



**HURRICANES LAURA/DELTA/IDA & MAY 2021 SEVERE STORMS  
RESILIENT COMMUNITIES INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM  
RECOVERY PROPOSAL**

**GENERAL INFORMATION.**

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**OVERVIEW OF RESILIENT COMMUNITIES INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM PROJECTS**

NAME OF PROJECT	ESTIMATED PROJECT COST
<b>Priority Projects:</b>	
New Sarpy Pump Station Improvements: Phase 1-2	\$7,622,798.00
New Sarpy Culvert Crossings: Phases 2-6, 7, 9	\$4,444,462.00
<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$12,067,260.00</b>
<b>Alternate Projects:</b>	
Boutte Neighborhood Community Center at Linear Park	\$6,471,958.33
<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$6,471,958.33</b>
<b>Total All Projects:</b>	<b>\$18,539,218.33</b>

## RESILIENT COMMUNITIES INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM PRIORITY PROJECTS

### A. Project Name and Address:

New Sarpy Pump Station Improvements  
1075 E. Harding Street, New Sarpy, Louisiana, 70047 (29.984295, -90.380454)

### B. Description of the Proposed Project:

The New Sarpy area in St. Charles Parish has repeatedly suffered flooding, which has inundated low-lying areas and has multiple pipeline crossings that limit the depth of the channels in the area. Flooding also causes deterioration in the area and high intensity storms such as Hurricane Ida have resulted in flooding problems that exceed the design capacity of the drainage system by overwhelming open roadside ditches, culverts, catch basins, and subsurface pipes carrying the stormwater runoff into the drainage system. Flood prone areas were identified to be along Schexnaydre Lane and the subdivision on the north side of Vans Lane. These issues are primarily due to undersized pumps and restrictive culvert crossings along the CN Railroad.

The existing New Sarpy Pump Station is constructed of a braced steel sheet pile wet well capped by a concrete equipment slab with overhead steel canopy. Topographic surveying indicates that the invert of the wet well is concrete. Topographic surveying also indicates that the invert of the intake channel between the mechanical bar screens and the wet well is concrete. The pump station consists of three (3) 36-inch diameter Lo-Lift Pumps with a total nominal capacity of 150 cfs. Two (2) of the pumps are driven by 150 horsepower (hp) electric motors. The third pump is driven by a 225 hp diesel engine. Three Duperon mechanical bar screens collect and remove debris at the head of the pump station intake channel. Pumps are operated by level sensors and a SCADA system that allows remote monitoring and operation. There is a 500-gallon storage fuel storage tank on the equipment slab adjacent to the diesel engine. This fuel tank supplies the diesel engine. There is a 500 kW generator located on the north side of the pump station. This generator provides emergency backup power to the electric pump motors, mechanical bar screens and SCADA system.

The New Sarpy Pump Station watershed has experienced repetitive flooding due to stormwater runoff during significant and severe storm events, such as Hurricane Ida. Based on the **St. Charles Parish 2020 Master Drainage Plan (MDP)**, the pump station is not sufficient to remove the stormwater from the drainage system, as a result of a 25-year storm event. The recommendation from the MDP is to upgrade the pump station from 150 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 250 cfs, adding 100 cfs of capacity to the existing pump station.

The proposed improvements consist of the construction of a tandem pump station adjacent to and on the southerly side of the existing pump station. This tandem pump station includes two new 36-inch pumps (one electric motor driven and one diesel engine driven) each with a capacity of 50 cfs. A new separate intake channel with two new mechanical bar screens are included. A new 500 gallon fuel storage tank is included to provide fuel to the new diesel engine, and a new additional 200 kW generator is included to provide emergency power backup to the new electric pump motor, mechanical bar screens and SCADA system. By constructing a separate tandem pump station, it is anticipated that the existing pump station can remain operational during construction.

## New Sarpy Pump Station Improvements Cost Estimate

Construction	\$ 6,629,750.00
Preliminary Investigation	\$ 75,000.00
Engineering Basic Fees	\$ 451,048.00
Permits	\$ 35,000.00
Resident Inspection	\$ 432,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,622,798.00</b>

### C. Estimated Total Project Cost, Source, Status, and Use of Funds:

PROJECT FUNDS	AMOUNT	SOURCE AND STATUS	USE
CDBG	\$7,622,798.00	CDBG-DR (Subrecipient Allocation – RCIP)	
Local Funds			
Private Funds			
Other State Funds			
Federal Funds			
Other Funds			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,622,798.00</b>		

### D. Project Context:

St. Charles Parish commissioned a study of the New Sarpy Drainage Area for the East Bank Master Drainage Plan which included analysis for 25-Year and 100-Year Design Storms. The analysis used models built in EPA SWMM and AutoDesk’s Storm and Sanitary Analysis. Existing flood-prone areas were identified in areas along Schexnaydre Lane, upstream of the Schexnaydre Pump Station, areas along Vans Lane, and others. The results of the existing conditions simulation illustrate the inadequacy of the drainage system for the design events.

The recommended improvements were grouped into three phases of multiple projects in sensible order of construction and downstream to upstream. The phases and projects are identified in the below table:

Phase	# of Projects	Project Description
Phase 1	6	1-1: Schexnaydre Pump Station Upgrade
		<b>1-2: New Sarpy Pump Station Upgrade</b>
		1-3: 10-Acre Detention Pond & Canal #1 Addition
		1-4: Subsurface Pipe from New Sarpy East Canal to Schexnaydre Pump Station

		1-5: Troxclair Canal Downstream of CN RR
		1-6: East Terrace Street Crossing Cotton Canal
Phase 2	10	2-1: 1-60" Steel Pipe under CN RR at Schexnaydre Canal
		2-2: 1-60" Steel Pipe under CN RR West of Schexnaydre Canal
		2-3: Reshape and Clean the North and South side ditches along CN RR
		2-4: 2-60" Steel Pipe under CN RR at New Sarpy Mid Canal
		2-5: New Sarpy Mid Canal Culvert
		2-6: 1-48" Steel Pipe under CN RR at Vans Lane
		2-7: 2-60" Steel Pipe under CN RR at Troxclair Canal
		2-8: 2-60" Pipe under CN RR at Cotton Canal
		2-9: 2-60" along Vans Canal Upstream of CN RR
		2-10: 2-60" Steel Pipe under CN RR East of West Easy St.
Phase 3	5	3-1: Schexnaydre Lane Subsurface Upsizing
		3-2: Schexnaydre Ditch culverts
		3-3: Regrading the ditch along Schexnaydre Lane
		3-4: Reshape and Clean Vans Canal Upstream of CN RR
		3-5: Reshape and Clean Troxclair Canal Upstream of CN RR

The improvements to the New Sarpy Pump Station are within Phase 1 of the New Sarpy Drainage Area for the East Bank Master Drainage Plan and are necessary to improve the drainage system and stormwater management and support long-term resiliency. Although the improvements to the pump station do not necessarily rely on other projects, it is a critical component for future projects within the comprehensive drainage system which will be tied into the pump station and play a significant role in reducing future flooding impacts within St. Charles Parish.

**E. Beneficiaries/Public Benefit/Target Area and Boundaries:**

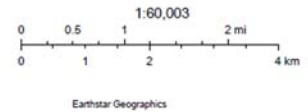
The beneficiaries of this project are the citizens that live within the New Sarpy Pump Station Watershed community primarily within Block Groups 1 and 2 of Census Tract 624. The LMI population of Block Group 1 of Census Tract 624 is 63.77% and the LMI population of Block Group 2 of Census Tract 624 is 47.58%. Therefore, the project meets the CDBG-DR national objective of “Benefit to LMI Persons” and the Area Benefit Test with an aggregate LMI population of 51.35%.

Additionally, this benefit area falls within a DOT-designated Disadvantaged Community area.

OBJECTID	GEOID	Source	geoname	Stusab	Countyname	State	County	Tract	Blckgrp	Low	Lowmod	Lmmi	Lowmod univ	Lowmod pct
83573	2.21E+11	2015ACS	Block Group 1, Census Tract 624, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana	LA	St. Charles Parish	22	89	62400	1	160	220	320	345	63.77%
83574	2.21E+11	2015ACS	Block Group 2, Census Tract 624, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana	LA	St. Charles Parish	22	89	62400	2	345	540	805	1135	47.58%
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**Map Legend**  
 Blue Outline within the Blue Area: 2 impacted Census Tracts and Block Groups: CT 624, BG 1 & 2  
 Green Area: Project Beneficiary Area  
 Red Pin: New Sarpy Pump Station Project Location



**F. Recovery Rationale:**

The New Sarpy Pump Station project addresses the negative impacts of excessive rainfall, flooding, storm surge and hurricane damage. The project fosters recovery and growth by hardening the community protective infrastructure. With an improved and resilient drainage pumping system, citizens will be more likely to stay in the area and new citizens will be attracted to come to the area.

