

## Scott Geoffrey Davis

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### Years of Experience

20+ Years

### Education

#### Arizona State University

Master of Environmental Planning

#### The University of Arizona

BS in Regional Development

### Professional Experience

Nationally recognized leader in disaster recovery planning and coordination with more than 20 years of experience working collaboratively with local, state, and federal government agencies as well as the private sector, nonprofits, philanthropy, and academia.

Scott Davis is a policy and subject matter expert in disaster recovery, urban resilience, hazard mitigation, and climate adaptation. He has direct involvement at a senior leadership level in more than a dozen large-scale disasters including Midwest floods and Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav, Ike, Sandy, and Maria.

With strong familiarity and experience working with federal disaster recovery programs, Scott has been involved in FEMA's Individual Assistance (IA), Public Assistance (PA), and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), HUD's Community Development Block Grant for Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR), and SBA's Disaster Loan Programs. He is a senior policy and program analyst with experience making recommendations to federal department and agency leadership as well as the Executive Office of the President.

### U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, HUD Program and Resilience Subject Matter Expert; Senior Advisor

There are 44 communities from across the U.S. are participating in the program.

- Serve as a lead facilitator for two cohorts representing 14 coastal communities.
- Help evaluate each community's resilience needs and serve as a direct TA provider to help build local capacity.
- Responsible for development of core curriculum on the topics of climate resilience and risk assessment as well as funding and financing.

### U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency, Disaster Recovery Support

Recovery Planning, Capacity Building, and Coordination Advisor to the FEMA Joint Recovery Office (JRO) in San Juan, Puerto Rico (PR). This was through the National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF) Community Planning & Capacity Building (CPCB) Recovery Support Function (RSF).

- Provided guidance on the structure and content of the PR Economic & Disaster Recovery Plan for more than \$50 billion in federal investment. I drafted recommendations for community planning and capacity building for the plan.
- Drafted the FEMA-HUD MOU regarding Flexible Cost-Share for the FEMA PA program, working collaboratively with FEMA and HUD legal staff. This greatly reduced administrative burden on grantees/subgrantees, resulting in significant cost savings and expediting recovery.
- Developed and delivered staff training for the CPCB RSF. This provided local staff with best practices in recovery planning and implementation resulting in greater impact as they engaged with local communities and jurisdictions.
- Developed coordinated recovery planning frameworks at the municipal, regional, and island-wide scale for the Puerto Rico Planning Board and the Governor's Central Office for Recovery. This was a significant challenge and critical need given the Commonwealth's 78 municipal jurisdictions; the coordinated recovery decisions that result will have greater long-term impact and maximize return on federal investment.
- Served as a primary liaison to build key relationships with the Puerto Rico Planning Board, Central Office for Recovery, and Housing Department as well as the University of Puerto Rico and Foundation for Puerto Rico. The resulting foundation of trust and collaboration was instrumental in joint state/federal decisionmaking.

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Subject Matter Expert assisting Headquarters staff in Washington DC. This included:

- Development of the Recovery Resource Roadmap identifying key federal resources
- Legislative review and categorization of COVID-19 recovery resources
- Capacity Building Plan for the NDRF Housing RSF to ensure adequate capacity and capability to support simultaneous events of catastrophic size.
- Development of a financial expenditure tracking and reporting framework for the post-disaster Program Management Office

Other clients and projects include:

- Puerto Rico Department of Housing (San Juan, PR)
  - Project: CDBG-DR Technical Assistance and Capacity Building
  - Role: CDBG-DR and Resilience Subject Matter Expert; Senior Advisor
- New York City Department of Parks & Recreation (New York, NY)
  - Project: Reconstruction of Paerdegat Athletic Center using FEMA PA to maximize mitigation Role: FEMA PA and Hazard Mitigation Subject Matter Expert; Senior Resilience Advisor
- Partners for Rural Innovation (regional nonprofit consortium in Eastern Kentucky)
  - Project: Nonprofit coordination and engagement in long-term recovery from flood disaster
  - Role: Disaster Recovery and Resilience Subject Matter Expert; Senior Advisor
- RAND Corporation (Washington, DC)
  - Project: Examination FEMA's Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) policy and methodology to provide recommendations for process streamlining and incorporating an equity lens to better serve resource-constrained communities
  - Role: Reviewer and subject matter expert for the publication, The Cost of Cost-Effectiveness
- Project Enlace del Caño Martín Peña (San Juan, PR)
  - Project: Comprehensive Infrastructure Master Plan
  - Role: Resilience Expert (including Risk and Benefit-Cost Analysis); Specialist re: HUD CDBG-DR, CDBG-MIT; FEMA PA, HMGP, and BRIC; EPA State Revolving Funds.
- State of Louisiana Office of Community Development (Baton Rouge, LA)
  - Project: Isle de Jean Charles Resettlement Master Plan
  - Role: Project Planning Director, Resilience Advisor & CDBG-DR Subject Matter Expert

## U.S. Department Of Housing & Urban Development, National Coordinator for the NDRF

### Housing RSF

- Served as the lead coordinator for all federal housing resources in response to the Louisiana floods of 2016, which resulted in an estimated \$8 billion in damages.
- Working directly with the Federal Coordinator for Disaster Recovery (FDRC), I led collaborative efforts with the State to assess housing impacts and develop comprehensive recovery strategies. This involved issuing mission assignments and coordinating other federal agencies providing housing assistance, such as FEMA, SBA, and USDA.
- Served as a member of the NDRF Recovery Support Function Leadership Group (RSFLG), which included agency capacity assessments.

### RAND Corporation, Visiting Fellow

Conducted research on disaster recovery reform, identifying how federal assistance can be more efficient, cost-effective, and impactful. In addition, I examined creative financing mechanisms for resilient infrastructure projects and co-authored the report "Not Everything is Broken: The Future of U.S. Transportation and Water Infrastructure Funding and Finance."