borrower.
- As a resource to help any qualifying person or entity in Louisiana obtain the benefits of tax-exempt financing, the LPFA and its bond counsel analyze whether the project can legally be financed with tax-exempt bonds, as specified by Federal law.
- The LPFA does not assume the responsibility to determine the creditworthiness of a project or borrower, nor does it assume the resulting legal liability from making such a determination.
- The marketplace determines if the bonds are marketable, not the LPFA.



Abraham's Tent prepares and serves hot meals at noon seven days a week and maintains a food bank. Because the founders specified hospitality to all, there are no fees, no criteria, and no limit on how often one may be served.

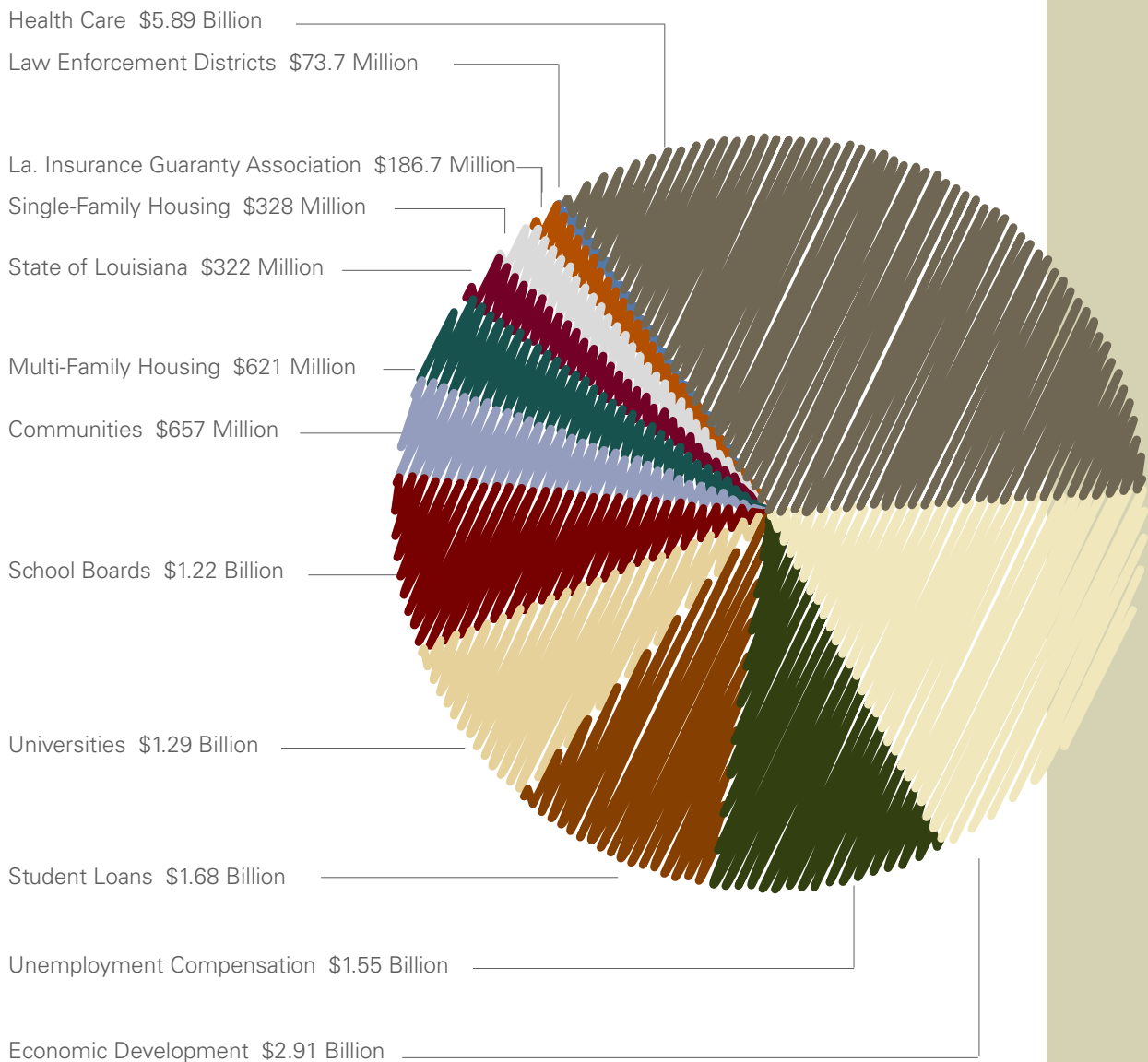
**FROM ITS INCEPTION IN 1974, THE LPFA HAS
ISSUED OVER \$16.7 BILLION IN BONDS.**