There was a mandatory evacuation in place for Hurricane Ida. When residents and businesses within the New Sarpy community returned, they felt the lasting impacts in the aftermath of Hurricane Ida including heavy wind damage, tree failures, main line gas leaks, downed power lines and poles, breaks to main water lines, and flooding. Overall, the new station will better address impacts that were encountered from Hurricane Ida and will reduce risks of negative impacts from future events.

**G. Description of Acquisition(s) Involved (if any):**

None.

**H. Mitigation Plan:**

The improvements to the New Sarpy Pump Station will increase the resiliency and capacity of the drainage system within the New Sarpy area for future flood risks and sever storm impacts. By

electing to construct a tandem pump station rather than the complete demolition and reconstruction of the existing pump station, the area will not only benefit from the increased capacity needed to minimize damage from future storm events, but it will also allow for the existing pump station to remain operational in the event a storm event occurs during the construction period. Additionally, the new tandem pump station will be equipped with a new 500 gallon fuel storage tank which doubles the fuel capacity, as well as, a new additional 200 kW generator to provide emergency power backup.

#### **I. FEMA Public Assistance Eligibility:**

No.

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#### **A. Project Name and Address:**

New Sarpy Culvert Crossings

Troxclair Canal Culvert (29.980964°, -90.3854°)

Vans Lane Steel Culvert (29.976325°, -90.383064°)

Vans Lane RCP Culvert (29.976328°, -90.383381°)

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The proposed project will consist of increasing the capacity of three critical culvert crossing by replacing and/or adding additional pipes as indicated below:

##### **Troxclair Canal Culvert**

This project includes construction of two (2) 60" steel culvert crossings below the CN Railroad adjacent to the existing 36" CMP culvert at the Troxclair Canal.

##### **Vans Lane Steel Culvert**

This project includes construction of one (1) 48" x 70-ft steel culvert crossing below the CN Railroad at Vans Lane.

### Vans Lane RCP Culvert

This project includes construction of two (2) 60" RCP culverts below Vans Lane to replace the existing 24" RCP culvert at the Vans Lane Canal upstream of the CN railroad.

These improvements will increase the capacity of the culverts and reduce levels of water in major canals in the New Sarpy area, as well as help decrease the flood risks on streets and in structures during storm events.

### C. Estimated Total Project Cost, Source, Status, and Use of Funds:

PROJECT FUNDS	AMOUNT	SOURCE AND STATUS	USE
CDBG-DR	\$3,158,878.98	CDBG-DR (Subrecipient Allocation – RCIP)	
Local Funds	\$1,285,583.02		
Private Funds			
Other State Funds			
Federal Funds			
Other Funds			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,444,462.00</b>		

### D. Project Context:

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3-3: Regrading the ditch along Schexnaydre Lane				
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3-5: Reshape and Clean Troxclair Canal Upstream of CN RR				

The improvements to the New Sarpy Troxclair Canal and Vans Lane Culvert Crossings are within Phase 2 of the New Sarpy Drainage Area for the East Bank Master Drainage Plan and are necessary to improve the drainage system and stormwater management. Although the improvements to the culvert crossings do not necessarily rely on other projects, it is a critical component for future projects within the comprehensive drainage system and play a significant role in reducing flooding impacts within St. Charles Parish.

**E. Beneficiaries/Public Benefit/Target Area:**

The beneficiaries of this project are the citizens that live within the New Sarpy community primarily within Block Groups 1 and 2 of Census Tract 624. The LMI population of Block Group 1 of Census Tract 624 is 63.77% and the LMI population of Block Group 2 of Census Tract 624 is 47.58%. Therefore, the project meets the CDBG-DR national objective of “Benefit to LMI Persons” and the Area Benefit Test with an aggregate LMI population of 51.35%. Additionally, this benefit area falls within a DOT-designated Disadvantaged Community area.

Flood prone areas primarily identified as beneficiary areas for this project is along Schexnaydre Lane and the subdivision on the north side of Vans Lane.

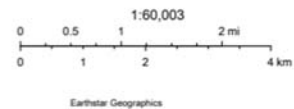
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**Map Legend**

Blue Outline within the Blue Area: 2 impacted Census Tracts and Block Groups: CT 624, BG 1 & 2  
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 Red Pin: Vans Lane Steel Culvert Crossing Project Location  
 Purple Pin: Vans Lane RCP Culvert Crossing Location  
 Yellow Pin: Troxclair Canal Culver Crossing Project Location



**F. Recovery Rationale:**

The New Sarpy Culvert Crossings project addresses the negative impacts of excessive rainfall, flooding, storm surge and hurricane damage. The project fosters recovery by providing resilient and hardened flood reduction infrastructure within the community. With an improved and more resilient drainage system, citizens will be more likely to stay in the area and new citizens will be attracted to come to the area.

There was a mandatory evacuation in place during Hurricane Ida. After returning, residents and businesses within the New Sarpy community felt the lasting impacts in the aftermath of Hurricane Ida including heavy wind damage, tree failures, main line gas leaks, downed power lines and poles, breaks to main water lines, and flooding. These improvements will increase the capacity of the culverts and reduce levels of water in major canals in the New Sarpy area, as well as allow for a more efficient flow of stormwater to the pump stations which will help decrease the flood risks on streets and in structures during storm events.

**G. Description of Acquisition(s) Involved (if any):**

**Troxclair Canal Culvert**

Based on the assessor parcel boundaries, it appears that the Parish will likely need to acquire drainage servitudes from private landowners.

**Vans Lane Steel Culvert**

Based on the assessor parcel boundaries, it appears that the Parish will likely need to acquire drainage servitudes from private landowners.

**Vans Lane RCP Culvert**

Based on the assessor parcel boundaries, it appears that the Parish will likely need to acquire a drainage servitude from the private landowner on the south side of the railroad.

**H. Mitigation Plan:**

The improvements to the New Sarpy Culvert Crossings will increase the resiliency and capacity of the drainage system within the New Sarpy area for future flood risks and severe storm impacts. The increased drainage at the culvert crossings resulting from the additional efficiency of the stormwater pipes will allow for improved capacity into the pump stations and reduce levels of water in major canals in the New Sarpy area.

**I. FEMA Public Assistance Eligibility:**

N/A

## ALTERNATE PROJECT:

### A. Project Name and Address:

Boutte Neighborhood Community Center at Linear Park

The Community Center and Linear Park will be located along the 1700 block of Paul Maillard Road with approximate coordinates of 29.910161°, -90.382089°. The exact siting of the Community Center will be based on detailed design.

### B. Description of the Proposed Project:

The project site of the Boutte Neighborhood Community Center will be located at the Linear Park which is in a mixed-use corridor that includes multiple commercial business and was heavily damaged by Hurricane Ida and the May 2021 Severe Storms. St. Charles Parish recognizes the impact made on the residents and businesses within this area and the importance of supporting the recovery and economic opportunities throughout the community. A few of the key components of the park will include neighborhood gardens, jogging and walking paths, recreational and resiliency water features, a playground, an airnasium, and a public neighborhood community center which will provide critical resources and services to the predominantly low-to-moderate income residents of the area. The neighborhood community center facility is estimated to be approximately 5,100 square feet and is anticipated to provide youth and adult programs and services to the Boutte community that are not currently available or accessible.

### C. Estimated Total Project Cost, Source, Status, and Use of Funds:

PROJECT FUNDS	AMOUNT	SOURCE AND STATUS	USE
CDBG-DR	\$3,702,321.00	CDBG-DR (Subrecipient Allocation – RCIP)	Subject to confirmation by OCD of an additional allocation.
Local Funds	\$2,769,637.33		Subject to confirmation of OCD of an additional allocation.
Private Funds			
Other State Funds			
Federal Funds			
Other Funds			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,471,958.33</b>		

### D. Project Context:

St. Charles Parish commissioned a study of the LA 52 corridor which resulted in the development of the Paul Maillard Road (LA 52) Corridor Revitalization Plan. The revitalization plan divided the corridor into three study sections based upon land use and activities along the corridor. The location of the proposed linear park and community center will be within Character Area C of the Revitalization Plan which includes the Chadbourne Housing Development. Based on community meetings held,

the Revitalization Plan describes the Character Area C Community’s Big Ideas as: Career Training Center, Multi-family Housing, Community Garden, Farmer’s Market, Parks and Greenspace, Community Center, and a Business Incubator. The project site identified also aligns with the Revitalization Plan’s Future Land Use Plan which designated the site as “recreation and open space”.

