

**CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
505 TRAVIS STREET, GOVERNMENT PLAZA
PUBLIC NOTICE
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
(Virtual)
MAY 4, 2020
1:30 PM**

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1. ROLL CALL

Lyndon B. Johnson, Chair

Roy Burrell

Lynn D. Cawthorne

Todd A. Hopkins

Ed Lazarus

Mario Chavez, President

2. INVOCATION:

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. AGENDA ADDITIONS:

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Citizens who wish to address the Committee, please fill out a comment card by clicking [HERE](#) and submit to the Commission Clerk's Office. Individual comments are limited to 3 minutes and will be read aloud during the Public Comments section of this agenda. Citizens may also address the Committee by calling the Commission Clerk's Office at (318) 226-6596 during the Public Comments section of this agenda.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

6.I. Certificate For Teleconference

Documents:

[CERT TELECONFERENCE APPROPRIATION 5.4.2020.DOCX](#)

6.II. Review And Discuss NGOs From The 2020 Budget

6.II.i. NGO Funding Requests

Documents:

[NGO FUNDING REQUEST.PDF](#)

7. ADJOURN:

**CERTIFICATE OF NEED TO TELECONFERENCE AND/OR VIDEO
CONFERENCE THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING OF MAY 4, 2020**

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Louisiana has issued Proclamation Number 33 JBE 2020, stating that, due to the current Public Health emergency declared in the Governor's Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020, and citing the provisions of La. R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, granting him the authority to control the "ingress and egress to and from a disaster, the movement of persons within the area, and the occupancy of premises therein; and

WHEREAS, the Governor, in Proclamation Number 33 JBE 2020, has limited all gatherings of 10 or more people, for public safety purposes; and

WHEREAS, Governor has issued a general stay at home order "unless performing an essential activity," 33 JBE 2020, Section 3; and

WHEREAS, attendance at a Caddo Parish Commission Appropriations Committee meeting is not stated in the list of essential activities, listed in 33 JBE 2020, Section 3; and

WHEREAS, the usual conduct of the meeting would require travel and the presence of a number of persons in excess of ten (10); and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State, in Proclamation Number 30 JBE 2020, Section 4, issued on March 16, 2020, has invoked the aforementioned statutes authorizing him to allow attendance at essential governmental meetings via teleconference or video conference during the pendency of this emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State, in Proclamation Number 41 JBE 2020, Section 13, issued on April 2, 2020, has extended the Stay-At-Home Order until Thursday, April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2020, Governor John Bel Edward extended the Stay-At-Home Order until Friday, May 15, 2020.

THEREFORE, the Caddo Parish Commission hereby certifies that it will not be able to obtain a quorum and convene a meeting in a public forum on May 4, 2020 due to the Governor's proclamations, and will be required to meet by video conference, and, if necessary teleconference, on that date as allowed by law and the Proclamations of the Governor listed above.