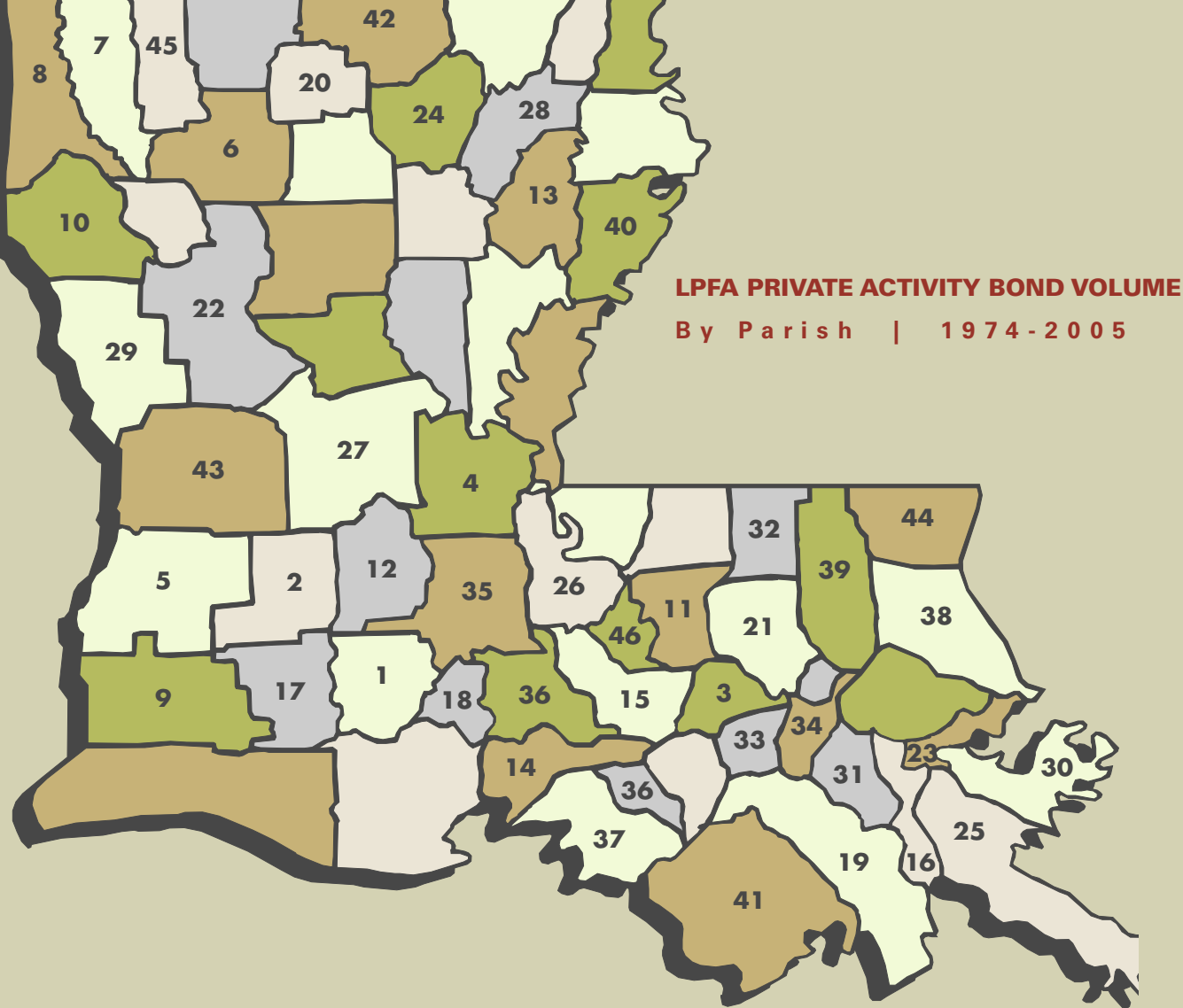
WHO BENEFITS?