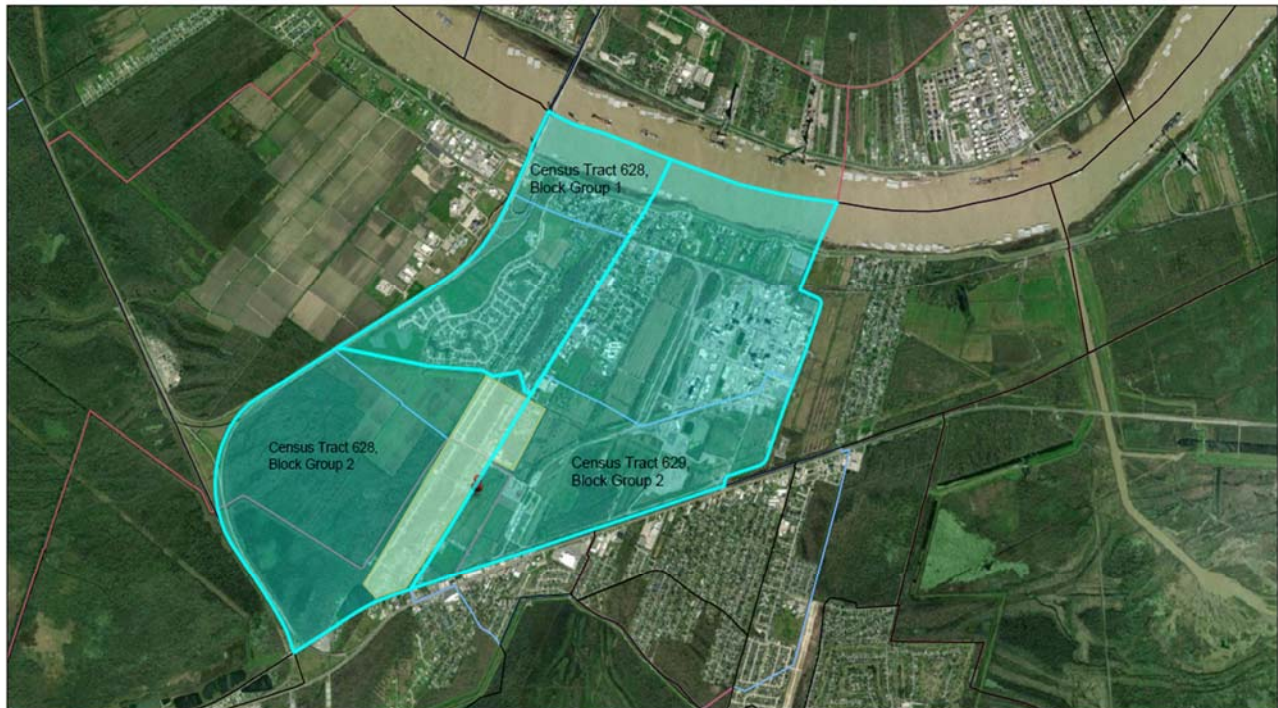
The development of the linear park and community center within this space aligns with the goals, vision, and objectives captured in the Paul Maillard Road (LA 52) Corridor Revitalization Plan. The current conceptual designs of the park include neighborhood gardens, jogging and walking paths, recreational water features, a playground, and an airnasium. In addition to the park features, the inclusion of the neighborhood community center within the area will provide vital resources to the residents of the community more easily accessible to pedestrian traffic and public transport.

**E. Beneficiaries/Public Benefit/Target Area and Boundaries:**

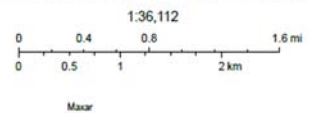
The benefit area of the Linear Park and Boutte Neighborhood Community Center is identified in the map below. Positioned along Paul Maillard Road, the linear park and community center will provide resources and services to the community primarily within Block Group 1 and 2 of Census Tract 628 and Block Group 2 of Census Tract 629. The LMI population of Block Group 1 of Census Tract 628 is 49.13%, the LMI population of Block Group 2 of Census Tract 628 is 62.66%, and the LMI population of Census Tract 629 is 48.33%. Therefore, the project meets the CDBG-DR national objective of “Benefit to LMI Persons” and the Area Benefit Test with an aggregate LMI population of 52.44%.

Additionally, this benefit area falls within a DOT-designated Disadvantaged Community area.

OBJECTID	GEOID	Source	geoname	Stusab	Countyname	State	County	Tract	Blckgrp	Low	Lowmod	Lmml	Lowmoduniv	Lowmodpct
83582	2.21E+11	2015ACS	Block Group 1, Census Tract 628, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana	LA	St. Charles	22	89	62800	1	745	1130	1530	2300	49.13
83583	2.21E+11	2015ACS	Block Group 2, Census Tract 628, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana	LA	St. Charles	22	89	62800	2	595	730	1030	1165	62.66
83586	2.21E+11	2015ACS	Block Group 2, Census Tract 629, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana	LA	St. Charles	22	89	62900	2	315	505	625	1045	48.33
											2365		4510	52.44



**Map Legend**  
 Blue Outline within the Blue Area: 3 Impacted Census Tracts and Block Groups: CT 628, BG 1 & 2; CT 629, BG 2  
 Green Area: Project Beneficiary Area  
 Red Pin: Community Center Project Location



Furthermore, the location of the neighborhood park and community center will allow for easier and safer access by the community, particularly for pedestrians and people without a mode of automotive transportation. To reach the nearest community center to this area, residents would have to cross Interstate 310 which poses significant safety challenges and hazards.

The Department of Community Services will provide an array of programs and services within the community center, such as career training opportunities, monthly lunch-n-learns, and health fairs. Activities and programs offered at the community center and linear park may include library outreach, work-out Wednesdays, bingo, Tot Tyme, and movie and craft sessions.

In addition, the Department of Community Services will target 30-40 youth at risk who reside in the Paul Maillard corridor. This includes youth from the Paul Fredrick area whose families were severely affected by Hurricane Ida. The Department will provide a safe haven for youth in this community through an afterschool “drop-in” program that provides a nutritious snack, homework help and special holiday activities throughout the school year. In addition, the department will provide a six-week summer enrichment program that will include informal educational activities to reinforce academic skills; provide access to the summer food program; scheduled field trips and daily structured recreational activities.

**F. Recovery Rationale:**

Currently, there is limited public green space to address the community’s recreational needs and to

provide vital community resources. The park will provide a space for the local surrounding community and households to gather, hold events and festivals, and participate in outdoor activities while the community center will provide services and resources not currently accessible to residents. It is anticipated that the development would also have an economic revitalization impact in encouraging and facilitating new residential and commercial development as a catalytic investment.

Additionally, the neighborhood community center will not only provide vital services and resources to area residents but can also be utilized as an emergency distribution center in the aftermath of disasters. Basic commodities and necessary resources are critical in post-disaster periods when residents are faced with challenges and impacts from the storms and limited access to satisfy basic needs. The Boutte community does not have these essential services available at this time nor were they available during Hurricane Ida. The addition of the community center in this neighborhood allows for planning and preparing for disasters which plays a crucial role in reducing loss and increasing resiliency for the residents of the area.

The eligible activity for the project is 105(a)2 -- The acquisition, construction, reconstruction, or installation (including design features and improvements with respect to such construction, reconstruction, or installation that promote energy efficiency) of public works, facilities (except for buildings for the general conduct of government), and site or other improvements.

#### **G. Description of Acquisition(s) Involved (if any):**

No acquisition will be involved as the land was donated to the Parish and the Community Center will be new construction.

#### **H. Mitigation Plan:**

The design of the Linear Park will consider numerous low impact design features (stormwater management facilities, native plants, etc.), flood water mitigation, and design best practices. Water management techniques may be employed within or adjacent to the park in conjunction with the parish's drainage master plans to integrate green area with open space and water retention to augment drainage. The development of the park and neighborhood community center will tie into the existing Parish infrastructure systems for drainage, storm protection, and stormwater/wastewater management.

The new Community Center facility will be constructed to promote long-term resilience and sustainability by integrating various hazard mitigation components and sustainable building practices into the project scope. The design of the facility will incorporate elements to help withstand extreme weather events and impacts of climate change. The project will minimize future property damage and adhere to CDBG-DR and program standards and requirements for building elevation to mitigate flood risk. In addition, the design of the building will meet or exceed the latest building codes and standards, as well as explore options for wind resistance and flood-proofing, which may include consideration of the feasibility of reinforced concrete, hurricane-resistant windows, and properly anchored roofs. The project will explore the feasibility of incorporating sustainable, energy-efficient design principles, including proper insulation, energy-efficient HVAC systems, LED lighting, etc. Other green building standards will be considered for appropriateness and HUD compliance.

**I. FEMA Public Assistance Eligibility:**

No.

**(Add Additional Alternate Projects As Needed)**

**REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:**

For purposes of this proposal, the following documents must be attached. Subsequent documents will be required according to HUD/CDBG-DR requirements for implementation, approval of project applications, and the drawdown of funds.

- A. A copy of the resolution authorizing the Recovery Proposal by the parish/municipal governing body.
- B. Copy of all required Citizen Participation documents.
- C. Narrative describing the efforts to solicit input and participation from persons of low and moderate income and disadvantaged communities in the public participation process.

**CERTIFICATION:**

To the best of my knowledge and belief, information in this Recovery Proposal is true and correct. As the applicant, we agree to comply with requirements of 24 CFR Part 58.

I am aware that a proposed project activity may be removed from further consideration should it be determined that there are significant discrepancies in the information provided and/or false, inaccurate or incomplete information has been given.