Date: May 1, 2020



Mario Chavez
Caddo Parish Commission President

**Caddo Parish Commission
2020 NGO
Budgeted Funding
Riverboat Fund**

Name of Organization		Amount Funded	Amount Paid	Purpose	General Purpose
A Quiet Place in the Woods	*	\$ 4,000	4,000	Education	The Rainbow Education Resources Information Center Homework Hotline, Afterschool and Summer programs provide children, parents, and the general public with access to education, literature, referrals, and resources throughout Caddo Parish. Has also adopted Caddo Parish classes throughout the parish to provide nutritious snacks and educational resources. Their food pantry provides commodities to Caddo residents needing supplemental food.
Arc Caddo-Bossier (Goldman School)		\$ 8,000		Education	Funding will be used for a division of the Arc Caddo-Bossier, Goldman School, which is a type III license child development center, providing the highest quality child care to the 95 children enrolled of the ages of 8 weeks to 5 years old, both with disabilities (mild to severe) and without, and those living in at risk-environments. 34% of the children enrolled are between or just below the poverty level. Goldman school maintains a low staff-to-child ratio which allows for individual attention and helps build strong relationships with warm and nurturing adults. Goldman School's mission is to have all children ready for school to the best of their abilities. Goldman's School believes all children can learn side by side and that it is their peers who help motivate one another to grow academically, physically, and socially. There is a high need for schools like Goldman in this area. (Over 200 on waiting list)
Bernstein Development		\$ 10,000		Education	Funds will be used to provide a program designed to reduce academic regression that occurs during the summer months with a focus on literacy and early childhood intervention.
Beulah's Safe Haven	*	\$ 10,000	10,000	Social Welfare	Funds will help provide housing for women, particularly those who have aged out of the foster care system, and single women who are in a homeless state of being. In addition to housing, there will also be training to become self sustaining adults, as well as help them become spiritually enriched
Boy Scouts of America		\$ 12,500		Education	Parish funds will be used to support Scouting in low-income and rural areas through the ScoutReach program which teaches citizenship, morals, values, service, belonging, help with high school graduation, becoming part of the work force, and giving back to the community.
Caddo Council on Aging	*	\$ 100,000	25,000	Social Welfare	Funds will be used to assist with the Home Delivered Meals Program which provides a nutritious meal daily to the elderly of this parish.
Catholic Charities of North Louisiana		\$ 10,000		Education/Social Welfare	Funds will provide direct assistance for clients who seek help for emergency assistance regarding rent or utility payments. Everyone who seeks help from CCNLA is given an education on how to help themselves.
Cedar Grove Community Development Corporation		\$ 5,000		Education	Funds will be used for Summer enrichment camp programs including science, math, reading, and history enrichment programs
Christian Service Program	*	\$ 25,000	25,000	Economic Development	Funds will assist the Christian Service Program with homeless prevention and direct care. This includes utilities for Supportive Housing, human services in emergencies (rent assistance, utility assistance, medical assistance), and soup kitchen services through "Hospitality House" which serves two hot meals 364 days a year to homeless and indigent persons.
Common Ground Community, Inc.	*	\$ 8,000	8,000	Education	Funds will aid in the support of programs for the at-risk youth and teens in the Cedar Grove neighborhood, specifically, funding their meals/snacks, transportation costs, and educational/school supplies for homework and science fair projects.
Community Renewal International, Inc.		\$ 8,000		Social Welfare	Parish funds would be used for the free after school/summer programs for children and youth living in at-risk neighborhoods in Shreveport. The program is designed to grow children in both competence and compassion. Club programs include meals, physical activity, homework help, lessons ranging from hygiene to anger management, field trips, and community service experiences. Kids and Youth clubs are based in eight "Friendship Houses" homes in areas of concentrated disadvantage in Shreveport. Due to the locations of the Friendship Houses, children are able to walk from their homes.
Compassion for Lives	*	\$ 6,500	6,500	Education/Social Welfare	The organization's focus is on human services and workforce development(adult reintegration, job readiness, health/advocacy, life skills, and housing) for individuals who may be experiencing barriers due to disadvantaged conditions. Funds will help with providing job readiness/job development to current offenders and post release individuals.
Family Resources of Education and Empowerment Inc.		\$ 15,000		Social Welfare	Funds will be used to continue the School of Greatness mentorship Program: A co-curricular leadership and mentoring program that reaches at-risk students before high school graduation to reinforce the importance and value of education, inspiration, and dedication. SOG uses innovative strategies such as advocacy, workshops, role-playing, and mentorship through the educational pipelines.
Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana		\$ 90,000		Social Welfare	Funds will help provide food and other supplies to the 26,517 children, senior citizens, adults and homeless, disabled unemployed and under employed of Caddo Parish that are food insecure and living below the poverty level as determined by U.S. Department of Agriculture or individuals in need due to personal crisis or disaster. The estimated cost per individual the Food Bank will assist is \$3.58 per Caddo Parish resident. The Food Bank is willing for this to be matching grant.