The People of Louisiana!

Every project and program of the LPFA is done with one thing in mind: helping the people of Louisiana. Our mission is to further education, health care, economic development and job creation in Louisiana in order to make Louisiana a better place to work, live and raise our families.

This chart represents a historical summary of our financing activities.





Parish	Total Financed	Parish	Total Financed
1. Acadia	\$9,500,000	25. Plaquemines	\$18,770,000
2. Allen	500,000	26. Pointe Coupee	1,700,000
3. Ascension	6,600,000	27. Rapides	21,870,000
4. Avoyelles	1,600,000	28. Richland	1,100,000
5. Beauregard	4,349,500	29. Sabine	10,800,000
6. Bienville	1,250,000	30. St. Bernard	9,478,594
7. Bossier	62,508,011	31. St. Charles	15,345,000
8. Caddo	543,098,374	32. St. Helena	1,000,000
9. Calcasieu	81,475,000	33. St. James	36,840,000
10. DeSoto	4,080,000	34. St. John the Baptist	14,505,000
11. East Baton Rouge	1,506,313,913	35. St. Landry	23,310,900
12. Evangeline	1,000,000	36. St. Martin	1,000,000
13. Franklin	1,500,000	37. St. Mary	2,425,000
14. Iberia	16,332,100	38. St. Tammany	73,910,000
15. Iberville	57,776,000	39. Tangipahoa	21,445,000
16. Jefferson	939,992,255	40. Tensas	595,000
17. Jefferson Davis	1,000,000	41. Terrebonne	14,560,000
18. Lafayette	268,500,000	42. Union	1,000,000
19. Lafourche	18,740,000	43. Vernon	6,400,000
20. Lincoln	40,428,500	44. Washington	3,000,000
21. Livingston	4,050,000	45. Webster	8,250,000
22. Natchitoches	6,100,000	46. West Baton Rouge	11,490,000
23. Orleans	2,057,834,325	47. Multiple Parishes	1,823,040,400
24. Ouachita	219,959,888	Total:	\$7,976,322,760

FULFILLING LPFA'S MISSION

In over 30 years of operation, the LPFA has issued more than \$16 billion in bonds for projects and programs that serve as engines for economic development throughout Louisiana, resulting in the creation of tens of thousands of jobs and access to billions of dollars at lower than market interest rates.

Beyond the Authority's role as an "on behalf of" issuer of bonds, years of financing experience and the ability to respond to situations in a quick and efficient manner has brought coalition building and meaningful programming to the heart of the LPFA's economic development organizations. The LPFA has been and will continue to be a support player to the state Department of Economic Development and regional and local economic development groups.

More than \$7.9 Billion for Business Development

A significant portion of our economic development work involves helping private entities finance their projects. In that regard, the LPFA has issued over \$7.9 billion in private activity bonds and industrial development bonds (IDBs) to finance more than 523 projects that have generated thousands of construction and permanent jobs in the state.

While responding to unprecedented disasters like Hurricanes Katrina and Rita was never contemplated by LPFA's founders, we quickly determined that helping bring back the economy and helping citizens put their lives back together

fit perfectly into our mission. LPFA responded with a multitude of targeted programs that reached tens of thousands of citizens.

