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Lotus Village Receives \$10 million in PRIME Funding

BATON ROUGE, Louisiana (06/10/2020) – The East Baton Rouge Council on Aging (EBRCOA) is thrilled to announce that their Lotus Village senior housing development has been approved for \$10 million in Piggyback Resilient Mixed-Income (PRIME) funding. The Lotus Village is a planned residential rental home facility designed exclusively for the senior population of EBR Parish.

The village will consist of 116 New Construction Aging in Place Units. In addition to the 116 units, the Lotus Village will also include the first ever geriatric healthcare facility in the state, an open-air market, recreation therapy gym, and a walking path all within a 1 mile radius of the new Lotus Senior Center [1701 Main Street] – our new state of the art senior center. The development of the Lotus Village is made possible through partnerships with Gulf Coast Housing Partners, Kathy Laborde - Developer, The Map Design Group, Merrel Porche – Architect and Caresouth Medical and Dental.

“Ensuring decent, affordable housing for our seniors is a paramount our mission. Our capacity to serve seniors in this matter is essential to the work that we do in the community. We recognize that there is a severe need to provide safe, affordable, and adaptable senior homes,” stated Tasha Clark-Amar, Chief Executive Officer of EBRCOA.

PRIME funding is utilized to develop resilient and sustainable multifamily properties in areas impacted by the floods, of 2016 and is made possible through the Louisiana Housing Corporation’s partnership with the Louisiana Office of Community Development. This funding will address the needs of Louisiana’s low-to-moderate income renters who were greatly affected by the 2016 flood. PRIME is a community-driven plan focused on opportunities for residents and stakeholders to proactively adapt and prepare for anticipated environmental changes over the next 50 years. Developments awarded will incorporate high performance, energy efficiency, healthy living, and resource conservation practices.

For more information, call the East Baton Rouge Council on Aging at (225) 923-8000.

The East Baton Rouge Council on Aging (EBRCOA) is a non-profit organization serving the senior population of East Baton Rouge Parish. Annually, our agency delivers 1,105,820 meals through our “Meals on Wheels” Program and our senior centers and meal sites.

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East Baton Rouge Council On Aging: Supporting Independence ~ Serving Seniors

Since 1973, the East Baton Rouge Council on Aging (EBRCOA), a 501c3 nonprofit supported by philanthropic donations and public funds (federal, state, and local), has served the seniors of East Baton Rouge Parish through a spectrum of nutritional and social services such as the nationally recognized Meals on Wheels program and over a dozen community senior centers throughout the Parish. EBRCOA is charged with discovering and meeting the growing needs of this ever-increasing population. Central to EBRCOA's mission – Supporting Independence and Serving Seniors – is proving high-quality services to seniors, the maintenance of their personal independence, and the enhancement of their storied lives while being good fiduciary stewards of public funds and trust.

More information about EBRCOA and its services can be found online at www.ebrcoa.org.