

PUBLIC SUPORT FOR HOUSING RECOVERY FROM NATURAL
DISASTER; Assistance for Housing Recovery from 2005 Hurricane Katrina
Disaster

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[SYNOPSIS]

This report discusses about a public support for individual housing recovery after natural disaster through analysis of the grant for victims from the 2005 Hurricane Katrina Disaster. The grant support housing reconstruction by maximum USD150, 000 grant, which consists of three options, 1) rebuild at original place, 2) selling home and moving within the state, 3) selling home and moving out from the states. The grant support almost 180,000 families and average amount of the grant was USD 60,000. And the long term recovery process in New Orleans was also analyzed and the long term recovery planning process needs almost two years but stakeholder involvement in planning process was successfully accomplished. The critical issues about individual housing recovery grant are how the recovery of individual housing and that of neighborhood community are coordinated. In New Orleans, many people moved out from the community by selling their damaged housing using option 2, 3. It caused serious problem for the recovery of a neighborhood community. It is important to compiling the scheme in individual housing recovery grant to coordinate individual housing recovery and neighborhood recovery.