COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT FUNDING
GUSTAV/IKE PLAN AMMENDMENT

November 17, 2020

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Presenter: Jennifer Gerbasi, Senior Planner
AGENDA

• Overview Parish Gustav/Ike Projects
• New Project Proposal
• Q&A
• Public Comment

Police Chief: Dana Coleman
Councilman: John Navy
PUBLIC COMMENT

• Comments will be documented and submitted in the record

• Further comments can be made to the Parish Council at a future meeting

• Written comments will also be accepted until December 1st.
CDBG FUNDING AWARDED

• $135 Million awarded in 2009 for the Gustav/Ike storms
• Community Development Block Grants
• Provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development
• Managed by the Louisiana Office of Community Development.
ELIGIBLE PARISH ACTIVITIES

• Infrastructure
• Housing
• Economic Recovery and Revitalization
CDBG LEVEE CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS

- Falgout Canal Levee
- Ashland North
- Cane Brake to Ashland (to landfill)
- East Houma Surge Levee (Thompson Road Ext.)
- Upper Dularge (East)
- Pointe Au Chene
- Ward 7 Levee Lift
- Suzie Canal Ext. (North)
FORCED DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

- Ashland Drainage Pump Station
- Upper Grand Caillou Pump Station - Shrimpers Row
- Baroid Pump Station/Bayou Lacarpe
- Buquet Drainage Improvements
- Summerfield Pump Station
POLLUTION CONTROL AND SEWERAGE IMPROVEMENTS

- Gray facility

- Clean waterways/ Derelict Vessels
  ~124 units

Sample of sunken vessels. Approximately 200 identified.
OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE

• Juvenile Detention Facility
• Department of Public Works Administrative Building
• Falgout Canal Pontoon Bridge
• Waterworks Valve for TGMC
HOUSING EXAMPLES

- Homebuyers’ Assistance
- Homeowner Buyouts ~24
- Repair Assistance - Owner Occupied
- Repair Assistance - Renter Occupied
- Utilities and roads for Parkwood Place
- Demolition of blighted properties ~9
NEW PROPOSAL

• Funding is available from savings on the projects listed above

• Reallocations are allowed after a full public vetting and request to the Office of Community Development Disaster Recovery Unit

• Preliminary approval received
EASTSIDE PUBLIC SAFETY SUBSTATION GOALS

• To have a police presence and service for the community on the eastside of the Intracoastal
  – Shorter response time if the bridge or tunnel are out
  – Consistent support for the local community

• To serve a forum for community education
  – Community education regarding police initiatives
  – Community meetings requesting service from police
  – Neighborhood watch meeting place
SUBSTATION LOCATION
835 EAST STREET
EASTSIDE PUBLIC SAFETY SUBSTATION FACILITY

The modular police station features durable offices, a meeting room, and reception space in a secure facility.

- Kitchen/Breakroom
- Restrooms/ADA compliant
- Air Conditioning
- Janitor Closet
- Lockers
- Showers
- Evidence Storage
EASTSIDE PUBLIC SAFETY SUBSTATION FACILITY

Safety Performance:

- Elevated 500 yr floodplain +1 ft
- Windows for 170 mph winds
- Bulletproof glass
- Ramp for handicap access
- Bullet resistant sheathing
- Backup Generator
- Two entry/exit doors
- Timed outdoor lighting
- Entry and internal camera systems
- Door security
ELIGIBILITY FOR INFRASTRUCTURE

- Need arising from the 2008 storm
- The project is the best alternative to resolve the issue
- The parish can determine the need for the facility, threat to health, safety or welfare
- No other funds are available in the timeframe required
REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL PROJECTS

• Each project must meet a national objective of the CDBG program
  – Urgent need
  – Assist low to moderate income residents
  – Eliminate or avoid slum and blight

• This area meets the goal to benefit low to moderate income residents
LOW TO MODERATE-INCOME AREAS
NEIGHBORING MODERATE-INCOME AREAS
IMMEDIATE NEXT STEPS

• Amend the Gustav/Ike Draft Action Plan
• Present project to Council December 7th
• Take other public comments at Council
• Submit to the State for approval
• Receive approval
AFTER APPROVAL

• Submit specific project application to HUD for approval
• Procure engineering and services
• Receive environmental clearance
• Public bids for all work related to CDBG projects
• Seek Council approval for each contract
Have questions after the meeting?

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