

# Delta Regional Authority 101

## ABOUT

The Delta Regional Authority (DRA) works to improve regional economic opportunity by helping to create jobs, build communities, and improve lives for the 10 million people who reside in the 252 counties and parishes of the eight-state Delta region. Led by the Delta Regional Authority Board -- comprised of the Federal Co-Chairman, appointed by the President and confirmed by the U.S. Senate, and the governors of the eight states -- DRA fosters local and regional partnerships that address economic and social challenges to ultimately strengthen the Delta economy and the quality of life for Delta residents.

## DRA REGION

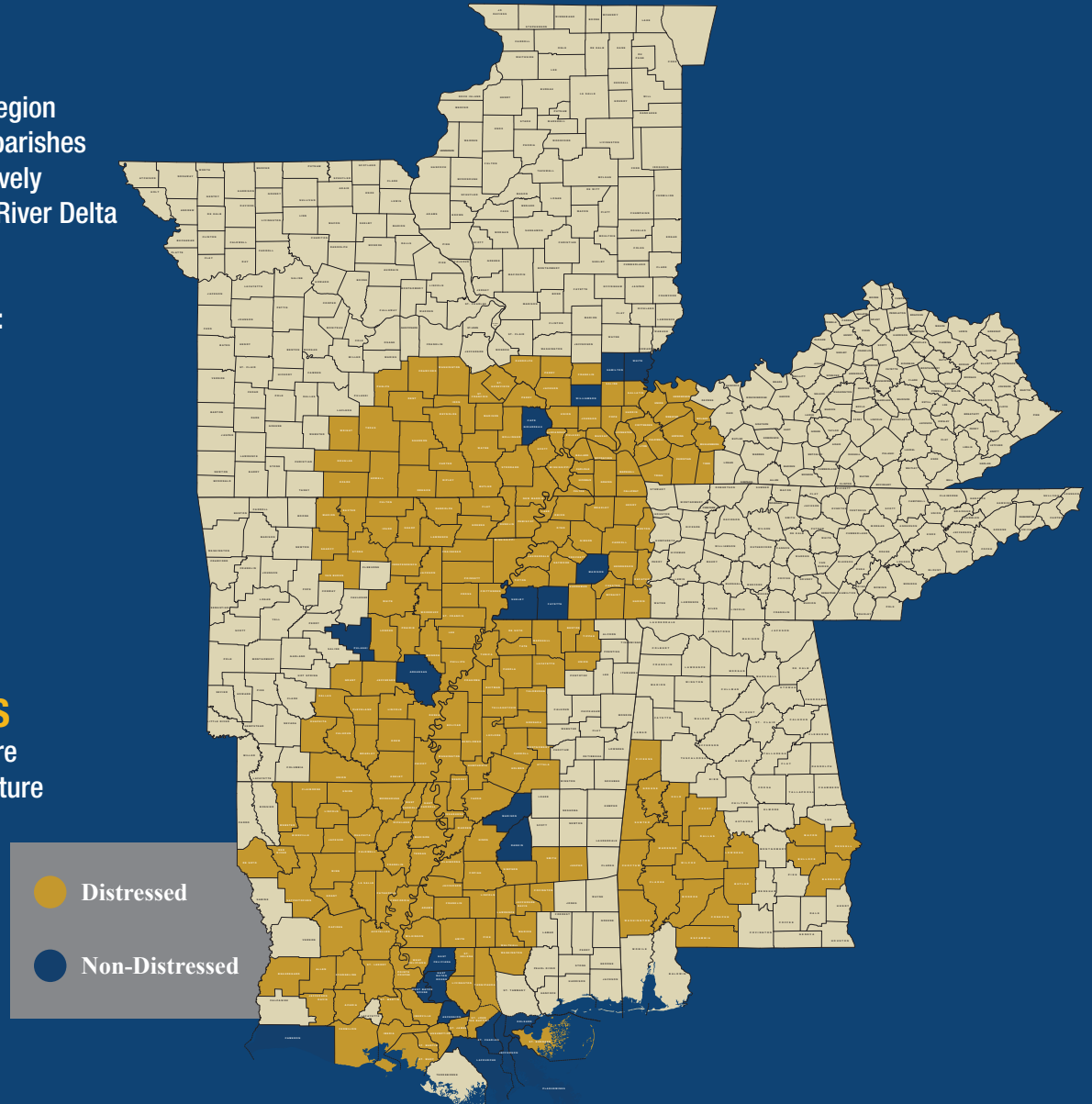
Per federal statute, DRA's region includes 252 counties and parishes across eight states, collectively designated the Mississippi River Delta and Alabama regions.

Participating states include:

- Alabama
- Arkansas
- Illinois
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Tennessee

## FUNDING PRIORITIES

- Basic Public Infrastructure
- Transportation Infrastructure
- Business Development & Entrepreneurship
- Workforce Development



### Determination of a Distressed County/Parish:

Unemployment rate of one percent higher (5.2 percent) than the national average (4.2 percent) for the most recent 24-month period; or have a per capita income of 80 percent or less of the national per capita income.



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## ORGANIZATION



**Chris R. Caldwell**  
Federal Co-Chairman



**Matt Bevin**  
States' Co-Chair

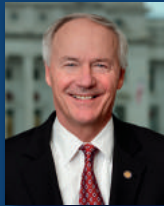
## BOARD OF GOVERNORS

### ALABAMA



Governor  
Kay Ivey

### ARKANSAS



Governor  
Asa Hutchinson

### ILLINOIS



Governor  
J.B. Pritzker

### KENTUCKY



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Governor  
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### TENNESSEE



Governor  
Bill Lee

## FEDERAL PROGRAMS

- States' Economic Development Assistance Program (SEDAP)
- Community Infrastructure Fund (CIF)
- Public Works & Economic Adjustment Assistance Program (PWEAA)
- Delta Doctors
- Innovative Readiness Training (IRT)
- Rural Communities Advancement Program (RCAP)
  - Delta Leadership Institute (DLI)
  - Delta Workforce Program
  - Rural Community Development Program
  - USDA-Rural Development State Director Partnership
- Delta Region Community Health Systems Development Technical Assistance Program

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