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Achieve long-term fiscal sustainability

Over the past several years, including those predating the unprecedented concentration of disasters that afflicted Calcasieu Parish, the CPPJ has continued to respond to community demand by expanding its programs and services to meet the needs of the citizens it serves. However, as these responsibilities have increased, funding streams have, in many ways, remained flat or regressed due to a loss of temporary federal funding. The CPPJ is an award-winning, nation-leading government in regard to effective financial practices, and its team is committed to remaining one. However, the CPPJ must effectively grapple with the needs of current and future residents and what it takes financially to effectively meet those needs.

The CPPJ aims to establish a strong financial foundation that can evolve to meet the changing needs of parish residents for generations to come. The CPPJ is committed to regularly assessing its current programs and services for efficiency and effectiveness, while also looking beyond traditional funding methods to actively seek out new revenue sources that can augment and balance against local funds. By prioritizing long-term fiscal sustainability, the CPPJ will work to ensure Calcasieu Parish has the resources needed to adapt to changing circumstances while continuing to deliver the high-quality services citizens have come to expect and rely upon.

GOAL 3.1: DELIVER HIGH-QUALITY, FISCALLY SUSTAINABLE SERVICES

Primary Lead: Administration

Supporting Responsibilities: All departments

KEY INITIATIVES	
3.1.1	Assess current programs to determine long-term needs, sustainability, and responsibility
3.1.2	Evaluate the receptiveness for, and feasibility of, fee-based revenues for CPPJ programs or services, as necessary and appropriate

GOAL 3.2: SECURE ADEQUATE LOCAL FUNDING TO SUPPORT CURRENT AND FUTURE PARISH NEEDS

Primary Leads: Administration, Engineering and Public Works

Supporting Responsibilities: Finance

KEY INITIATIVES	
3.2.1	Define the most critical service areas for new or future sources of revenue
3.2.2	Aggressively seek alternative funding streams and pursue new grant opportunities
3.2.3	Evaluate existing tax revenue, expected future shortfalls or challenges, and needs for additional funding

GOAL 3.3: INCREASE STATE, FEDERAL, AND OTHER EXTERNAL FUNDING FOR THE PARISH

Primary Leads: Administration, Engineering and Public Works

Supporting Responsibilities: Finance

KEY INITIATIVES	
3.3.1	Establish a dedicated grants function that positions the CPPJ to pursue and secure an array of potential grant funding opportunities
3.3.2	Provide internal support and training for grant writing
3.3.3	Prioritize departmental grant funding needs
3.3.4	Expand public/private partnerships