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Iberia Parish Gustav/Ike Elevation Funding Program Sign-Up Deadline Approaching

Sign-up Period runs through September 6, 2011

NEW IBERIA – Iberia Parish President Ernest Freyou announces that sign-up cards are currently available for homeowners in Iberia Parish interested in receiving elevation funding through the parish.

Iberia Parish has begun two programs to provide assistance to homeowners whose homes were flooded as a result of rising water from Hurricane Gustav and/or Ike and either desire to elevate their homes, or have recently elevated. These programs kicked off in June with community informational meetings. The Foundation Reconstruction Program and the Homeowner Compensation Program both utilize Community Development Block Grant funding to assist Iberia Parish residents.

All interested Iberia Parish homeowners need to sign up within a 90-day period that began after the first public meeting, making the deadline to indicate interest in the program **September 6, 2011**. Residents should note that mobile homes, rental properties and multi-family homes are not eligible for either program.

Sign-up cards, program guidelines for each of the funding programs and a copy of the PowerPoint presentation given at the informational meetings are posted at www.iberiaparishgovernment.com. In addition, a list of Frequently Asked Questions is also posted online for reference at the parish site. The sign-up cards are available to residents at the following locations, where residents can drop off the forms in the blue and white sign-up boxes:

- **Iberia Parish Courthouse 4th Floor**
- **Lydia Library**
- **Delcambre Town Hall**

All interested Iberia Parish residents must complete a sign-up form before the September 6th deadline. If a resident completed a form at the June 7, 9 or 14th meetings they do not need to do so again.

Once residents have signed up for consideration in the program through the sign-up boxes, they will be directly contacted by phone to schedule individual meetings to begin the full application process to allow funding eligibility determinations to be made in coming months.

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