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### **Grant Applications for Elevating Homes OPEN – Some 100% Grants**

Terrebonne Parish is taking applications to elevate Severe Repetitive Loss and Repetitive Loss properties. These are properties that have been flooded on at least 2 occasions with paid flood claims adding up to at least 50% of the value of the structure. Eligible residential and business property owners can apply. The Parish has 53 SRL and 125 RL properties remaining that have been identified as being at high risk. In the past 80 SRL and 34 RL property owners have been awarded funds from these particular grants to elevate their storm damaged structures.

These projects are available to communities nationwide participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), and the Parish is generally successful in these competitions. The NFIP program itself provides these funds out of policy holder premiums to lower the risk to structures that flood repeatedly making claims that put pressure on the Federal NFIP program. Federal funds cover up to 100% of the cost of elevation depending on the level of damage already received.

The Parish President Gordon E. Dove continues to support these applications and other grant requests for planning, construction and engineering to reduce our flood risk.

The current application is being managed by Barowka and Bonura Engineering Consultants, LLC. They are available to provide further information and application materials at **504-828-0300** or [mcook@bbecllc.com](mailto:mcook@bbecllc.com).

The application period submission date is proposed for the end of November, and it can take weeks to get quotes or other documents necessary. **Anyone who is interested should call now.** Only those on the repetitive loss list created by FEMA are eligible to apply. The Recovery Assistance and Mitigation Planning Division of the Planning Department has been sending direct mail to potential applicants since the spring.

Anyone interested elevating or reconstructing their storm damaged home NOT on this list and has not received any mailings should call 985-873-6565 to get a letter of interest and start the application process. The Parish tries to match new applicants with any funding available.

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