



ST. TAMMANY PARISH  
**DEPT. OF GRANTS**  
**2013**

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The St. Tammany Parish Government (STPG) Department of Grants was established to ensure fiscal and programmatic accountability of grant funding. The Grants department is responsible for the fiscal administration of grants and other outside sources of funding granted to or donated to STPG. In 2013, St. Tammany Parish was awarded \$32 million in grant-funded projects; an additional \$25 million in grant projects is pending award for the first quarter of 2014. The Department of Grants administers two programs: Hazard Mitigation and GoSTAT.

HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM & SEVERE REPETITIVE LOSS GRANT PROGRAM

**H**azard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) is designed to reduce the risk to individuals and property from natural hazards while simultaneously reducing the reliance on Federal disaster funds. STPG administers Hazard Mitigation funds awarded by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), through the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP), for qualified residential properties within St. Tammany Parish.

By the end of 2012, St. Tammany Parish Government had been awarded a total of \$38,799,507 in federal grant funding for the reduction of repetitive and severe repetitive flood losses through residential mitigation projects, drainage projects and facility hardening projects. In 2013, Hazard Mitigation received an additional \$2,974,946 in funding which was a

combination of additional money for residential mitigation and for drainage projects. It is anticipated that St. Tammany will receive an additional \$17 million in residential mitigation funding for properties receiving flood damage.

There are over 2,000 properties in St. Tammany Parish that still remain on the repetitive loss list. We are working every day to decrease that number and will continue to strive to obtain federal funding to assist these St. Tammany Parish residents. Along with multiple St. Tammany Parish departments, the Grants Department Hazard Mitigation Office continues to work to improve the STPG's Community Rating System (CRS) credits. This improvement will directly affect the residents by lowering flood insurance rates throughout St. Tammany Parish.

ST. TAMMANY AREA TRANSPORTATION (goSTAT)

This is a demand response transit system that operates within the boundaries of St. Tammany Parish. The system is open to all residents within the Parish. The program operates two types of services: rural transportation and urban transportation. It is designed to transport passengers to and between essential services and destinations. This service is non-emergency and provides curb-to-curb service on a call-in, first come first serve basis.

The Parish receives two separate funding sources (rural and urban) for the Transit System. The Parish's transit services are operated by Reliant Transportation, a third party contractor.



A newly wrapped goSTAT Bus. All of the transit vehicles received new vehicle wraps in 2013 at a cost of \$34,450.

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people were serviced  
last year alone by  
goSTAT.

RURAL TRANSPORTATION

Rural transit funds come from the Federal Transit Administration and are dispersed through the Louisiana Department of Transportation. For the current fiscal year, the parish's budget is \$600,000. Rural services are provided by a total of five vans. The rural service areas are outside of the two urbanized areas of the Parish (Covington/Mandeville and Slidell/Lacombe). Rural riders are allowed to travel anywhere in the parish; meaning they can be picked up from a rural location and dropped off at a location in another rural area or an urban area.

BELOW: TABLE WITH THE RURAL RIDERSHIP FOR ALL OF 2013

Month	Ridership	Hours	Invoice Amount	Average Ridership	Hourly
January	788	653	\$48,601.93	1.21	6.06
February	706	591	\$44,396.81	1.19	4.74
March	790	622	\$46,863.94	1.27	5.05
April	818	632	\$47,610.64	1.26	7.60
May	812	649	\$47,485.50	1.25	5.05
June	761	632	\$47,585.26	1.20	4.65
July	797	700	\$52,925.50	1.14	5.56
August	813	639	\$48,490.74	1.27	8.32
September	785	628	\$47,457.89	1.25	6.55
October	846	695	\$52,166.63	1.22	6.50
November	703	594	\$44,703.51	1.27	10.16
December	724	600	\$44,947.78	1.25	6.27
<b>Yearly Totals</b>	<b>9,343</b>	<b>7,635</b>	<b>\$573,236.13</b>		
<b>Monthly Average</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>\$48,051.49</b>	<b>1.23</b>	<b>6.11</b>
<b>Daily Average</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>32</b>			

## URBAN TRANSPORTATION

Urban transit funds come from the Federal Transit Administration directly to the Parish. The current budget for this year is \$2,200,000. Urban services are operated by eight mini buses. Urban riders are more restricted in that they can only go to another location in an urban area. They are not allowed to be dropped off in a rural area.

4,505

people on average each month were serviced last year alone by goSTAT

## PARK AND RIDE LOTS

Construction of the new Highway 41 Park and Ride lot is scheduled to occur in 2014. The lot will be located adjacent to Poitevent Park in Pearl River. The construction cost is estimated to be approximately \$385,000. Once completed, this will increase the total park and ride lots operated by the Parish to eight.

BELOW: TABLE WITH THE URBAN RIDERSHIP FOR ALL OF 2013 ▼

Month	Ridership	Hours	Invoice Amount	Avg. Hourly Ridership Per Vehicle	Urban System-Wide Hourly Avg.
January	4,370	2,182	\$165,280.22	2.00	23.91
February	3,938	2,022	\$154,322.20	1.95	16.17
March	4,261	2,165	\$165,688.43	1.97	16.61
April	4,683	2,255	\$171,757.45	2.08	23.43
May	4,930	2,314	\$176,973.00	2.13	19.32
June	4,374	2,082	\$160,269.22	2.10	16.29
July	4,687	2,279	\$174,972.27	2.05	17.37
August	4,904	2,291	\$175,354.36	2.14	19.30
September	4,674	2,198	\$167,471.94	2.13	18.05
October	4,988	2,366	\$178,620.14	2.11	16.43
November	4,109	2,108	\$159,068.69	1.94	25.57
December	4,146	2,186	\$164,183.40	1.90	17.21
<b>Yearly Totals</b>	<b>54,064</b>	<b>26,448</b>	<b>\$2,013,961.32</b>		
<b>Monthly Average</b>	<b>4,505</b>	<b>2,204</b>	<b>\$167,830.11</b>	<b>2.04</b>	<b>19.14</b>
<b>Daily Average</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>73</b>			



## IT'S A WAY OF LIFE

WHY ANYWHERE ELSE? ST. TAMMANY IS A MULTI-FACETED, CULTURALLY RICH, ECONOMICALLY DIVERSE, ALL AROUND, EXCEPTIONAL PLACE TO LIVE.

From one end of the Parish to the other, each community throughout embraces its own distinctiveness, yet achieves harmonious connectivity with those around it.

The Parish is at the crossroads of three Interstates, with close proximity to a fourth. We are adjacent to major transportation waterways like the Mississippi River and the Gulf of Mexico, with international and metropolitan airports just minutes away. Nationwide railway systems and closeness to two ports—deep water and shallow—gives St. Tammany a choice level of connectivity and geographic advantage, making the Parish's connectedness competitive with any community in the country.

Our parish offers fertile ground for businesses and families to thrive. Every community within our Parish has its own distinctive identity, from the resort-like atmosphere of Mandeville, to the metro-rural Camellia City of Slidell, to the historic richness of Covington, the welcoming waterfront town of Madisonville, and the rural, agricultural and equestrian communities like Bush and Folsom.

At the heart of our economic stability and growth is the vision of Parish President Pat Brister, who champions innovation and entrepreneurialism and creates a business-friendly climate here in St. Tammany Parish.

For more information, or to schedule a meeting to discuss St. Tammany Parish's competitive advantages, call or email Don Shea, at 985-276-6417 or [dshea@stpgov.org](mailto:dshea@stpgov.org). Mr. Shea is the Director of Economic Development for the Parish and can assist you in any facet of your business relocation, expansion or start-up.

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