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GALVESTON — Brian Jarvis first heard of The Rolling Stones in 1962. Today, the Galveston man's Rolling Stones memorabilia collection is the most extensive in the area.

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### One more try for SSBG extension

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**UPDATE:** The U.S. House of Representatives granted an extension Thursday to social services agencies in Houston and Galveston to spend \$40 million in federal block grants and help thousands still recovering from Hurricane Ike. More to come in Friday's edition of The Daily News.

The U.S. House is scheduled to vote today on a bill that would extend the deadline for spending Social Service Block Grant funds earmarked to help areas struck by Hurricane Ike recover. The money was designated to go to more than two dozen local social service agencies and non-profits to help people get aid to fix houses, get mental health care, pay for food and utilities and transportation services.

The money was to have been spent by September, even though none of the agencies here got a single cent until about February of this year. A previous attempt to extend the deadline failed in the 11th Hour before Congress took a break for the mid-term elections.

Now the legislation is back for consideration after some debate in the House floor Wednesday afternoon. The U.S. Senate has already approved the legislation written by U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-Texas). On the house floor yesterday Congressman Pete Olson (R-Sugar Land), whose district includes Galveston County, and Houston Congresswoman Shelia Jackson Lee (D-Houston) made speeches in favor of the legislation.

"We are not assuming anything," Joe Compian of Gulf Coast Interfaith and one of the leaders of the coalition that was coordinator the local SSBG efforts.

The bill is S. 3774 - Extending the deadline for Social Services Block Grant expenditures of supplemental funds appropriated following disasters occurring in 2008.

The vote will require a 2/3 vote by members of the U.S. House to approve the bill. The vote should happen sometime between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Thursday.

If you would like to watch the vote, you can watch a livestream on C-SPAN's website.

"WARNING - If you are on blood pressure medicine, I would not suggest watching the broadcast," Compian wrote in an e-mail to supporters.



#### About TJ Aulds

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Our profound thanks to you, T.J., and the Galveston County Daily News for your continuing efforts to keep our community informed of this collaborative effort to pass a 1 year extension of Disaster Social Service Block Grant funding. Passage of this extension bill will not add to the national deficit since these are funds already appropriated.

More importantly, SSBG funds permit so many amazing groups to offer assistance to community members regardless of their income. These funds have been of particular importance and assistance to retirees that have had to dip into their limited savings to repair their homes or pay for other essential services.

If this legislation passes today in the House, our community will have demonstrated to America how people of faith can come together across political lines to do what is fundamentally fair and right.

— By Joe Compian (BoomerTexican) on Nov. 18, 2010 at 9:17 AM - Review

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