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Signature, Chief Elected Official

Matthew Jewell  
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Typed Name

Parish President  
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Title

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Date



## St. Charles Parish

Communications & Outreach Strategy for:

- Hometown Revitalization Program
- Resilience Communities Infrastructure Program

In line with  
St. Charles Citizen Participation Plan for CDBG-DR<sup>1</sup>

May 2023

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<sup>1</sup> St. Charles Citizen Participation for Disaster Recovery Community Development Block Grant, February 8, 2022.



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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

On behalf of the State of Louisiana, the *Office of Community Development-Disaster Recovery Unit (OCD)*, serves as the Grantee and St. Charles Parish serves as a *Subrecipient* of CDBG-DR funds through OCD. St. Charles Parish has received a CDBG-DR allocation from OCD in response to the 2020/2021 disaster allocation for the following two Programs:

- Hometown Revitalization Program (HRP)
- Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program (RCIP).

In line with the Parish-approved *Citizen Participation Plan* for disaster recovery Community Development Block Group funds (CDBG-DR) for subrecipient funded programs (and proposed projects), the *Communications and Outreach Strategy* is intended to provide for and encourage citizens to participate in the development of the Recovery Plan and/or propose projects under the 2 Programs listed above. The citizen participation requirements are designed specially to encourage participation by low- and moderate-income persons, particularly those persons living in areas designated by the Parish as a revitalization area or in a slum and blighted area and in areas where CDBG funds are proposed to be used, and by residents of predominantly low- and moderate-income neighborhoods, as defined by the Parish. As a subrecipient, the Parish must take appropriate actions to encourage the participation of all its citizens, including minorities and non-English speaking persons, as well as persons with disabilities, in line with 24 CFR 91.105(a)(4) requirements.

The federal requirements state that the citizen participation plan shall describe the Parish's procedures for assessing its language needs and identify any need for translation of notices and other vital documents. At a minimum, the citizen participation plan shall require that the Parish take reasonable steps to provide language assistance to ensure meaningful access to participation by non-English-speaking residents of the community. The strategy will provide details related to these steps for the two Recovery Proposals.

Additionally, the strategy is intended to detail how the Parish will aim to encourage the participation of local municipalities and regional institutions, Continuums of Care, and other organizations (including businesses, developers, nonprofit organizations, philanthropic organizations, and community-based and faith-based organizations, as appropriate) in the process of developing and implementing the Recovery Proposal for each of the two CDBG-DR funded programs.

### 1.1 Purpose

This Communications and Outreach Strategy is intended to further detail the plan and methods used as it specifically relates to each of the Programs (HRP and RCIP) to encourage community participation for the proposed projects in the local jurisdiction for the Citizen Participation process. The Citizen Participation Plan provides the core requirements to ensure compliance. The Strategy directs the actions taken for meaningful engagement as well as the documentation and recordkeeping to confirm the results of the process and responses to input received.

## 1.2 Requirements

HUD requires citizen participation prior to expending CDBG-DR funds. Before submission of the Recovery Proposal for each of the 2 CDBG-DR Programs, the Parish as subrecipient must provide residents with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on the proposed Recovery Proposal. The Parish must follow its adopted requirements for “reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment” for proposed projects in its current citizen participation plan.

According to OCD requirements stated in the *Policies and Procedures Manual*<sup>2</sup>, the Parish is required at a minimum to conduct at least one (1) public meeting in the development of their Recovery Proposal. Public notice of the meeting must be 5 to 21 days prior to the date of the meeting. Parish requires a minimum of 5 days’ notice in the official journal of St. Charles Parish. It is important to note— efforts and methods used in soliciting participation of persons of low- and moderate income (LMI) and residents of a Disadvantaged Community as defined by the U.S. Department of Transportation in the public participation process are to be documented in the Recovery Proposal. This is in addition to other public participation documentation required and will be required as part of the Recovery Proposal submission.

Additionally, a public comment period must remain open for a minimum of thirty days, with all submitted comments and responses from the parish recorded and published.

Federal Executive Order 13166 requires subrecipients, contractors, subcontractors, and/or developers funded in whole or in part with CDBG-DR financial assistance to ensure fair and meaningful access to programs and services for families and individuals with Limited English Proficiency (LEP).

## 2.0 CONSULTATIONS

### ***Describe the consultation process including methods used and dates of consultation:***

As noted in the *OCD Citizen Participation and Engagement Guidelines* the Parish has undertaken consultation and engagement meetings with required “audiences to engage” to understand community needs and vulnerabilities including local leaders, elected officials, stakeholder organizations, and Parish citizens.

### 2.1 Internal Parish Consultation

Consultations should include: Local government departments, regional institutions, Continuums of Care, and other organizations, including businesses, developers, nonprofit organizations, philanthropic organizations, and community-based and faith-based organization, as needed. In addition to the St. Charles Parish local government departments, a priorities survey was sent to every Parish council member to provide to submit project ideas and feedback on Parish needs.

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<sup>2</sup> [Restore Louisiana | Other Recovery Programs \(la.gov\)](#). Link for Program Policies and Procedures Manual.

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
<b>Local Government Departments</b>			
St. Charles Parish President	Local Government	Meeting April 6, 2023	Discussion of unmet needs and potential projects
St. Charles Parish Public Works Department	Local Government	Meeting April 6, 2023	Discussion of unmet needs and potential projects
St. Charles Parish Engineer	Local Government	Meeting April 6, 2023	Discussion of unmet needs and potential projects
St. Charles Economic Development & Tourism	Local Government	Meeting April 6, 2023	Discussion of unmet needs and potential projects
St. Charles Workforce Investment Act Office - Business and Career Solutions Center	Local Government	Meeting April 6, 2023	Discussion of unmet needs and potential projects

### PARISH COUNCIL SURVEY

In an effort to engage the Parish council, a survey (Exhibits 1 and 2) was sent on June 21, 2023 to every council member to provide feedback and submit potential recovery project ideas for consideration. The council members for St. Charles Parish are:

- Beth A. Billings: Councilwoman-At-Large, Division A
- Holly Fonseca: Councilwoman-At-Large, Division B
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- Mary K. Clulee: Councilwoman, District II
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- Marilyn B. Bellock: Councilwoman, District V
- Bob Fisher: Councilman, District VI
- Julia Fisher-Cormier: Councilwoman, District VII

## 3.0 PUBLIC OUTREACH

### 3.1 Hearings

In line with the Parish Citizen Participation Plan, the Public Hearing/First Notice must take place a **minimum 15 calendar days prior to the deadline of submission**. The meeting will discuss the amount of funds available, the range of activities to be funded, intended beneficiaries and experience of the parish with prior funds. The meeting

will also allow for the submission of views and comments either in person or submitted through mail or electronic submission. Details for submitting comments and timeline will be clearly stated.

If the grantee is conducting a **virtual hearing** the hearing must allow questions in real time, with answers coming directly from the elected representatives to all “attendees.” Grantees who hold virtual hearings must update their citizen participation plans to describe their procedures for virtual hearings, including how it shall take appropriate steps to ensure effective communication as required by 24 CFR 8.6 and provide meaningful access for individuals with limited English proficiency.

**The Parish public meeting/hearing was held on September 20, 2023 at 5:30 PM (CST) in the St. Charles Parish Council Chambers located at 15045 Highway 18, Hahnville, Louisiana, 70057. The meeting was well publicized as indicated in Section 3.2. Additionally, the meeting was recorded and posted to the website for those who could not attend in person.**

### **3.2 Public Notices**

In line with the Parish Citizen Participation Plan, the Public Notice must take place **a minimum 5 calendar days prior to the public meeting.** The Notice will appear in the St. Charles Herald Guide with details of the amount of federal HUD CDBG-DR funds available for proposed disaster recovery and resiliency programs; the range of activities available that may be undertaken, including the estimated amount of funds proposed to be used for activities that will benefit persons of low and moderate income and in Disadvantage Communities; and, the proposed projects under the two programs for use of St. Charles Parish’s Disaster Recovery CDBG funds provided through the State of Louisiana Office of Community Development.

**A public meeting notice was published in the local St. Charles Herald Guide on September 7, 2023 (see Exhibits 4 and 5) – 14 days in advance of the public meeting. Information regarding the public meeting was also published on the St. Charles Parish Government CDBG-DR webpage (Exhibit 6).**

**Additionally, per Exhibit 7, residents of St. Charles Parish prefer to receive communications from the Parish via social media. Therefore, the Parish made several social media postings on multiple social media platforms, including Facebook (Exhibit 8), Twitter (Exhibit 9), and Instagram (Exhibit 10) on the following dates:**

- Facebook – August 28, 2023
- Facebook – September 15, 2023
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### 3.3 Public Comment

Comments can be submitted through Public Meeting or received via the online public survey. Providing surveys to give options for residents to respond in a quick and efficient way. The survey will be short and direct and include a deadline to submit the document. Below are different options to get surveys out to the citizens and are also the best way to inform the citizens of the survey:

- Public Meeting
- Email
- Parish Website
- Social Media
- Local Newspaper

The timeline open for public comment must be a minimum of 30 days.

