

# Press Release



## Plaquemines Parish Reimbursed Chunks of Money for Katrina & Ike

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The Federal Emergency Management Agency has approved reimbursement grants totaling \$89,203,008.64 for hurricane recovery projects in Plaquemines, St. Bernard, Jefferson Cameron, and Terrebonne Parishes. Nearly \$10 million of that money is for projects in Plaquemines Parish.

“We’re glad to finally start getting some of these projects fully funded and reimbursed through the FEMA process,” said Parish President Billy Nungesser. “Getting the documentation in place was the result of long hours and late nights, but it’s good to see this money coming in as we continue to rebuild and improve Plaquemines Parish.”

### Plaquemines Parish

- **\$1,119,982.58 to Plaquemines Parish for the Boothville-Venice Fire District No. 5.** Storm surge and flooding from Hurricane Katrina damaged the Boothville-Venice Fire District’s portable firefighting equipment. The grant will reimburse the parish for replacing fire apparatus, portable firefighting equipment, and additional equipment, including a commercial mini pumper and two commercial pumpers.
- **\$2,877,666.52 to Plaquemines Parish to replace the Boothville Community Center.** Hurricane Katrina’s floodwaters caused such extensive damage to the community center that the building was not salvageable. This grant reimburses the parish for increased costs during construction on the Boothville-Venice Community Center. The building, which is built to advisory base flood elevation, consolidates the community center, the District 9 Council Office, and the Boothville-Venice Senior Center into one facility.
- **\$5,960,682 to Plaquemines Parish.** Hurricane Ike’s storm surge over-topped the East Bank levees at Braithwaite and Scarsdale. This grant reimburses the parish for repair work to get the levees back to pre-disaster conditions.

