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Emergency Assistance for Residents, Especially Those Affected by the Oil Spill

The Lafourche Parish Office of Community Action would like to remind Lafourche Parish residents, especially those affected by the oil spill, about several programs that can provide one-time assistance through financially difficult times. Due to the State of Emergency incited by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, many residents may qualify for one of several types of emergency services including utility assistance, food vouchers, medication and rental/mortgage assistance.

In order to apply for any of these programs, residents must be able to provide the following:

- Driver's license or I.D.
- Social Security Card (*or photocopy*) for every member of the household.
- Proof of income for every member of the household. (*If there is a loss of income, you must provide a pink slip, paperwork filed for unemployment benefits, or letters from 2 other people describing the resident's situation with copies of those people's I.D. attached.*)
- All bills from the past months and receipts showing they were paid. (*including all utility bills, telephone or cell phone bills, medical bills, credit card statements, insurance payments, rent receipts, loan statements, etc.*)

Each program may require additional information, so it is best for residents to contact the Office of Community Action to be sure all documentation is readily available.

For more information on any of these programs, please contact Jennifer Babin or Erica Adams at the Mathews Government Complex at (985) 537-7603. South Lafourche residents can also contact Robin Cheramie at the Galliano Government Complex at (985) 632-3989. In Thibodaux, residents can contact Stephanie Washington at (985) 446-6731, or visit the Community Action office located at 1445 Martin Luther King Drive.

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