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Galilee Learning Center/Galilee Family Enrichment Center, Inc.		\$ 10,000		Education	Funds would be used to maintain Kindergarten Kamp, a summer academic preparedness program for students from lower socio-economic families who are in need of reinforcement in key academic areas prior to entering public/private school.
Gertrude's Gifts		\$ 5,000		Education	Provide empowerment workshops, educational information and motivational seminars to at-risk girls attending Caddo Parish schools and low-income women surviving traumatic situations through partnerships with the YWCA, Project Celebration, Providence House, and similar non-profit organizations
Girl Scouts of LA-Pines to the Gulf		\$ 10,000		Education	Funds will be used for the Girl Scout Leadership Experience to underrepresented girls of Caddo Parish. The (GSLE) is the total of what a Girl Scouts offer girls-a chance to develop the tools and strengths they need to be fully equipped to take leadership roles in their schools, families, and communities. GSLE is a researched-backed, systematic approach based on a national curriculum delivered using Girl Scout Journeys, age-appropriate guidebooks designed to reinforce leadership learning and embellish school curriculums.
Grace Community Outreach Ministries, Inc.	*	\$ 5,000	5,000	Education	Grace Community Outreach Ministries provides community services and social services to the inner city youth, neighborhood and to income disadvantaged residents and seniors in Caddo Parish and district 5. Funds will assist in providing these services.
Grace Project		\$ 8,000		Economic Development	Neighborhood stabilization efforts and community revitalization
Harmony Faith Ministries, Inc.		\$ 10,000		Economic Development	Funding will be used to start up a therapeutic group home(The Mentor House) in the Highland neighborhood which will give area youth 24/7 community-based behavioral health services in a secured, homelike environment to clients under the age of 21. The Mentor House will create four full-time jobs and two part-time jobs.
Heartwork Foundation		\$ 4,000		Education	Funding will provide annual Christus-Schumpert gym membership, membership for recovery methods for injury prevention, an intense 9 week summer skill training, year round development of skills, and one-on-one skills training. The foundation's focus is on the development of at-risk, underserved youth ages 6-18. This is done by offering tutoring and ACT preparation, providing valuable life skills training, and stressing the importance of leadership skills and goal setting. Participants must commit to maintain a 3.0 gpa, participate in mandatory community services and receive no disciplinary troubles in or out of school to remain active.
Holy Angels	*	\$ 15,000	15,000	Social Welfare	Funds help provide resources necessary to implement cutting edge programs that help low income adults with disabilities living in Caddo Parish. The AngelWorks program emphasizes educational skills, providing job skills, new opportunities for community integrated employment and lifestyle improvement for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
HOPE Connections		\$ 15,000		Social Welfare	Emergency funds to help maintain operations of the Day Shelter-a safe place for those experiencing homelessness to access laundry, showers, mail receipt, computers, and phones and access to housing assistance
Image Changers, Inc.		\$ 20,000		Education	Parish funds will support the continuance and expansion of the comprehension tutoring program. The desire is to offer ACT and SAT prep courses in addition to summer and after school tutoring. The program will offer field trips to STEAM events and facilities, and area libraries to introduce students to science, technology, engineering, arts, and math. Enrichment classes such as music, YOGA, and photography will be added.
Inner City Entrepreneur Institute		\$ 10,000		Education	Grant funds will enhance ICE's ability to explore and develop new technology based programs and business support services programs. Funds will also supplement efforts to implement adult entrepreneur training and offer additional sessions of BizCamp program year round.
Ivy Crown Community Services		\$ 7,000		Social Welfare	Funds will go towards these services provided: Youth are given access to shoes and socks throughout the school year, young ladies are taught a broad range of skills which prepare them for life. Intensive college and career prep for youth. Youth are exposed to the joy and power of books through the Reading is Fundamental national program. Ivy Crown Community Services' latest endeavor is "Building Economic Legacy" led by Helen Godfrey Smith as Chair. She will bring her proven skills to the community to continue her work to change the financial impacts for the people of Caddo Parish.
Loving All Little Ones		\$ 10,000		Education	Funds are requested to help Loving All Little Ones provide educational resources, enrichment and nutritional education to moderate to low income families. Major components of the afterschool program are centered around science, math, English, and visual art tasks. Certified tutors nurture each student to allow them to learn at their own pace. Healthy food is also provided to moderate to low income children to combat hunger and obesity.