More than 247,000 jobs created since the inception of LPFA

According to studies by Dr. James A. Richardson, LPFA activities over the past 30 years helped generate more than 247,000 new jobs and more than \$4.9 billion in additional personal earnings for the Louisiana economy. Richardson's studies of the LPFA determined that the organization facilitated economic development that led to creation of an average of 8,333 jobs per year from 1974 through 1998 and 7,745 jobs per year between 1999 and 2003. Dr. Richardson serves as Alumni Professor of Economics with LSU's E.J. Ourso College of Business and as Director of the College's Public Administration Institute. (Visit the LPFA website for a copy of Dr. Richardson's studies.)



C o m m u n i t y

Community is the gathering that forms and binds us together, by proximity, by interest, and by necessity. With residents cut off from neighbors and neighborhoods and friends and relations scattered across the country by Hurricane Katrina, the strong sense of identity and community that makes New Orleans unique among American cities was in danger of vanishing. The reopening of the Audubon Zoo brought the traumatized city together in an environment both familiar and full of wonders. The LPFA provided the Audubon Nature Institute with a \$10,000 grant for the Hurricane Katrina Save the Animals fund.



Total bonds issued in 2005: \$752.4 million

\$5,345,000

LPFA Adjustable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds

(Pennington Medical Foundation Project)

Series 2005

Delivered: February 10, 2005

\$39,700,000

LPFA Hospital Revenue and Refunding Bonds

(Woman's Hospital Foundation Project)

Series 2005

Delivered: March 29, 2005

\$2,000,000

LPFA Revenue Bonds

(Department of Health and Hospitals Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund Match Project)

Series 2005

\$1,000,000 *Delivered: May 2, 2005*

\$1,000,000 *Delivered: June 23, 2005*

\$7,500,000

LPFA Revenue Bonds

(Comm-Care of Louisiana Project)

Series 2005

Delivered: July 12, 2005

\$140,300,000

LPFA Student Loan Revenue Bonds

Senior 2005

Series A-1 \$70,150,000

Series A-2 \$70,150,000

Delivered: August 24, 2005

\$224,280,000

LPFA Revenue Bonds

(Christus Health Project)

Series 2005C

Delivered: November 8, 2005

\$269,350,000

LPFA Hospital Revenue and Revenue Refunding Bonds *(Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health System Project)*

Series 2005B \$50,000,000

Series 2005C \$50,000,000

Delivered: October 4, 2005

Series 2005A \$80,000,000

Series 2005D \$89,350,000

Delivered: October 25, 2005

\$21,830,000

LPFA Advance Funding Notes

(School Board Advance Funding Program)

Series 2005A – East Baton Rouge Parish School Board
- \$4,965,000

Series 2005B – Lafayette Parish School Board - \$9,925,000

Series 2005C – City of Monroe School Board - \$3,165,000

Series 2005D – St. James Parish School Board - \$3,475,000

Series 2005E – Tensas Parish School Board - \$300,000

Delivered: October 6, 2005

\$3,000,000

LPFA Revenue Bonds

(Department of Environmental Quality Municipal Facilities Revolving Loan Fund Match Project)

Series 2005

Delivered: November 9, 2005

\$4,100,000

LPFA Multi-Family Housing Revenue Bonds

(North Park Apartments Project)

Series 2005

Delivered: December 21, 2005

\$35,000,000

LPFA Revenue Bonds

(Air Products and Chemicals Project)

Series 2005

Delivered: December 22, 2005



Staff members at the Audubon Zoo rode out Hurricane Katrina in the reptile house. After the storm passed, the zoo got back to work: the Audubon Nature Institute had long planned for a catastrophic storm and was able to reopen the zoo on November 26, 2005.

2005 BOND ISSUES

Pennington Medical Foundation Project

A \$5.3 million LPFA bond sale provided Pennington Biomedical Research Center in Baton Rouge with the funding to construct and equip a population and prevention studies building and to renovate a conference center, both adjacent to the Center.

