



Councilmember Willard-Lewis Statement

Re: Entergy Grants Awarded Today to 26 Community Nonprofits

New Orleans, LA - June 23, 2009 - "I would like to extend a warm thanks to Rod West and the Entergy family for continuing to invest in our community. Today the Entergy team awarded 26 Community Partnership Grants, totaling more than \$25,000, to nonprofits serving our community. Entergy's Community Partnership Grants program awards up to \$1,000 for projects that effectively impact education and literacy, community improvement and enrichment, healthy families, or arts and culture. I would like to congratulate all of the nonprofits who received grants and I would also like to thank them for the services that they provide in our community.

"Since Hurricane Katrina, nonprofits have taken on a new role and much of our recovery has been attributed to them. They have in many ways become our fourth branch of government that succeeded in spite of the bureaucracy. I would like to extend special congratulations to the four District "E" grant recipients who either serve District "E", or have offices that are located in District "E." These grant recipients are:

- Desire Street Ministries - Project: Financial Literacy Education for Low Income Backgrounds
- Mary Queen of Vietnam (MQVN) - Project: MQVN Field
- National Coalition of 100 Black Women (NCBW), Greater N.O. - Project: NCBW ACT Preparation

- Parkway Partners Program - Project: Releaf New Orleans

"Once again I would like to commend all 26 agencies for a job well done, and a special thanks to the groups representing District "E." Also, I would like to add as a point of information that Entergy New Orleans grants are available to community groups who apply and are eligible. For more information please check the Entergy website at [www.entergy.com](http://www.entergy.com)."

### **New Orleans City Council**

The New Orleans City Council is the legislative branch of New Orleans city government. The Council considers and enacts all local laws that govern the City of New Orleans. The Council also approves the operating and capital budgets for the City, as recommended by the mayor, and continually monitors revenues and expenditures for local government operations. The City Council is also the regulatory body for public utilities. It also reviews and has final say on many land use and zoning matters, as well as considers major economic development projects for the City. As a Board of Review for Orleans Parish, the Council examines appeals of property tax assessments for real estate taxes, and certifies tax rolls to the Louisiana Tax Commission. Other responsibilities of the Council include overseeing the operation of the public access television in Orleans Parish.

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