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Martin Luther King-Community Development Corporation		\$ 25,000		Social Welfare	Funding purposes primarily include senior citizen programs, Student support services(school uniforms, supplies, & tutoring), Community Education/Forums, Martin Luther King Neighborhood Association, Cooperative partnerships with Image Changers, Southern University Shreveport, Shreveport Police Department, Inter City Row Modern Dance Company, National Society of Black Engineers, Caddo Parish Title I schools, youth summer camps, community outreach such as Thanksgiving and Christmas giveaways and other emergencies
Martin Luther King Health Center	*	\$ 15,000	15,000	Social Welfare	Funds will be utilized in an effort to promote health related prevention activities and improve healthcare and pharmacy access to homeless, insular and medically disenfranchised residents in Caddo Parish. This program reduces health disparities and help patients transition to long term improved health. Funds would be budgeted for clinic and pharmacy expenses.
Mission Project Foundation		\$ 5,000		Social Welfare	Funding would sponsor Project Eduvention which is developed as an educational project that will serve the community to assist children with academic and leadership skills. Project Eduvention will serve to inspire lifelong learning, advance knowledge and strengthen the community.
Northwest Louisiana Community Development	*	\$ 35,000	35,000	Education	Parish funds will be utilized in literacy programs, back to school supply give-away, afterschool programs and the Code Red program.
Northwest Louisiana Youth Golf		\$ 6,000		Education	assist students in becoming academically successful as well as introducing golf skills
Oasis of Hope Louisiana	*	\$ 15,000	15,000	Education	Oasis of Hope offers a Science Technology Engineering Arts and Math (STEAM) program to underserved/underprivileged citizens of Caddo Parish as well as psychological uplifts. Funds would assist Oasis of Hope in offering hands-on opportunities for students who otherwise would not have a chance for life-altering instruction using the Best method, workshops, field trips, and internships in STEAM areas from engineering to the arts for students K-college.
Pamoja Art Society		\$ 5,000		Economic Development	Parish funds will assist with the launch of a marketing plan to create an awareness of the organization. This will in turn increase audience participation, artist employment, programming and community outreach which will help to stabilize, preserve, and revitalize the underserved communities where Pamoja Art Society has a presence.
Project Seek(Seeding Skills Reading Clinic)		\$ 14,000		Education	School age children K-8th of Title I schools receive an initial assessment and an individualized learning plan with targetted instruction
Providence House	*	\$ 40,000	40,000	Social Welfare	Funds support this residential emergency shelter for homeless families with Children, providing comprehensive support services (case management, counseling, child care, food service, children's services etc.) to improve the family structure and move them towards independent living.
R.I.S.E. Shreveport		\$ 5,000		Education	Funds will help RISE Shreveport educate and empower individuals in developing healthier life-styles by quipping them with the tools that are needed to be successful.
Reach out and Touch		\$ 20,000		Education	Funding would be for: 1) ROAT's, the 1st Annual Health Rodeo and Back to School Bash, 2) ensuring that each program participant is safely transported to and from the program using the Caddo Parish School Transportation Department which reduces individual costs of drivers, buses, fuel and maintenance into one nominal fee. 3)Academic and enrichment field trips and 4)provide back to school supplies to incentivize good behavior, attendance, and improved grades
Renzi Education & Art Center, Inc.		\$ 7,000		Education	Funding will go toward the center's free after school program, providing a safe, and nurturing place for K-12 grade students to go after school where up to 60 children, daily, receive one-on-one academic tutoring from certified teachers, and collaborative art classes from professional artists.
Rho Omega and Friends, Inc.		\$ 25,000		Education	Funds will assist in continuing with the implementation of programs and components at the annual festival which raise awareness of several public health concerns among parents and children from low socioeconomic African American communities. Healthier eating habits are promoted by providing information to the targeted public through the festival.
Robinson's Rescue		\$ 50,000		Social Welfare	Funding will fund spay and neuter surgeries as well as rabies vaccinations and additional antibiotics (as needed) to pets of low-income residents of Caddo Parish.
Salvation Army (Merkle Center of Hope)		\$ 25,000		Social Welfare	Parish funds will help the Merkle Center of Hope provide nutritious meals and safe rest for the homeless in our community. Assistance is also provided to low income individuals and families who are food insecure and in need of homelessness prevention help.
Salvation Army (Boys and Girls Club)		\$ 25,000		Education	Funds are used to give under-resourced, low income students access to social, athletic, and cultural activities in order to provide a well-rounded education.

