

# 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:** Lane Agriculture Center Generator

**Location of Proposed Work:** 315 John R Rice Boulevard Murfreesboro, TN 37129

**Name of Structure:** Lane Agriculture Center

**Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:** This project is for the purchase and installation of a generator. The generator will be located at Lane Agriculture Center which located in flood zone X (unshaded). Confirmation of the property locations was identified by referencing the latest Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel 47149C0255H dated 01/05/2007.

**Proposed Work and Purpose:** Rutherford County Government requests funds to purchase and install a generator at the Lane Agriculture Center. This project aims to ensure Rutherford County's Continuity of Government in the event critical facilities are damaged during a disaster. The Lane Agriculture Center facility is identified as the primary Continuity of Operations (COOP) site to house county departments that are displaced.

## **Project Alternatives:**

**Alternative #1** (no action alternative): Taking no action would result in the county not being able to install a generator at the Lane Agriculture Center. Without a generator, the facility cannot be used as the main COOP site for Rutherford County Government. The site could be without power making it difficult for employees to work and provide Rutherford County citizens with critical county services.

**Alternative #2** The County could alleviate the problem by identifying a new COOP site. However, finding and possibly purchasing or leasing a building to use as a COOP site that already has a generator might cause unnecessary work and expend county tax dollars. In addition, the county may not find a viable location. Also, additional funds would have to be expended if a new location is identified to retrofit the 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 in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to the Facilities Maintenance Director. 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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**End of Notice**