

**Table 40: Non- Housing Community Development Needs - Jefferson Parish**

<b>Priority Community Development Needs</b>	<b>Priority Need Level: High, Medium, Low No Such Need</b>
<b>PUBLIC FACILITY NEEDS</b>	
Neighborhood Facilities	Medium
Parks and/or Recreation Facilities	Medium
Health Facilities	Medium
Parking Facilities	Low
Solid Waste Disposal Improvements	Low
Asbestos Removal	Low
Non-Residential Historic Preservation	Low
Other Public Facility Needs	Low
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE</b>	
Water Improvements	High
Street Improvements	High
Sidewalks	Medium
Sewer Improvements	Medium
Flood Drain Improvements	High
Other Infrastructure Needs	Medium
<b>PUBLIC SERVICE NEEDS</b>	
Handicapped Services	High
Transportation Services	High
Substance Abuse Services	High
Educational Enhancement	Medium
Health Services	Medium
Homeless Services	High
Other Public Services Needs	Medium
<b>ANTI-CRIME PROGRAMS</b>	
Crime Awareness	Low
Other Anti-Crime Programs	Low
<b>YOUTH PROGRAMS</b>	
Youth Centers	Low
Child Care Centers	Low
Youth Services	Medium
Child Care Services	Low
<b>ANTI-CRIME PROGRAMS</b>	
Crime Awareness	Low
Other Anti-Crime Programs	Low
<b>SENIOR PROGRAMS</b>	
Senior Centers	Medium
Senior Services	High
Other Senior Programs	High
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>	
Rehab; Publicly or Privately - Owned	Medium
Commercial/Industrial	Medium
Other Commercial/Industrial Improvements	Low
Micro-Enterprise Assistance	Medium
ED Technical Assistance	Medium
Other Economic Development	Medium
<b>PLANNING</b>	
Planning	Medium

## **Non-Housing Community Development Plan: City of Kenner**

The City of Kenner is the sixth largest city in the State of Louisiana and the largest incorporated area of Jefferson Parish. Kenner has an area of 15 square miles located between Lake Pontchartrain to the North, the Mississippi River to the South and Plantation Country to the West. The City of Kenner currently has a total population of approximately 66,975, (ACS 2013). The racial makeup percentage of the City of Kenner is as follows: White (60%), African American (20%), Hispanic and Latino (16%), and Asian (4%).

Kenner is a community with its own strong sense of identity and high quality of life. Strong residential neighborhoods are interspersed with shopping centers, a hospital, hotels, the International Airport, the Pontchartrain Center and riverboat casino and a number of popular parks and other recreation, cultural and natural features. Kenner like many cities across the country suffered tremendously during the recession beginning in 2008, which, included a loss of revenue from a drop in sales tax and falling property values. These issues forced Kenner to institute a hiring freeze and cutbacks on capital spending beginning in 2009. More recently Kenner has reversed these setbacks and economic growth has improved the overall outlook in Kenner.

Kenner has reported a number of priorities for non-housing community needs. All the needs listed below impact the safety and quality of life of Kenner residents. The City of Kenner's non-housing Community Development Plan notes the following priorities:

### **HIGH**

- Public Facilities
- Infrastructure
- Anti-crime
- Economic Development

### **MEDIUM**

- Public Services
- Youth Programs
- Senior Programs
- Planning and Administration

### **Public Facility Needs:**

This is a high priority need. In 2010 it was determined that \$11,000,000 was needed for the next five years to adequately accomplish our goals and address our current needs. Due to a funding shortage, an area community center has been closed and plans to re-build a new center have been postponed. Neighborhood facilities provide a safe haven and social and recreational opportunities for area youth. Additionally, improvements to the city-wide sewer system are needed for solid waste disposal. Funding for historic preservation would foster redevelopment efforts in South Kenner and the Rivertown area. In 2008 a Kenner landmark, the old Kenner High School was added among the list of structures on the National Historic register. Now the challenge is funding this building's rehabilitation so it can once again be put into commerce.

**Infrastructure:**

This is high priority need. In 2010 it was determined that \$15,000,000 was needed for the next five years to adequately accomplish the goals and address current needs. The major areas of need in low to moderate income area are: sidewalks, drainage improvements for flood control, street improvements, and other infrastructure. In the older parts of Kenner, particularly the Lincoln Manor and South Kenner area, development was initiated and completed without the benefit of a master plan. Streets are ill sized, many do not have sidewalks and open ditches exist in many areas. As an urban county, the infrastructure of Kenner needs to be improved. Therefore, funds are needed to aid in street and drainage improvements in South Kenner and other low to moderate income areas of the City.

**Public Service Needs:**

This is a medium level priority. In 2010 it was determined that \$576,000 was needed over the next five years to adequately accomplish the goals and address current public service needs. These funds will be used to provide additional emergency shelter to the homeless, counseling and supportive services including; youth after school and adult literacy programs.

**Anti-Crime:**

This is high priority need. In 2010 it was determined that \$300,000 was needed for the next five years to adequately accomplish our goals and address our current needs. Anti-crime youth programs will have long term effects on the quality of life of youth and throughout Kenner generally when coupled with academic enrichment. Additional funds are needed to provide for such program offerings.

**Youth Programs:**

This is medium priority need. In 2010 it was determined that \$915,000 was needed for the next five years to adequately accomplish goals and address the current needs of youth. Plans continue to dedicate approximately \$183,000 per year to this very vital area. Continued funding for the operation of two existing after school programs at community resource centers and summer camps are planned. However, as noted above, a third resource center is desired but unattainable due to a lack of funding. Kenner will continue to fund after-school tutorial programs, which provide tutorial services to low to moderate income youth in the area. This service assists in afterschool education, computer skills, and volunteer tutorial services. These services are provided in designated, targeted areas.

**Senior Programs:**

This is identified as a medium priority level. In 2010, it was determined that \$200,000 was needed for the next five years to adequately accomplish our goals and address our current needs. Additional funding would complement current activities. In the last five year plan, funds were allocated for several major Senior Programs including improvements to the Old Wentwood gym which made the facility ADA compliant providing a venue for senior services and programs. Those programs have been either completed or are being planned for future activities at this time.