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GOHSEP Announces Parish Allocations for \$389.6 Million in New Hazard Mitigation Funds

Baton Rouge, LA (November 18, 2011) – Today, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) announced parish allocations for \$389.6 million in additional Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds awarded to Louisiana this week by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The allocations are based on parishes that suffered the most damage after Hurricane Katrina. These funds are being distributed to parishes in the same way funds were allocated by the state after Hurricanes Gustav and Ike.

Interim GOHSEP Director Pat Santos said, "Instead of creating a one-size-fits-all program and holding up funds in red tape, we're sending these funds directly to parishes so local leaders have more flexibility to make decisions based on what's best for their own community."

Allocations are based on the level of infrastructure damage in a parish. They are as follows:

- Orleans -- \$247,523,769
- St. Bernard -- \$51,897,822
- Plaquemines -- \$31,824,256
- Jefferson -- \$14,588,017
- Cameron -- \$10,128,964
- St. Tammany -- \$7,289,174
- Calcasieu -- \$2,473,344
- Vermilion -- \$1,806,277
- Lafourche -- \$761,261
- Washington -- \$507,854
- Iberia -- \$441,713
- Tangipahoa -- \$394,868
- St. Charles -- \$289,487
- Terrebonne -- \$203,325

Since 2008, the state has seen an increase in Public Assistance (PA) funding granted to Louisiana because of the state's aggressive fight for fair funding under the program.

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