

Hurricane Katrina

A Decade of Progress through Partnerships

Pass Christian City Hall and Municipal Complex

200 W. Scenic Drive, Pass Christian, Miss. 39571

Applicant: City of Pass Christian

FEMA Funding: **\$1.5 million**

Harrison County

THE HISTORY: The people of Pass Christian are no strangers to the devastating effects of tropical weather. In the last 50 years, the city has withstood the destruction of two city halls. The original structure, known as the old Pass Christian City Hall, served the public for 46 years until it was destroyed by Hurricane Camille in 1969. A new 4,000 square foot facility, dedicated to the memory of those who lost their lives in Camille, was opened in May 1971 and stood strong until the Mississippi Gulf Coast was pounded by Hurricane Katrina.

A new and improved multi-faceted facility, housing various civic offices and a much treasured public library, was built in 2010 to serve the 4,613 residents of Pass Christian.

THE DAMAGE: Hurricane Katrina destroyed the western and southern sections of Pass Christian with 100 mph winds and a storm surge of more than 20-feet. The city hall building was so severely damaged that it had to be demolished.



Prior to Katrina, the city hall and the library were two separate facilities. The city board unanimously voted to rebuild the two facilities and combine them into one complex.

FEMA FUNDING: The nearly 23,000 square foot building complex was opened to the public in July, 2010. The total obligated amount by the FEMA Public Assistance program

was **\$850,104** for the city hall and **\$678,309** for the library. The new city hall complex houses administrative offices, the water department, code office, municipal courts office, the Pass Christian Public Library and the Board of Aldermen meeting room.



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