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**Private Non-Profit and Houses of Worship Outreach Workshop**

**Baton Rouge (August 9, 2019)** – Recent changes in Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) policy means federal assistance may be available to help repair places of worship damaged in FEMA-declared disasters. FEMA and the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) are hosting several workshops across the state to inform religious congregations and other private, non-profit organizations about the process for participating in the disaster assistance program.

**PURPOSE**

Learn how **Private Non-Profits (PNPs) and Houses of Worship (HOW)**, which includes churches, synagogues, temples, mosques and other religious entities, may qualify for Federal Assistance if a disaster is declared for your specific area.

**TRAINING OBJECTIVES**

**Eligibility Requirements**

## **Eligible Facility Requirements**

## **Required Documentation**

## **The Application Process**

### **SCHEDULE OF FEMA WORKSHOPS FOR HOUSES OF WORKSHOP ELIGIBILITY FOR DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

**Pre-registration is required. Complete that step here:**

**<http://gohsep.la.gov/RESOURCES/TRAINING-EVENTS-SCHEDULE>**

**[August 12, 2019 9:00am-11:30am](#)**

Federal City Auditorium  
2485 Guadalcanal Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70114

**[August 13, 2019 9:00am-11:30am](#)**

Beacon Light of Baton Rouge (Sanctuary)  
7513 Prescott Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70812

**[August 14, 2019 9:00am-11:30am](#)**

St. Tammany Parish OHSEP  
620 North Tyler St., Covington, LA 70433

**[August 15, 2019 9:00am-11:30am](#)**

Abdalla Hall  
635 Cajundome Blvd., Lafayette, LA 70506

**[August 16, 2019 9:00am-11:30am](#)**

Calcasieu Parish EOC  
901 Lake Shore Dr., Lake Charles, LA 70601

**[August 19, 2019 9:00am-11:30am](#)**

Terrebonne Parish EOC  
101 Government St., Gray, LA 70359

**[August 20, 2019 9:00am-11:30am](#)**

Shriners Hospital for Children (Auditorium)  
3100 Samford Ave., Shreveport, LA 71103

**August 21, 2019 9:00am-11:30am**

Lincoln Parish EOC  
161 Road Camp Road, Ruston, LA 71270

**August 22, 2019 9:00am-11:30am**

Louisiana College (Cranberry Conference Center)  
1140 College Dr., Pineville, LA 71360

*Find more tips on weather and preparedness on GOHSEP's Facebook and Twitter accounts. You can receive emergency alerts on most smartphones and tablets by downloading the new Alert FM App. It is free for basic service. The Get A Game Plan App is another resource available to help you and your family prepare for any type of emergency. You can download the Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Guide and find other information at [www.getagameplan.org](http://www.getagameplan.org).*

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