President Obama has approved St. John the Baptist Parish for disaster relief, and federal funding is now available for residents. This declaration includes eligible Public Assistance (PA) activities beginning August 26th, 2012 and continuing. Currently the declaration includes Category A (Debris Removal) and Category B (Emergency Protective Measures).

Individuals and households who sustained losses from Hurricane Isaac can begin applying for assistance by registering online at www.disasterassistance.gov/, by a web enabled mobile device at m.fema.gov or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired. The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Many applicants have incurred costs eligible for FEMA Public Assistance reimbursement for measures provided under the Federal Disaster Declaration for Hurricane Isaac. In order to expedite the reimbursement of these costs, applicants should ensure that their appointed designees complete the following actions:

Identify and document eligible work required as a direct result of the declared major disaster. At this time the Federal declaration includes debris removal and emergency protective measures.

Emergency protective measures are those activities undertaken before, during or following a disaster that are necessary to eliminate or reduce an immediate threat to life, public health and safety and/or those activities undertaken to reduce an immediate threat of significant damage to improved public or private property through cost effective measures.

To assist you in identifying the documentation that you will need to track and have available for your kickoff meeting please use the checklist provided: http://louisianapa.com/downloads/Applicant%20Kick-off%20checklist%203322.pdf

Complete a Request for Public Assistance (RPA)