Woman's Hospital Foundation Project

A \$39.7 million bond sale allowed Woman's Hospital in Baton Rouge to finance the renovation of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, the Labor and Delivery Unit, patient rooms and floors, the Materials Management Building and other support service buildings, and ancillary service departments.

Department of Health and Hospitals Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund Match Project

Proceeds from \$2 million in bond sales were used as matching funds to obtain capitalization grants from the Environmental Protection Agency in connection with the state's Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund Program.

Comm-Care Louisiana Project

Proceeds from a \$7.5 million bond sale were used by Comm-Care Louisiana to help acquire a nursing home in East Baton Rouge Parish.

LPFA Student Loan Revenue Bonds

LPFA issued \$140.3 million in bonds to purchase or directly originate low-interest student loans for Louisiana students and parents.

Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health System Project

The proceeds of bond sales totaling \$269.3 million helped finance improvements to medical facilities in the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health System and refinance existing bonds. The System's hospitals are located in Ouachita, East Baton Rouge, Lafayette, and Ascension parishes.

School Board Advance Funding Program

A total of \$21.8 million was borrowed in 2005 by the school boards of East Baton Rouge, Lafayette, St. James and Tensas parishes, as well as the City of Monroe School Board, through the School Board Advance Funding Program. The LPFA provided funding to the school boards at greatly reduced rates to cover expenses occurring prior to receipt of property tax revenues.

Christus Health Project

LPFA issued more than \$224 million in revenue bonds to refund bonds originally issued to finance the cost of improvements and the purchase of equipment for hospitals and health care facilities in the Christus Health Care System. Christus operates hospitals in the parishes of Calcasieu, Rapides, Caddo and Ouachita.

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Municipal Facilities Revolving Loan Fund Match Project

Proceeds from a \$3 million bond sale were used by DEQ as the state's matching funds to obtain additional grants from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to increase the Municipal Facilities Revolving Loan Fund.

North Park Apartments Project

Proceeds from this \$4.1 million bond sale were used to purchase and renovate a 100-unit apartment complex for low-income residents in Bossier City.

Air Products and Chemicals Project

\$35 million in bonds were used to finance the acquisition of facilities in St. James Parish to be used for solid waste disposal, recycling, resource recovery or industrial sewage and wastewater treatment.



Progress

Progress is not just technological advance; it's positive motion, a process of becoming better and stronger. The return of Hubig's pies to New Orleans grocery shelves was a comfort and a sign to the struggling residents of the city: We're back in business. It was clear to the Bowman and Ramsey families, owners of Hubig's Pies, that their humble but beloved fruit-filled pies were an integral piece of New Orleans. When Hubig's employees rode a Mardi Gras float and tossed pies to the crowd, one resident looked at the pie in his hand and said, "Now everything is right in the world."

HUBIG'S
PIES



HONEY FRUIT PIES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Zero Interest Local Government Bond Bank Program

The LPFA's zero interest Local Government Bond Bank Program was created to assist local governmental entities in lowering the cost of financing capital expenditures. Local government officials work with local banks to obtain the most favorable loan rates, then come to the LPFA, which provides 15% of the total borrowing at no interest. The following entities participated in a Bond Bank financing in 2005:

St. Martin Parish Communication District borrowed \$300,000 to construct and equip a new communications center for the parish. The LPFA participated in \$45,000 of the financing at zero percent interest, saving the district \$5,356 in interest payments.

DeSoto Parish borrowed \$198,000 to purchase vehicles and equipment to help maintain the parish's roads. The LPFA participated in \$29,000 of the financing at zero percent interest, saving the parish \$3,454 in interest payments.

Jefferson Davis Fire Protection District No. 5 borrowed \$170,000 to purchase a new pumper tanker. The LPFA participated in \$25,000 of the financing at zero percent interest, saving the district \$2,637 in interest payments.