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Setting Children On the Road to Excellence (SCORE)		\$ 7,500		Education	Parish funds will be used to benefit at risk youth and families in the Caddo Parish area, subsidizing costs to provide ACT Test preparation as well as covering their testing fees completely. Funds will also serve to assist disadvantaged families of at risk youth with food, essential school supplies, and uniforms.
Shady Grove Baptist Church #2	*	\$ 16,000	16,000	Education	Funding will go towards tutoring and homework in the needed areas of ELA and Mathematics for grades k-8th. Students will also experience summer enrichment in the areas of music art, sports, and cultural activities on site as well as field trips. The after school and Summer Enrichment Program will service low income families that are below poverty level.
Shreveport Green		\$ 7,500		Economic Development	This program addresses the cleanliness and health of Shreveport's environment, which a prospective investor will first notice. Funds will enable this multi-fold program designed to enhance the environment using a comprehensive abatement program involving cleanups, education, and enforcement, tree planting, and other works of outreach.
Shreveport Little Theatre & Academy		\$ 7,000		Education	Funds will be used to facilitate an ongoing series of four educational outreach programs at: Providence House, Rutherford House, Philadelphia Center, and V.O.A. Lighthouse. The spirits of the under-served, at-risk individuals, participating through CPC's scholarships, soar while experiencing this energetic, creative process of performing arts in a safe and nourishing environment.
Shreveport Opera		\$ 4,000		Education	Funds will be used to take the Shreveport Opera's educational touring component, Shreveport Opera Xpress (SOX) into Title I schools in Caddo Parish. The requested amount will allow SOX performers to present fifteen performances to students in Caddo Parish Title I schools.
Shreveport Regional Arts Council		\$ 15,000		Education	Funds will assist Shreveport Regional Arts Council in educating students in all Title 1 schools about STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, ARTS, and Math) learning through free school tours at art space and the Artbreak Learning Festival
Shreveport Youth Boxing Club	*	\$ 8,000	8,000	Social Welfare	Registered member of USA Boxing. The mission for the kids is to make it to the 2020 Olympics. The motto is "Why not us?" The children learn teamwork, discipline, and must maintain a 2.5 average GPA to participate. Children learn that there is a different way of life, and if they want it, they have to work for it. There are no costs to them or their parents, ever.
SISTERS International, Inc. "Restoration Crisis Center" (RCC)		\$ 30,000		Education	Funding will help provide the under privileged community with essential life-skill training services through various workshops, camps, mentoring teams and tutoring programs. GED and tutorial needs, abstinence education, life/job skills training, entrepreneurial empowerment, health and well-being information, job fairs and other positive community involvement..
Social Justice Civic League, Inc.		\$ 15,000		Education	Funds will provide school mentoring and tutorial assistance to targeted selected middle and high schools in Caddo Parish needing extra help in core subjects. Funds will also provide academic scholarships which includes laptop computers to selected low income college bound high school graduates from Caddo Parish, and school supply and uniform giveaway to selected low income schools in Caddo Parish, as well as SAT tutorial help to selected high school Caddo Parish students. Will also provide Thanksgiving meals to identified poor and impoverished Caddo citizens
Southern University at Shreveport				Education/Social Welfare/Economic Development	Aviation, Nursing, MSKICK, Computer Information Systems/Cyber Security Program, Caddo Promise, Dual Adult Basic Education
St. James UMC Sr Lunch and Learn Gathering	*	\$ 4,000	4,000	Social Welfare	Funds will be utilized for the Lunch and Learn Gatherings which are a catalyst to uplift the community. They will allow seniors in the community the ability to gain new friends while increasing their knowledge on various topics that are geared specifically for their age population
St. Luke's Episcopal Mobile Medical		\$ 6,750		Social Welfare	Funds will help provide free preventative health screenings (hypertension, diabetes, obesity and cholesterol), health education, limited primary care, STD screening and referral, prescription assistance, and case management services to the medically underserved in Caddo Parish.
Steeple of Success Incorporated	*	\$ 2,000	2,000	Social Welfare	Funds will help provide supplemental food to residents of the community who are qualified for the USDA Feeding Program.
SuperMen for Christ		\$ 10,000		Social Welfare	Funding will be used to establish and maintain a program responsible for providing, tutoring, and mentoring services to grade school aged children for the betterment of the surrounding community. Funds will also be used to purchase food for the Feed the Community Program.

