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EXTRACT OF THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF ST. BERNARD, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE ST. BERNARD PARISH GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, 8201 WEST JUDGE PEREZ DRIVE, CHALMETTE, LOUISIANA ON TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2015 AT THREE O'CLOCK P.M

On motion of Mr. McInnis, seconded by Mr. Hunnicutt, it was moved to **adopt** the following resolution.

RESOLUTION SBPC #1347-06-15

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ATTACHED DUPLICATION OF BENEFITS (DOB) POLICY AS REQUIRED BY THE ROBERT T. STAFFORD DISASTER RELIEF AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE ACT (STAFFORD ACT) FOR RECIPIENTS OF FEDERAL DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Bernard Parish Government does hereby adopt the attached Duplication of Benefits (DOB) Policy as required by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act) for recipients of federal disaster recovery funding.

The above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereupon resulted as follows:

YEAS: Lauga, Gorbaty, Lewis, Hunnicutt, Montelongo, McInnis

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Chairman, Mr. Cavignac, cast his vote as **YEA**.

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 16th day of June, 2015.



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CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a motion adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Parish of St. Bernard, held at Chalmette, Louisiana, on Tuesday, June 16, 2015.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Parish of St. Bernard on the 16th day of June, 2015.

ROXANNE ADAMS
CLERK OF COUNCIL

DUPLICATION OF BENEFITS (DOB) POLICY

The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act) requires that recipients of federal disaster recovery funding make certain that no, “person, business concern or other entity” will receive duplicative assistance¹.

A Duplication of Benefits (DOB) occurs when:

- A beneficiary receives assistance, and
- The assistance is from multiple sources (i.e. private insurance, FEMA, NFIP, non-profits, City, State, etc.), and
- The assistance amount exceeds the need for a particular recovery purpose.

In order to identify and assure that Disaster CDBG assistance does not duplicate other funds received for the same activity (i.e. does not replace other funds received), St. Bernard Parish will use the following process / steps to prevent a DOB from occurring:

1. Identify the total need for assistance prior to any assistance being provided.
2. Identify all potentially duplicative assistance received or to be received.
3. Deduct assistance determined to be duplicative.
4. Determine maximum award.
5. Determine program cap (if applicable).
6. Determine final award.

The following is an example of the use of the six step process:

1. Applicant’s total need prior to any assistance.....	\$100,000
2. All potentially available duplicative assistance.....	\$35,000
3. Assistance determined to be duplicative.....	\$30,000
4. Maximum eligible award (item 1 less item 3).....	\$70,000
5. Program cap (if applicable).....	\$50,000
6. Final award (lesser of items 4 and 5).....	\$50,000

Since disaster recovery needs are calculated at one point in time, subsequent circumstances may occur that affect need. If, after the assistance has been calculated and/or a CDBG award has been made, an applicant can demonstrate a change in circumstances, the award calculation may be subsequently reevaluated to take the increased need into consideration. Such changes in circumstances may include: vandalism, contractor fraud, an increase in the cost of materials and labor, a change in local zoning law and building codes, or subsequent damage to a home or business that was partially repaired. However,

¹ Stafford Act, Title III, Sec. 312, (a)

the reevaluation must be done before the initial need for which assistance was granted has been fully met (e.g. before a damaged house is fully repaired).

Once funds are awarded, minus any determined DOB, the applicant is required to notify the Office of Community Development/Disaster Recovery Unit of the receipt of any additional funds received for the same activity. In the event that additional funds are determined to be a DOB, funds will be withheld from future pay requests. In the event that all funds have been expended and a DOB is identified, the applicant will be required to repay the funds for return to the U.S. Treasury, through the Office of Community Development / Disaster Recovery Unit.