**The Parish developed and published a webpage on the St. Charles Parish Government website which provides information on the CDBG-DR programs and funding (see Exhibit 6).**

**The public meeting was open to received public comment. In addition, citizens on St. Charles Parish were able to submit their comments and feedback via PUBLIC SURVEY (Exhibit 17). The surveys were available in a paper or online format and were accessible via the St. Charles Parish Government CDBG-DR webpage, Facebook, Instagram, and QR Code (Exhibit 16). The public survey allowed residents to not only provide feedback regarding specific priority areas, but also allowed residents to also provide full text comments and ideas. The public survey and comment period remained open from August 28, 2023 to September 27, 2023 (30 days). The survey results summary (Exhibit 18) and comment details (Exhibit 19) were received and reviewed by the Parish.**

### 3.4 Accessibility and Accommodations

*Parish will include telephone and video relay services to facilitate communication between people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have speech impairments and people without hearing impairments. These services are provided free of charge under federal law and can be accessed by calling 711.*

*Parish will provide for sign language interpreters, computer-assisted real time transcription (CART), or assistive listening devices when requested by individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing and must provide all written materials in accessible formats for persons who are blind or have low vision at public hearings.*

**No special accommodations were requested for the public meeting.**

## 4.0 SUMMARY OF OUTREACH AND RESPONSES FOR RECOVERY PROPOSAL

***Summarize feedback received and results of upfront consultation with these entities:***

### **GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION - APRIL 6, 2023**

St. Charles Parish and their grant management consultant, CSRS, gathered on April 6, 2023 to discuss the programs' objectives and the alignment with the Parish's unmet needs, particularly in Low-to-Moderate Income

(LMI) areas. This initial meeting included representatives from several key departments within the Parish, including:

- St. Charles Parish President
- St. Charles Parish Grants
- St. Charles Parish Public Works Department
- St. Charles Parish Engineer
- St. Charles Economic Development & Tourism
- St. Charles Workforce Investment Act Office - Business and Career Solutions Center

During this meeting, the Parish's unmet needs resulting from Hurricane Ida and the May 2021 Severe Storms were discussed at length with potential project ideas being introduced. The Parish's priorities were focused on identifying innovative, long-term solutions to strengthen critical systems and provide resources for the recovery of the Parish.

### **PARISH COUNCIL SURVEY**

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Council Members were asked to submit their input and ideas by June 30, 2023. Two responses were received and can be found in Exhibit #3.

St. Charles Parish recognizes the importance of citizen engagement in the planning, development, and execution of disaster recovery programs. The Parish made efforts to elicit participation from LMI residents and residents of DOT-defined Disadvantaged Communities. The Parish developed and published a webpage on the St. Charles Parish Government website which provides information on the CDBG-DR programs and funding (see Exhibit 6).

### **PUBLIC MEETING**

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residents of St. Charles Parish prefer to receive communications from the Parish via social media. Therefore, the Parish made several social media postings on multiple social media platforms, including Facebook (Exhibit 8), Twitter (Exhibit 9), and Instagram (Exhibit 10) on the following dates:

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- Instagram – September 19, 2023

The public meeting was conducted by St. Charles Parish and a recording of the presentation can be viewed at: <https://reflect-stcharlesparishla.cablecast.tv/CablecastPublicSite/show/1147?site=1>. The following materials utilized at the public meeting can be seen in the Exhibits below:

- Exhibit #11: Public Meeting Agenda
- Exhibit #12: Public Meeting Sign-In Sheet
- Exhibit #13: Public Meeting Comment Cards
- Exhibit #14: Public Meeting Presentation
- Exhibit #15: Public Meeting Notes

In addition to the public meeting, citizens on St. Charles Parish were able to submit their comments and feedback via survey (Exhibit 17). The surveys were available in a paper or online format and were accessible via the St. Charles Parish Government CDBG-DR webpage, Facebook, Instagram, and QR Code (Exhibit 16). The public survey allowed residents to not only provide feedback regarding specific priority areas, but also allowed residents to also provide full text comments and ideas. The public survey and comment period remained open from August 28, 2023 to September 27, 2023. The survey results summary (Exhibit 18) and comment details (Exhibit 19) were received and reviewed by the Parish.

## 5.0 TEMPLATES & EXHIBITS

## Exhibit #1: Parish Council Outreach Email

**From:** Carla Chiasson <cchiasson@stcharlesgov.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 21, 2023 11:56 AM  
**To:** ParishCouncilMembers <ParishCouncilMembers@stcharlesgov.net>; Michelle Impastato <mimpastato@stcharlesgov.net>  
**Cc:** Parish President Matthew Jewell <mlj@stcharlesgov.net>; Stacy Bonnaffons <stacy.bonnaffons@csrsinc.com>; Kayla Mulford <kayla.mulford@csrsinc.com>; GO Team <GOTeam@stcharlesgov.net>  
**Subject:** CDBG-Disaster Recovery Funding - Project Input Request  
**Importance:** High

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** Please do not click on links or attachments unless you know the content is safe.

Hi Parish Council Members,

I hope you had time to review the information I provided about the Hometown Revitalization Program and the Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program and brainstorm some disaster recovery projects. Now is the time for your input on project ideas!

CSRS, the consultant assisting us with the grants management, has created an online survey for you to submit your ideas. Please visit this link – <https://www.cognitofrms.com/CSRS1/StCharlesParishRecoveryPriorityProjectsAndPrograms> – and give us your feed back by **June 30<sup>th</sup>**.

Thanks,

Carla A. Chiasson  
Grants Officer  
(985) 783-5165



St. Charles Parish

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## Exhibit #2: Parish Council Survey

9/28/23, 2:53 PM

St. Charles Parish Recovery Priority Projects and Programs



# St. Charles Parish Recovery Priority Projects and Programs

**The Parish is inviting input from the St. Charles Parish Council on recovery priority projects and programs.**

**Please complete the survey below by Friday, June 30th.**

The Parish has received allocations from the State through the Louisiana Office of Community Development (LA OCD) in two programs funded with *HUD Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)* funds as a result of the 2020/2021 disasters:

- **Hometown Revitalization Program (HRP) - \$2,328,333**

This program is designed to encourage new economic opportunities, restore jobs and revitalize commercial districts that suffered major damage from the 2020-2021 disasters. Example activities include redeveloping an LMI or industrial corridor, micro-lending program, small business assistance program, and business Incubators.

- **Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program (RCIP) - \$1,568,847**

Funds can be spent on projects that address unmet needs in the areas of infrastructure; for example, drainage improvements to reduce flooding, replacement of flood mitigation structures, or relocation of public buildings from high-risk to low-risk areas.

***Additionally, OCD announced in Action Plan Amendments #3 that additional funds will be added to these two programs, with exact amounts to be finalized in the next few months.***

Note: funds are **not eligible** for reconstruction or elevation of public or private residential housing.

## I. Council Member Information

Name: \*

Council District (# or at-large) \*

## II. Parish Priorities

## Infrastructure

### Priority Areas

	High	Medium	Low
Improve Flood Protection:	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Infrastructure Expansion (i.e, sewer and drainage system expansion into undeveloped areas):	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Transportation Safety & Mobility (i.e. projects to improve evacuation routes):	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Relocation of Critical Services to Low-Risk Areas:	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

#### Other Infrastructure Priority Areas:

## Economic Revitalization

### Priority Areas

	High	Medium	Low
Revitalization – Funding for building restoration or facade improvements:	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community/Neighborhood Centers:	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Funding for recreational improvements:	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support to Small Businesses (i.e. affordable leasing options, business support)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

#### Other Economic Revitalization Priority Areas:

## III. Priorities Projects

If you have specific projects ideas to submit for review and consideration, please complete details below, as you have available. They proposed projects can fall into either of the 2 program areas: *Hometown Revitalization* or *Resilient Infrastructure*. The Parish will determine in which program they fit best and will follow up for further details, as needed. For additional information on the programs, you can visit the OCD website at: [Restore Louisiana | Other Recovery Programs \(la.gov\)](#).