City of St. Martinville borrowed \$303,000 to finance a new sewage treatment system. The LPFA participated in \$45,000 of the financing at zero percent interest, saving the city \$5,209 in interest payments.

St. Helena Fifth Ward Recreation District borrowed \$89,000 to build a new recreational park. The LPFA participated in \$13,000 of the financing at zero percent interest, saving the district \$2,234 in interest payments.

Tangipahoa Parish Recreation District No. 39 borrowed \$300,000 for additions and repairs to a recreational park. The LPFA participated in \$45,000 of the financing at zero percent interest, saving the district \$5,499 in interest payments.

Caddo Parish Fire District No. 3 borrowed \$500,000 for the purchase of new firefighting equipment. The LPFA participated in \$75,000 of the financing at zero percent interest, saving the district \$7,056 in interest payments.

Mamou Fire Protection District No. 1 borrowed \$275,000 to purchase two new fire trucks. The LPFA participated in \$41,000 of the financing at zero percent interest, saving the district \$4,115 in interest payments.

Iberia Parish Airport Authority borrowed \$400,000 for improvements to the Acadiana Regional Airport. The LPFA participated in \$60,000 of the financing at zero percent interest, saving the authority \$8,075 in interest payments.



Hubig's sustained significant damage due to Hurricane Katrina, both to its physical plant and to its spirit: several employees lost their lives. 100 years of a family passion doesn't give up easily, however, and a Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan helped Hubig's clean up and restart production.

St. Helena Parish Police Jury borrowed \$438,000 to resurface several roads within the parish. The LPFA participated in \$65,000 of the financing at zero percent interest, saving the parish \$2,766 in interest payments.

THESE 10 ENTITIES WILL SAVE A TOTAL OF \$46,401 IN INTEREST COSTS THROUGH THE LPFA'S BOND BANK PROGRAM. SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1999, THE PROGRAM HAS SAVED MORE THAN \$1 MILLION IN INTEREST PAYMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING ENTITIES.

Rural Development Zero Interest Loan Program

Community projects slated for Rural Development financing must have interim financing before receiving permanent financing from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development. The LPFA Rural Development Zero Interest Loan Program provides up to 20 percent of those interim funds, at no interest, in partnership with local financial institutions. The following entities participated in Rural Development financings in 2005.

Lincoln Parish Greater Ward One Waterworks District needed financing to install new waterlines and build a water storage tank. Of the \$1.1 million borrowed, the LPFA provided \$165,000 at zero percent interest.

The Village of Forest Hill needed financing for construction of a new village hall and community center. Of the \$250,000 borrowed, LPFA provided \$50,000 at zero percent interest.

West Feliciana Parish needed financing for improvements to the sewerage system in the Solitude area. Of the \$665,000 borrowed, LPFA provided \$130,000 at zero percent interest.

The Town of Henderson needed interim financing for the construction of a new sewerage system. Of the \$1.016 million borrowed, LPFA provided \$203,000 at zero percent interest.



D r e a m s

T. E. Lawrence said, "All men dream, but not equally. Those who dream by night in the dusty recesses of their minds wake in the day to find that it was vanity: but the dreamers of the day are dangerous men, for they may act their dreams with open eyes, to make it possible."

Louisiana's young people are dreamers of the day: with the help of Lela loans and LPFA financial assistance programs, more students across Louisiana are attending college and acting their dreams.





STUDENT LOANS



Since becoming active in the student loan market, the LPFA has issued over \$1.3 billion in bonds to help more than 360,000 students finance their college education and potentially save up to \$83.3 million in interest payments and origination fees. In addition to offering some of the best savings incentives in the nation, the Lela student loan program offers many scholarship opportunities to students at the high school and college levels across the state.

Many borrowers choose SuperTop because of the interest rate discounts and other incentives offered under the program. Based on the 2005 interest rates, students could save more than 65 percent in interest and fees on Stafford loans under the SuperTop program, and parents who take advantage of all the savings could save over 45 percent in interest and fees on PLUS loans.

