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### **Public Hearings Set for CDBG Funds**

Lafourche Parish Government has scheduled three public hearings in order to obtain public input and suggestions on projects for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding that has been allotted to the Parish. Through an allocation from federal government, the State of Louisiana recently allotted over \$36 million to Lafourche Parish for disaster recovery projects relative to Hurricanes Gustav and Ike which caused significant damage to Lafourche Parish in 2008. Specifically, \$3 million of that allocation is for affordable rental housing.

The public hearings have been set as follows:

- Tuesday, September 1 at 6:00 P.M. at the Moses Community Center in Thibodaux (1310 Cardinal Drive)
- Wednesday, September 2 at 6:00 P.M. at the Mathews Government Complex (4876 Hwy. 1)
- Thursday, September 3 at 6:00 P.M. at the Cut Off Youth Center (205 W. 79<sup>th</sup> Street)

At these hearings, residents will have the opportunity to give their viewpoints on the housing, community and economic development needs within the parish relative to Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. The public will also have the opportunity to comment on proposed projects such as a Lockport-to-Larose Levee, Tiger Drive Bridge improvements, Cut-Off-to-Pointe-Aux-Chenes Levee improvements, and renovations to the old Mathews Wal-Mart building which was recently acquired by the parish. Residents can also suggest new projects for the Parish to consider with this funding.

The \$36 million in CDBG funding is part of an overall \$40 million allocated to Lafourche Parish through the State of Louisiana from the federal government for hurricane recovery and hazard mitigation projects. Another \$6.4 million is allotted for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding to be used for mitigation projects throughout the parish including projects within municipalities, levee districts and Port Fourchon.

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