**⊗ Project # 1**

**A. Name Of Project:**

**B. Description of Proposed Project:**

**C. Location/Address of Project:**

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

City  State  Zip Code

**D. Estimated Project Cost:**

**E. Recovery or Mitigation Rationale:**

**F. Benefit to the community/residents:**

+ Add Project

\* INDICATES A REQUIRED FIELD

Submit

Exhibit #3: Parish Council Survey Responses

St. Charles Parish Recovery Priority_Id	Council Member Name	Council District Or Atlarge	Infrastructure Priority Areas - Improve Flood Protection	Infrastructure Priority Areas - Infrastructure Expansionie Sewer And Drainage System Expansion Into Undeveloped Areas	Infrastructure Priority Areas - Transportation Safety Mobility (ie Projects To Improve Evacuation Routes)	Infrastructure Priority Areas - Relocation Of Critical Services To Low Risk Areas	Infrastructure Priority Areas - Other Infrastructure Priority Areas	Economic Revitalization Priority Areas - Revitalization Funding For Building Restoration Or Facade Improvements	Economic Revitalization Priority Areas - Community Neighborhood Centers	Economic Revitalization Priority Areas - Funding For Recreational Improvements	Economic Revitalization Priority Areas - Support To Small Businessesie Affordable Leasing Options Business	Economic Revitalization Priority Areas - Other Economic Revitalization Priority Areas	Entry_Status	Entry_DateSubmitted
2	Holly Fonseca	At-Large	High	High	Medium	Low		High	High	High	Medium	Funding to build the Luling/Boutte Community Center on Linear Park property donated by Monsanto would be a great public/private partnership. This is a project that Parish President Jewell, Councilwoman Clulee and myself have been working towards. It's also a heavy LMI area.	Submitted	6/22/2023 4:16 PM
1	Beth Billings	At Large Div A	High	High	Medium	Medium		Medium	High	Medium	High		Submitted	6/21/2023 12:40 PM

## Exhibit #4: Public Meeting Notice

To be published by Thursday, September 14, 2023 in the LEGAL SECTION of the St. Charles Herald

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

St. Charles Parish  
Louisiana Disaster Recovery Community Development Block Grant Program  
Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program and Hometown Revitalization Program

St. Charles Parish will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, in the Parish Council Chambers, St. Charles Parish Courthouse, 15045 Highway 18, Hahnville, Louisiana.

The purpose of the hearing is to obtain public views on the post-disaster long-term economic recovery, restoration of infrastructure, and mitigation priorities and needs within St. Charles Parish; and, to discuss the submission of a proposal for funding under the Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program and the Hometown Revitalization Program.

At a minimum, the following items will be discussed at the hearing:

1. The amount of federal HUD CDBG-DR funds available for proposed disaster recovery and resiliency programs;
2. The range of activities available that may be undertaken, including the estimated amount of funds proposed to be used for activities that will benefit persons of low and moderate income and in Disadvantage Communities; and,
3. The proposed projects under the two programs for use of St. Charles Parish's Disaster Recovery CDBG funds provided through the State of Louisiana Office of Community Development.

All citizens, particularly persons of low and moderate income and residents of blighted areas and areas in the Parish impacted by Louisiana's Hurricane Ida and the May 2021 Severe Storms, are encouraged to submit their views and proposals at this meeting.

Accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities and non-English speaking persons provided those persons request said accommodations through the contact given below three (3) days prior to the hearing.

Those who wish to or are unable to attend this hearing may review the presentation on the parish website and submit views in the Survey posted on the parish website, at the QR code below, at the following link <https://www.cognitofrms.com/CSBS1/HurricaneIdaRecoveryPrioritiesSurvey3>, or in writing for 7 calendar days after the hearing date, through September 27, 2023. Citizen input is to be sent to:

Ms. Carla A. Chiasson  
Grants Officer  
St. Charles Parish  
Post Office Box 302  
Hahnville, Louisiana 70057  
(985) 783-5000  
Parish Website: <https://www.stcharlesparish.gov/residents/grants>

St. Charles Parish may also be reached through the LA Relay Communications System at the following numbers:

Access #'s:  
Voice Users: 1-800-947-5277  
Speech to Speech: 1-888-272-5530  
TTY Users: 1-800-846-5277  
Spanish/Español: 1-800-737-1813  
Email: [larelay@hamiltonrelay.com](mailto:larelay@hamiltonrelay.com)

This service is free of charge.

Publication Date: Thursday, September 7, 2023



## Exhibit #5: Public Meeting Notice in St. Charles Herald Guide

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### Public Notice



## ST. CHARLES PARISH

ST. CHARLES PARISH PROCUREMENT OFFICE

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MATTHEW JEWELL  
 PARISH PRESIDENT

SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED BY ST. CHARLES PARISH UP TO:  
 11:00 A.M., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

AT THE ST. CHARLES PARISH PROCUREMENT OFFICE, ROOM 3400, P. O. BOX 302, 15045 RIVER ROAD, PARISH COURTHOUSE, 3rd FLOOR PARISH PRESIDENT'S OFFICE, HAHNVILLE, LOUISIANA, 70057, EITHER BY MAIL, HAND DELIVERED OR ON-LINE AT: <https://www.centralbidding.com> FOR: 2024 YEARLY BIDS:

114 - DISTRIBUTION SERVICE MATERIALS
122 - SUBMERSIBLE FLYGT PUMPS
123 - SUBMERSIBLE GORMAN RUFF PUMPS
124 - SUBMERSIBLE HYDROMATIC PUMPS
125 - WASTE WATER COLLECTION SUPPLIES
126 - WATER SERVICE CONNECTION FITTINGS

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Sealed bids are requested by St. Charles Parish School Board from general contractors for construction of:

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 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

### Public Notice

To be published Thursday, September 7, 2023 in the LEGAL SECTION of the St. Charles Herald

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3. The proposed projects under the two programs for use of St. Charles Parish's Disaster Recovery CDBG funds provided through the State of Louisiana Office of Community Development.

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Accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities and non-English speaking persons provided those persons request said accommodations through the contact given below three (3) days prior to the hearing.

Those who wish to or are unable to attend this hearing may review the presentation on the parish website and submit views in the Survey at the QR code below or at the following link <https://www.comtoforms.com/CSRS1/HurricaneIdaRecoveryPrioritiesSurvey3>, or in writing for 7 calendar days after the hearing date, through September 27, 2023. Citizen input is to be sent to:

Ms. Carla A. Chlason  
 Grants Officer  
 St. Charles Parish  
 Post Office Box 302  
 Hahnville, Louisiana 70057  
 (985) 783-5000  
 Parish Website: <https://www.stcharlesparish.gov/residents/grants>

St. Charles Parish may also be reached through the LA Relay Communications System at the following numbers:

Access #s:  
 Voice Users: 1-800-947-5277  
 Speech to Speech: 1-888-272-5530  
 TTY Users: 1-800-846-5277  
 Spanish/Español: 1-800-737-1813  
 Email: [larelay@hamiltonrelay.com](mailto:larelay@hamiltonrelay.com)

This service is free of charge.


Publication Date: Thursday, September 7, 2023






# Exhibit #6: St. Charles Parish CDBG-DR Website

**St. Charles Parish, LA**    Bids & Proposals    Contact    Employment    Employee Portal    SCP Report It    **Service Finder**

Residents    Business    Resources        Government    **Departments**    Connect

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**GRANTS**

- Grant Projects
- Home Elevation FAQ
- Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery**

Departments » Grants »

## Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery


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Following major disaster events, St. Charles Parish may receive Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery funding for eligible projects. Those interested in learning more about this funding and the program can visit this website - [Recovery Programs - Louisiana Division of Administration \(la.gov\)](#).

Please join us September 20, 2023 at 5:30 pm for a public meeting in the Parish Council Chambers, St. Charles Parish Courthouse, 15045 Highway 18, Hahnville. The purpose of the meeting is to obtain public views on the post-disaster long-term economic recovery, restoration of infrastructure, and mitigation priorities and needs within St. Charles Parish and to discuss the submission of proposals for funding under the CDBG-DR Hometown Revitalization Program and the Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program.

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[Hurricane Ida Recovery Priorities for Economic Revitalization and Infrastructure Presentation](#)  
(From September 20, 2023 Public Meeting)

 **ST. CHARLES PARISH**

St. Charles Parish  
PO Box 302  
15045 River Road  
Hahnville, LA 70057

**LINKS**    News  
Employment  
Employee Portal

**CONNECT**

## Exhibit #7: Breakdown of Residents Preference in Receiving Communications from the Parish

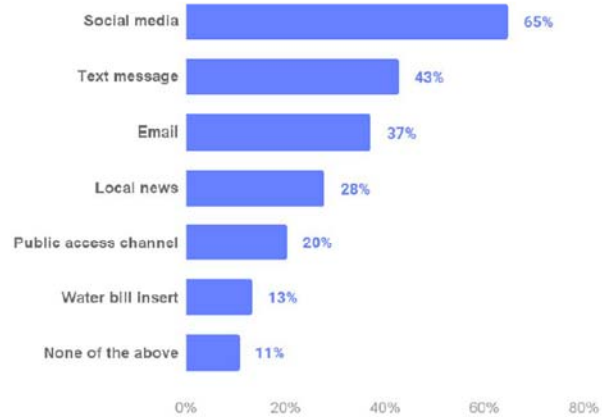
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St. Charles Parish, LA  
August - November 2022

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65% of respondents would like to receive communications via **social media**



The question: How do you like to receive communication from St. Charles Parish

We have a large following on Facebook of more than 30,000 people. For a parish of 52,000, that is quite significant. This also makes sense due to the age demographics of our parish.