Helping Students Achieve Their Dreams

Graduating high school seniors from across Louisiana participated in the 2005 “Cash for College” essay contest. Lela developed the contest as a way to encourage seniors to research their college financial options while competing for a \$1,000 scholarship. As part of the contest, seniors submit essays about how they plan to finance their college educa-

tion. The 2005 “Cash for College” scholarship winner was Patrick Owens, who graduated from the Dunham School. He currently attends LSU majoring in history with plans of attending law school after graduation.

In addition, Lela provided over \$10,000 in scholarships to high school and college students. Some of the scholarship winners included:

- Frances Fremin of St. Joseph’s Academy in Baton Rouge
- Kirsten Williams of Redeemer Sutton in New Orleans
- Lani Bewley of Baton Rouge Magnet High School
- Damon Phuc Truong Luong of Terrebonne High School
- Peter E. Woodward, III of South Terrebonne High School
- Patrick Owens of the Dunham School, Baton Rouge
- Natalie Waguespack of Northwestern State University

Reaching out after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita

Reaching out to college students and parents

Many college students and parents were displaced and without income following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Families in the impacted areas were provided a six-month forbearance for making payments on their student loans.

LPFA also provided \$80,000 in grants to education-related organizations such as the Louisiana Student/College and University Emergency Assistance Fund and the LSU Hurricane Student Relief Fund to help provide financial assistance



to students directly impacted by the storms. These organizations used the grants in a variety of ways to assist students who were impacted by the storms. The assistance programs included taking in displaced students from other universities, providing opportunities for alternative means of education such as classes on the Internet, and helping displaced students return to their universities as quickly as possible.

Reaching out to universities

LPFA provided more than \$120,000 in direct grants to colleges and universities to help them with recovery projects. Direct grants were provided to Delgado Community College, Dillard University, Loyola University, McNeese State University, Tulane University, the University of New Orleans and Xavier University. The grants helped storm-impacted universities to keep experienced faculty and staff, retain and recruit new students, and repair and rebuild facilities and equipment.

Following the devastating storms, many financial aid professionals were displaced from their homes and their universities temporarily closed their campuses until 2006. Many financial aid professionals in the New Orleans area lost their homes. Lela reached out to those who were displaced by

providing \$50,000 in emergency grant funds to displaced college financial aid professionals in Louisiana. These grants were part of a \$300,000 assistance package put together with Edamerica and EdFinancial—companies also involved in providing and servicing student loans in Louisiana and across the nation.

In addition, Lela placed a hold on all disbursements slated to go out to universities impacted by the storms. By delaying these disbursements until the universities were back up and running, Lela ensured that the schools would avoid the administrative burden of trying to properly document and track this money without the resources to do so, as well as possible penalties for failing to meet reporting deadlines.

Reaching out to high school students

LPFA reached out to high school students following the hurricanes. Staff members contacted secondary schools and school boards in areas affected by the hurricanes to be sure that their students were aware of LPFA scholarship opportunities. In 2006, Lela will provide additional funds to increase scholarship opportunities for students at the high school and college levels who were directly impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.





P e r s e v e r a n c e

Perseverance is that quality that drives us to continue in the face of failure, to summon courage in disaster, and to remain focused on the goal when the obstacles seem insurmountable. South Cameron Memorial Hospital was flattened by Hurricane Rita, but the hospital system couldn't afford the luxury of shock; their services were needed more than ever. The South Cameron Memorial Hospital System rallied, and with the help of a \$25,000 LPFA hurricane disaster recovery grant, opened a new rural health clinic only months after the storm. The people of Cameron refuse to give up, and their hospital will be right beside them, rebuilding and bettering their lives.



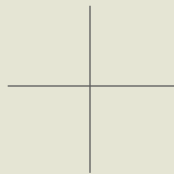
South Cameron Memorial Hospital System

Rural Health Clinic

Courage is not the absence of fear,

but rather the judgment

that something else is more important than fear. – *Ambrose Redmoon*



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