

## **September 28, 2011 - Residents can get low-interest loans for energy upgrades**

The City of Shreveport has partnered with BancorpSouth Bank on a program that will make low-interest loans available to assist residents seeking to install energy efficient upgrades to their homes.

In order to take advantage of this opportunity, residents must first have an energy audit performed by a qualified rater to identify the improvements needed to achieve certain energy savings levels. Through a previously announced initiative, the City is also discounting the audit costs so that in most cases they will not exceed \$100 to the resident (normally costs around \$500).

Funding for the City-sponsored programs comes from the Energy Efficiency Block Conservation Grant received by the City as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The loan program complements existing rebates and tax credits already available to residents for these improvements.

For more information, contact Tracey Graham, the City's Energy Efficiency Program Manager, at (318) 673-6594 or Jo May, at (318) 603-6022 with BancorpSouth Bank.

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