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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: MONDAY, JULY 13, 2015, 2:00 P.M.

**RE: CITY OF COVINGTON RECEIVES GOHSEP/FEMA GRANT FOR
EMERGENCY BACK-UP GENERATORS**

The City of Covington has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$289,571, representing 75% of the total cost estimated for the purchase of emergency back-up generators for seven major lift stations. The emergency back-up generators will benefit the city's residents and businesses, particularly in the aftermath of a hurricane or other natural disaster that results in widespread loss of power. Among the locations selected to receive the new generators is the 8th Avenue lift station which serves St. Tammany Parish Hospital and the surrounding community. The cost to purchase and install all seven generators is expected to total more than \$300,000, with the City responsible for the 25% balance of funding required.

"The City of Covington appreciates the Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security (GOHSEP) for their assistance in acquiring the funding to procure these much-needed generators," Mayor Mike Cooper. "I commend the City Administration and Department of Public Works for identifying the need and for their collaboration throughout this application process."

Funding was awarded after a two-year process that entailed thorough and detailed research to collect the necessary data and develop a comprehensive project application. This funding is a grant award from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)'s Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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