

Public Notice

Rutherford County Government has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding through the Tennessee Emergency Management (TEMA) as a sub-recipient.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives and social, economic, historic, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. Under Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990, FEMA is required to consider alternatives to and to provide public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 also requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts on minority and low-income populations. This notice may also fulfill requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state, and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements, and conditions.

Applicant: Rutherford County Government
Project Title: Highway Department Generator

Location of Proposed Work: 1510 Rutledge Way Murfreesboro, TN 37130

Name of Structure: James Mike Williams Road Maintenance Facility

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone: This project is for the purchase and installation of a generator. The generator will be located at the Highway Department which is in flood zone X (unshaded). Confirmation of the property locations was identified by referencing the latest Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel 47149C0260H dated 01/05/2007.

Proposed Work and Purpose: Rutherford County Government requests funds to purchase and install a generator at the County Highway Department. This project aims to ensure Rutherford County's Highway Department and its fleet remains operational during disasters. The Highway Department's facility/complex is part of the County's Critical Infrastructure identified in the Rutherford County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The generator will power the entire complex, including the fuel pumps, allowing the fleet to stay fueled and permitting the use of the facility as an alternate Continuity of Operations (COOP) site or a tertiary EOC.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (no action alternative): Taking no action would result in the Rutherford County Highway Department not being able to install a generator. Without a generator, the department will be unable to fuel its fleet. In addition, the facility cannot be used as an alternate Continuity of Operations (COOP) site or a tertiary EOC. As a result, the site could be without power making it difficult for employees to work and provide Rutherford County citizens with critical services.

Alternative #2 The county could alleviate the problem by purchasing fuel from an outside source and identifying other locations to use as an alternate Continuity of Operations (COOP) site or a tertiary EOC. The fuel vendor would have to be available to possibly deliver fuel 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In addition, the county would have to identify a new facility to use as an alternate Continuity of Operations (COOP) site or a tertiary EOC. However, finding and possibly purchasing or leasing a building that already has a generator might cause unnecessary work and expend county tax dollars. Also, additional funds would be needed to retrofit a new facility for operating requirements.

Alternative #3 The most feasible action is to purchase and install a generator. This action would provide necessary electricity to the facility during a power outage.

COMMENT Period: Comments are solicited from any individual, group, or agency to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to the County Highway Superintendent. All comments are due within 15 days of this notice. The comments will be forwarded to applicable regulatory agencies as needed.

Interested persons may submit comments, obtain more detailed information about the proposed project by contacting:

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