### Samantha de Castro

Director of Communications, St. Charles Parish  
P (985) 783-5000 | C (504) 952-8248  
P.O. Box 302 | Hahnville, LA 70057

# Exhibit #8: Facebook Posting of Public Meeting

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St. Charles Parish

### Intro

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St. Charles Parish · August 28 · 🌐

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Citizens may also submit views in the Survey below:  
[https://www.cognitoforms.com/\\_/HurricaneIdaRecoveryPrio...](https://www.cognitoforms.com/_/HurricaneIdaRecoveryPrio...)



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September 15 at 6:00 PM · 🌐

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The photo grid includes: a group of people at an event, a sign for 'MILK DAY 2023', a sign for 'Charles P Garba Collection Sch', a 'Hurricane Ida Community Outreach' sign, a 'SEP STRONG' logo, and a bridge.

**St. Charles Parish**  
September 19 at 4:00 PM · 🌐

TOMORROW: Please join us for a public meeting to give input on program priorities for St. Charles Parish.

To take the survey, please visit:  
<https://www.cognitofirms.com/.../HurricaneIdaRecoveryPrio...>

# PUBLIC MEETING

The purpose of the meeting will be to gather public input on the submission of a Recovery Proposal for the CDBG-DR Hometown Revitalization Program and the Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program.

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**September 20, 2023 | 5:30pm**

**St. Charles Parish Courthouse,  
15045 Highway 18, Hahnville**

1 Like Comment

# Exhibit #9: Twitter Posting of Public Meeting

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**St. Charles Parish**  
@stcharlesgov

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**PUBLIC MEETING**

The purpose of the meeting will be to gather public input on the submission of a Recovery Proposal for the CDBG-DR Hometown Revitalization Program and the Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program.

**September 20, 2023 | 5:30pm**

St. Charles Parish Courthouse,  
15045 Highway 18, Hahnville

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ST. CHARLES PARISH

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Exhibit #10: Instagram Posting of Public Meeting





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**September 20, 2023 | 5:30pm**

**St. Charles Parish Courthouse,  
15045 Highway 18, Hahnville**



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## St. Charles Parish Grants Department

### Public Meetings: Hurricane Ida Recovery Priorities & Unmet Needs

*Meeting purpose: gather citizen input on priority areas in which to spend federal disaster recovery funds as a result of the impacts from Hurricane Ida and the declared disaster events in 2020 and 2021.*

Meeting: Wednesday, **September 20, 2023**, 5:30 p.m., Council Chambers - 15045 Highway 18, Hahnville, Louisiana 70057

### Meeting Agenda

1. Presentation on funding availability (CDBG-DR Hometown Revitalization Program & Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program) & types of eligible projects (20 minutes)
2. Citizen feedback (40 minutes)
  - a. Comment cards available

**Exhibit #12: Public Meeting Sign-In Sheet**



Hurricane Ida Recovery Priorities for Hometown Revitalization Program and Resilient Communities  
 Public Hearing  
 St. Charles Parish Council Chambers  
 Wednesday, September 20, 2023, 5:30 P.M.

	Name	Address	Phone Number	Email Address
1	Stacy Dugas	210 St. Anthony St.	985-413-1517	sdugas@stcharlesgov.net
2	Blaise Kenney	126 Mark Dr.		bkenney@stcharlesgov.net
3	Jessica Baudoin	108 Angel Dr		jbaudoin@stcharlesgov.net
4	Nicole Barnaco	57 McVose	504-251-0443	n
5	Stacy Bonnotton	314 Cavendish	225-227-3578	sbmonica@hotmail.com
6	Carla Chassan	132 Edna	985-782-5165	cchassan@stcharlesgov.net
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**Exhibit #13: Public Meeting Comment Cards**

**Request to Make Comment**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
would like to make a comment.

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Request that you limit  
comments to 3 minutes



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Exhibit #14: Public Meeting Presentation

St. Charles Parish Public Meeting:  
Hurricane Ida Recovery Priorities for Economic Revitalization and Infrastructure  
Wednesday, September 20, 2023, 5:30 P.M.



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### Purpose

- Gather citizen input on priority areas in which to spend the **\$3.89 million** allocation in **HUD Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery Funds (CDBG-DR)** received by the Parish through the *State of Louisiana* as a result of the impacts from Hurricane Ida and the declared disaster events in 2020 and 2021.
- Provide meaningful engagement of impacted communities, low-to-moderate income (LMI) residents, and residents of Disadvantaged Communities in the planning and development of projects under 2 specific programs to be administered by St. Charles Parish:
  - Hometown Revitalization Program
  - Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program.

*\*Funds are not eligible for homeowner repairs, reconstruction or elevations.*

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## RESTORE LA: State Recovery Programs

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### Intent



Hometown Revitalization Program: \$2,328,333

Purpose: To encourage new economic revitalization opportunities for LA communities while supporting the crucial recovery of the state's commercial areas.

- Create/retain jobs and to allow residents to have access to the products and services they need within their community.
- Respond to communities' most urgent rebuilding needs and assist in identifying long-term and innovative solutions to strengthen economic development within local communities.
- All funds must be used on projects that will benefit low to moderate income (LMI) areas/individuals and have a tie to the disaster and satisfy an unmet need.



Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program: \$1,568,847

Purpose: Aims to address remaining unmet needs by supporting more resilient community infrastructure and planning.

- All funds must be used on projects that will benefit low to moderate income (LMI) areas/individuals and tie to the disaster.
- Serve disadvantage communities that were economically distressed prior to the storm events.

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# Requirements

- Documented tie to the storm event
- Must be located within the Parishes/areas that were presidentially declared disaster areas
- National objective must be to benefit low-to-moderate income (LMI) persons
- 40% of allocation must be spent in a designated "Disadvantaged Community"
- Must meet one of the HUD Eligible Activities
  - HRP: Section 105(a) 8, 12, 14, 15, 17, 19, 21, 22
  - RCIP: Section 105(a) 1-5, 7-9, 11, 12, 16

**Legend**

- Disadvantaged Communities
- LMI Black Group 55%+
- Parish Boundary

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# HUD LMI Limits

## FY 2023 Income Limits Summary

FY 2023 Income Limit Area	Median Family Income <a href="#">Click for More Detail</a>	FY 2023 Income Limit Category	Persons in Family							
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
New Orleans-Metairie, LA HUD Metro FMR Area	\$82,000	Very Low (50%) Income Limits (\$)	26,700	32,800	36,900	<b>41,000</b>	44,300	47,000	50,850	54,150
		<a href="#">Click for More Detail</a>								
		Extremely Low Income Limits (\$)	17,250	19,720	24,860	<b>30,000</b>	35,140	40,280	45,420	50,560
		<a href="#">Click for More Detail</a>								
		Low (80%) Income Limits (\$)	45,950	52,500	59,050	<b>65,600</b>	70,850	76,100	81,350	86,600
		<a href="#">Click for More Detail</a>								

NOTE: St. Charles Parish is part of the New Orleans-Metairie, LA HUD Metro FMR Area, so all information presented here applies to all of the New Orleans-Metairie, LA HUD Metro FMR Area. HUD generally uses the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) area definitions in the calculation of income limit program parameters. However, to ensure that program parameters do not vary significantly due to area definition changes, HUD has used custom geographic definitions for the New Orleans-Metairie, LA HUD Metro FMR Area.

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# Stakeholder Outreach & Citizen Participation

*\*Consultation lists included below demonstrate ongoing efforts and continue to expand*

**Local Leaders & Elected Officials**

- Parish President
- Council Members

**Parish Government Departments**

- Public Works Department
- Economic Development and Tourism
- Business and Career Solutions Center
- Finance Department
- Grants Office

**Impacted Residents: LMI & Disadvantaged Communities**

- Public Hearing
- Survey

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# St. Charles Parish Hometown Revitalization Program

## \$2,328,333

**Examples of Eligible Activities**

- Commercial revitalization grant
- Redeveloping a Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI) or industrial corridor
- Micro lending program
- Small business assistance program
- Business Incubators
- Eligible economic development or neighborhood revitalization technical assistance

**Parish Priorities Received (to-date)**

- Community Centers to provide public services
- Small business assistance or Micro-lending program
- Redeveloping an LMI or industrial corridor

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## St. Charles Parish Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program \$1,568,847


### Examples of Eligible Activities

- Replace or redesign existing structures to mitigate against future disasters
- Relocating public buildings from a high-risk area through acquisition of new property
- Drainage improvements to reduce flooding
- Acquisition, construction, reconstruction, or installation of public works facilities
- Rehabilitate or replace existing pump systems
- Removal of material and architectural barriers which restrict mobility and accessibility

### Parish Priorities Received (to-date)

- Pump Station Upgrades
- Culvert Crossing Improvements
- Canal Widening

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## Public Engagement

- Open Discussion (following presentation)
- Survey
  - In-person, paper version
  - QR Code link (left)
  - Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, & Instagram)
  - <https://www.stcharlesparish.gov/departments/grants/community-development-block-grant-disaster-recovery>
- Comment Period
  - Open until September 27, 2023

