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**SEN. GAUTREAUX & REP. BADON ANNOUNCE
BLOCK GRANT FUNDS HEADED TO CANKTON
FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**

**MORE THAN \$600,000 SET ASIDE
FOR IMPROVED WATER QUALITY**

District 26 State Senator Nick Gautreaux (D-Meaux) and District 39 Bobby Badon (D-Carencro) announced that \$632,698 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are headed to Cankton in St. Landry Parish for much needed improvements to the town's water treatment system. The funds will be used to improve the water treatment facility's filtering system to improve water quality.

"These grants are especially important to our rural communities to address basic infrastructure needs," Sen. Gautreaux said. "These improvements will not only improve the quality of life for citizens in Cankton, but also better position the town for future growth."

"I am pleased that we were able to secure these federal funds for Cankton," Rep. Badon said. "There is nothing more basic to a liveable, thriving community than a reliable, quality water supply."

The Community Development Block Grant program is a federal program administered by the state Division of Administration. The program is designed to help low income areas across the country to deal with special community problems and improve the quality of life in the area.

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PHOTO ATTACHED

Pictured left to right are Department of Natural Resources Secretary Scott Angelle acting as a liason to the State Legislature for the Governor's Office, Sen. Nick Gautreaux, Audrey Menard, wife of Councilman Junior Menard, Councilman Kevin Colligan, Councilman Junior Menard, Cankton Mayor Susan Menard, Clerk Cinderella Miller and Rep. Bobby Badon.