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Successfully Preparing Our Teens (SPOT), STEAM Beats Program	\$ 7,000		Education	Funds will assist in establishing an educational (STEAM) Program (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) for students grade 7-12. Students will develop problem-solving and critical thinking skills, cultivate imagination and creativity, explore the fundamentals of programming and engineering, and experience additional hands on science through nature studies in an outdoor classroom setting.
Theatre of the Performing Arts of Shreveport	\$ 20,000	20,000	Education	The Yazzy Series will be supported with parish funds. The Yazzy series is Arts Education for Low-Income Youth: a four-pronged, year round program that has been successfully operating since 1992, providing expert instruction in music, theater, dance, and visual arts to underserved youth in Caddo Parish along with soft skills such as discipline, teamwork, respect for authority, postponed parenthood, and healthy lifestyles.
Urban Support Agency, Project A.C.E. (Academics, Career/Culture, and Etiquette)	\$ 15,000	15,000	Education	Funding will go towards Project A.C.E., which teaches skills necessary to secure a job and exposes students to various career paths. The education and activities will benefit over 200 students (depending on funding received), many who live in crime-ridden areas.
Volunteers For Youth Justice	\$ 25,000	25,000	Education	Funding will be put towards Youth Programs which keep children out of the juvenile court system and in school while furthering their education, helping them reach their full potential. Students expand their future, through knowledge, by becoming productive citizens in our community. 1,398 Caddo youth were served last year through the youth Diversion Program.
Young Women's Christian Association of Northwest Louisiana, Inc.	\$ 10,000		Education	Parish funding will go towards the LEAD program which will provide a comprehensive support system for teen girls facing systematic life challenges that include, but are not limited to poverty, teen pregnancy, bullying, and having limited access to resources. The amount requested will support 490 teen girls, or approximately 8% of the total budget and anticipated clients served.
Youth Outreach Services	\$ 10,000		Education	Funds will be used to benefit at risk, low-income and homeless youth and families in Caddo Parish. Funding will subsidize the costs to provide services for the youth transitional living facility and other community projects which are all located within impoverished neighborhoods.
YouToo, Inc.	\$ 10,000		Education	Provides first-generation college students with resources needed to help them transition into college successfully and keep them tied to the community by way of informational seminars, dorm room supplies, and mentorship during the first two years of college.
*FUNDING EXPENSED	\$ 987,750	293,500		

Added with Ordinance to amend budget