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### **Parish Intends to Submit ~\$71M in Grant Applications for Homes and Infrastructure**

Terrebonne Parish has held several public meetings regarding updates to the 2020 and 2023 Hazard Mitigation Plans and funding priorities post-Hurricane Ida. The Parish also held a meeting in 2023 regarding the *Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities* and *Flood Mitigation Assistance* federal grant programs about specific projects and to receive input from the public for other projects and project categories. These public meeting discussions have been held throughout the years to assist with identifying the needs of the Parish and preferences of the public. This week, the Parish is planning to submit draft applications to the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness that may be selected for submission to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The projects outlined in these applications are intended to increase the resilience of Terrebonne Parish during and after events such as floods, hurricanes, and tornadoes, reducing disruptions to families and businesses.

The Parish is seeking funding from the FEMA *Flood Mitigation Assistance* (FMA) program to develop a Dynamic Simulation Model to identify the changes to the floodplain when specific developments or groups of developments are entered into the model. This will help identify how projects within and outside of Terrebonne Parish may decrease or increase flood risks. The Parish is also planning to submit FEMA applications on behalf of residents and business owners who have requested assistance with elevation and reconstruction projects.

Other projects that may be submitted include the replacement of the Brady Bridge Road, the upgrade of natural gas pipelines in the Parish Utilities service areas to better support natural gas generations during widespread outages, and a cooperative effort with Entergy to harden distribution lines in the Montegut area. The Entergy grid hardening project has been approved by the Parish Council after a public hearing. The other projects have already been submitted for other funding opportunities and will be submitted to BRIC and/or FMA in case the other funding requests are unsuccessful.

For further information, to comment on the pending applications, or to get more information about other programs that may be available, please contact the [Parish Recovery Assistance Division](#) at 985-873-6565.

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