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## Comment Period

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**Agenda Items:**

- 1. Presentation
  - a. Purpose
  - b. RESTORE LA: State Recovery Programs
  - c. Intent
  - d. Requirements
  - e. HUD LMI Limits
  - f. Stakeholder Outreach & Citizen Participation
  - g. St. Charles Parish Hometown Revitalization Program
  - h. St. Charles Parish Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program
  - i. Public Engagement
  
- 2. Comments
  - a. No comments from the public

**Meeting Name:**

St. Charles Parish CDBG-DR Public Meeting

**Meeting Purpose:**

Get feedback on potential projects to spend funds on in the Parish

**Meeting Date:**

9/20/2023

**Meeting Time:**

5:30 pm

**Meeting Location:**

Council Chambers,  
Hanville LA

**Charge Code:**

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**Attendees:**

Stacy Bonnaffons  
Tessa Hartley  
Sophia Nelson  
St. Charles Parish Staff



Exhibit #16: Public Survey QR Code



Exhibit #17: Public Survey



# Hurricane Ida Recovery Priorities Survey

**St. Charles Parish has received \$3.8 million in federal disaster recovery funds targeted to support economic revitalization and resilient infrastructure.**

**The Parish is accepting citizen input on recovery priorities and projects!**

The Parish has received allocations from the State through the Louisiana Office of Community Development (LA OCD) in two programs funded with HUD Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds as a result of the 2020/2021 disasters:

- **Hometown Revitalization Program (HRP) – \$2,328,333** – This program is designed to encourage new economic opportunities, restore jobs and revitalize commercial districts that suffered major damage from the 2020-2021 disasters. Example activities include redeveloping an LMI or industrial corridor, micro-lending program, small business assistance program, and business Incubators.
- **Resilient Communities Infrastructure Program (RCIP) – \$1,568,847** – Funds can be spent on projects that address unmet needs in the areas of infrastructure; for example, drainage improvements to reduce flooding, replacement of flood mitigation structures, or relocation of public buildings from high-risk to low-risk areas.

**Note:** Funds are **not eligible** for reconstruction or elevation of public or private residential housing.

## I. Respondent Information

*This information is collected for reporting purposes only. It is optional if you choose to provide these details. If you supply an email address, the program may follow up with you for additional details or to provide a response.*

Name:

Email

Phone

Town/City of Residence \*

Parish of Residence \*

Household Income Level:

- <\$30,000       \$60,000 - \$79,999  
 \$30,000 - \$44,999       Over \$80,000  
 \$45,000 - \$59,999

# of People in Household:

## II. Parish Priorities

St. Charles has identified possible priority areas in which to spend these funds, and we want to know which are of highest priority to our residents. Please rank the following as high/medium/low priority.

### Infrastructure

#### Priority Areas

	High	Medium	Low
Drainage improvements :	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rehabilitation/replacement of pump stations:	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Culvert improvements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please describe other infrastructure areas or any specific project ideas that are a priority to you or your community:

### Economic Revitalization

#### Priority Areas

	High	Medium	Low
Community Centers to provide public services:	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Redeveloping an LMI or industrial corridor	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Small business assistance or Micro-lending program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Business Incubators	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please describe other economic revitalization areas or any specific project ideas that are a priority to you or your community:

If you have reviewed the presentation or attended the St. Charles Parish CDBG-DR public meeting, do you have any specific feedback related to the projects that were discussed in the presentation?

\* INDICATES A REQUIRED FIELD



Submit

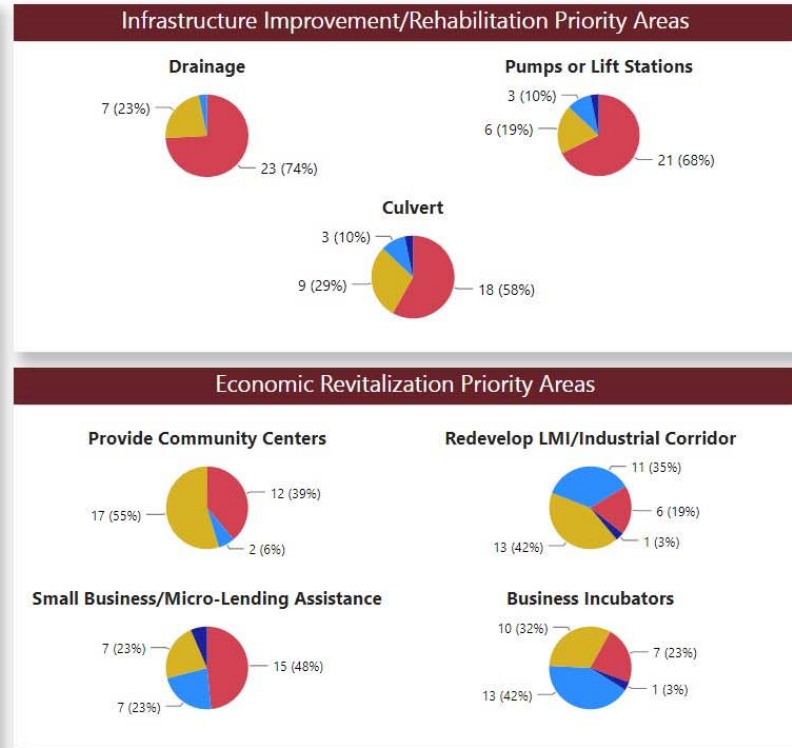
Exhibit #18: Public Survey Summary Results



# Hurricane Ida Recovery Priorities Survey Results



Survey Information	
<b>31</b>	
Total Submissions	
Household Income	
Income	# of Submissions
\$80,000 or more	20
\$60,000 - \$79,999	4
\$29,999 or less	3
\$45,000 - \$59,999	3
	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>
Residence	
City	# of Submissions
Luling	10
Destrehan	9
St. Rose	4
Ama	2
Hahnville	2
Norco	2
Boutte	1
Paradis	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>
Household Size	
# of People	# of Submissions
2	14
5	6
3	4
4	3
1	2
	1
8	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>



## Exhibit #19: Public Survey Comments



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INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT/REHABILITATION PRIORITY AREAS

### Comments

A centralized digital infrastructure to communicate businesses open or partially open during emergency situations as well as where impromptu aid is being provided and road closures with timestamps. I'm a software developer and have worked in government procurements, I'd be happy to volunteer if you'd like input.

Better Drainage

Better drainage

Culverts in The ditches are crumbling , ditches could be filled in and sidewalks added for residents to walk on instead of whilst RN walking in the street

Flooding in the back of the Kellogg Drive

Hurricane levee

Hurricane Protection levee lift

Improving road connections on the WestBank; we need an additional road connection between river road and US 90; Barton Ave is not sufficient for the traffic volume it presently carries

More walkable spaces such as sidewalks. More playgrounds in residential spaces on both sides of the river. More crosswalks, particularly on busy stroads such as Ormond Blvd, River Road, Paul Maillard, Lakewood Drive. More public art projects such as murals.

Outfalls. Drainage outfalls are missed.

Purchase vacant land in the parish for future use, especially along busy highways!

Residents flood from improper / insufficient drainage infrastructure. Residents are losing land (entire backyards) over time due to erosion and lack of culverting (open swale not well defined in some areas)

Stop building new subdivisions without completing drainage improvements to protect existing neighborhoods.

The Parish should explore developing a BRIC grant to install a drainage solution along the river side of the railroad tracks to the land near the library and develop that as a retainage basin with an educational outreach component complete with boardwalks and signs.

Underground utilities. My internet has been ripped from the pole by large trucks 3 times

Wider servitudes to properly maintain drainage.



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ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION PRIORITY AREAS

### Comments

Ask St. James and St. Charles to consider combining funds to build a tire recycling plant.

Homelessness is never addressed, n we do have it in this parish,

Housing for elderly and disabled

Paul Maillard and Highway 90 in Luling/Boutte need serious attention. So many damaged buildings/businesses!

Portions of St. Rose enjoy a community center that is accessible to some. St. Rose. St Rose business corridor needs a facelift to encourage new businesses. Businesses at St Rose Ave and River Road and Almedia need to be cleaned up to encourage other business to come in and to make St Rose a better place to live.

Programs to help homeowners with elevated cost of insurance maybe help replace roofs to prevent so much damage with bad storm for people who can not afford to replace their roof

If we woouldnt have had a new roof before Ida our damage would have been catastrophic like many of our subdivision

Public dog park, sports complex all in one

Small businesses struggle to find suitable spaces to rent; a business incubator or incentive programs to encourage owners of underused or derelict commercial property to lease it out

We need social opportunities for our teenagers- things to actually DO. We need reasons for people to move back here. We need incentives for people to spend money locally, and support for small and microbusinesses, including opportunities to provide government enrichment, like refreshed art and murals for schools, libraries, and government spaces. Small and microbusinesses should have an open call to place bids. Better government communication.

When businesses are affected by these disasters, it's often the waiting that kills them. Have a fast track process where any small business (1-50 employees) which can prove it's insured for a certain amount can get a low- to zero-interest loan based on how much it's expected insurance to pay out. And be proactive about contacting businesses which are temporarily out of business.