

WILSON COUNTY

SHELTER OF LAST RESORT- EXPANSION OF THE WILSON COUNTY COMMUNITY & EXPO CENTER 435 TX-97 FLORESVILLE, TX



Thursday, May 30th, 2024

9:00 AM

AGENDA

- ▶ Allocated Funds
- ▶ Discuss Project Key Criteria & Mitigation
- ▶ Procurement of vendors
- ▶ Scope of Work
- ▶ Timeline
- ▶ Total Budget Costs
- ▶ Next Steps

ALLOCATED FUNDS

▶ \$1,287,400 grant funding passed through AACOG by the General Land Office

HUD allocated \$4,297,189,000 in CDBG-MIT funds to the state of Texas through their notice published in the Federal Register, 84 FR 45838 (August 30, 2019) (the Notice). HUD allocated an additional \$4,652,000 allocation to the state of Texas made through 86 FR 561 (January 6, 2021).

The total CDBG-MIT allocation for the state of Texas is \$4,301,841,000. The Texas General Land Office (GLO) has been designated by Governor Greg Abbott to administer CDBG-MIT funds on behalf of the state of Texas.

“CDBG-MIT funds represent an opportunity to fund and carry out strategic and high-impact activities to mitigate disaster risks and reduce future losses in areas impacted by recent disasters. In their Federal Register notice, HUD defines mitigation as: “Those activities that increase resilience to disasters and reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship, by lessening the impact of future disasters.”

ALLOCATED FUNDS CONT.

▶ ARPA Funds

- ▶ On December 27th, 2023, Commissioners Court approved allocation of \$2,350,000 of American Rescue Plan funds for the use of expansion and renovation of the Expo Center.

TOTAL PROJECT ALLOCATION

\$3,637,400.00

PROJECT KEY CRITERIA

- ▶ **Community Need and Safety:** Given the intended use of the shelter for emergencies such as tornados and freezes, the project prioritization aligns with critical needs for ensuring public safety and welfare. The geographic and climatic conditions likely necessitate such a facility to protect residents during frequent or severe weather events.
- ▶ **Demographic Considerations:** The design and location of the shelter take into account the county's demographic composition, ensuring accessibility to all population segments, including minorities and economically disadvantaged groups. Attaching the shelter approximately one mile from the sheriff's department, also ensures robust management and security, making it accessible and safe for everyone, especially during emergencies
- ▶ **Enhanced Safety and Accessibility:** The construction of a last resort shelter in proximity to the sheriff's department ensures that during emergencies, vulnerable populations, including those in concentrated areas of poverty and flooding, have immediate access to safe housing. This is crucial during events like tornados or severe freezes, which disproportionately impact less structurally secured homes often found in poorer neighborhoods.
- ▶ **Affirmative Fair Housing Practices:** The project supports the principles of affirmatively furthering fair housing by providing an essential service that is equally accessible to all residents of Wilson County, regardless of race, ethnicity, or economic status. The shelter's strategic location and its role in providing temporary housing also help in reducing any discriminatory barriers that might affect the mobility of protected classes within the community during crises.
- ▶ **Community Resilience:** The project will improve overall community resilience by fostering a sense of security and preparedness among all residents. This inclusivity in planning and response to emergencies helps in building trust between the community members and local government, thereby enhancing cooperative community dynamics during crises. This shelter not only serves as a protective measure but also as a testament to Wilson County's commitment to equitable access to critical services, affirmatively furthering fair housing by ensuring that those most at risk during emergencies are not left behind.

MITIGATION

- ▶ The Shelter of Last Resort is intended to provide a safe haven for nearby communities that may suffer property damage or loss due to a natural disaster. It will also serve as an alternative option in case the school gym or other facilities become overcrowded.
- ▶ The Shelter of Last Resort will provide the community with a place to flee during and after a natural disaster. This project is part of the county's emergency and resiliency plan, and the Shelter of Last Resort provides a safe place for the community to seek refuge during and after a natural disaster.

MITIGATION CONT.

- ▶ Wilson County has a moderate natural disaster risk score of 31%. Over the past 20 years, the county has declared 16 disasters, most related to severe storm incidents. 2% of Wilson County has a moderate or higher wildfire hazard potential, while its 4% average earthquake risk score is meager. The average summer temperature is expected to rise by 1.8 degrees Fahrenheit each year.
- ▶ During the Preparedness Phase, emergency managers develop plans of action for when disasters strike. Strategies to be considered are assessing and inventorying resources, planning, training, exercises, and developing procedures. Another step in the Preparedness Phase is the establishment of an Emergency Operations Center, or EOC. An EOC is a central command and control facility responsible for carrying out the principles of emergency preparedness and emergency management, or disaster management functions at a strategic level in an emergency situation, and ensuring the continuity of operation of the region.
- ▶ The purpose of a mitigation plan is to minimize the impact of a natural disaster on the community and reduce the need for an emergency response. This is done by establishing a shelter in Wilson County that can accommodate the needs of families and businesses in case of a crisis. The shelter will be equipped with all the necessary resources to ensure the safety and well-being of the community.

PROCUREMENT OF VENDORS

- ▶ Requests for proposals will be available mid June 2024 seeking a general contractor and possibly engineering firms.
- ▶ Procurement of vendors will strictly follow CFR-200 guidelines as required by the state.

SCOPE OF WORK

- ▶ 1. Site assessment and evaluation: This involves the assessment of the site's suitability for the shelter and the identification of any potential hazards or risks.
- ▶ 2. Design and planning: This involves the development of a comprehensive design plan for the shelter, including the layout, materials to be used, and any necessary design modifications.
- ▶ 3. Construction: This involves the actual construction of the shelter, including excavation, foundation work, framing, roofing, and installation of electrical and plumbing systems.
- ▶ 4. Interior finishes: This involves the installation of interior finishes, including flooring, walls, ceilings, and any necessary fixtures.
- ▶ 5. Mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems: This involves the installation of all necessary mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems, including HVAC, lighting, and water supply systems.
- ▶ 6. Testing and inspection: This involves the testing and inspection of all systems to ensure that they are functioning properly and in compliance with all applicable codes and regulations.
- ▶ 7. Commissioning and closeout: This involves the final commissioning of the shelter and the completion of all necessary documentation and closeout activities.
- ▶ Throughout the project, we will prioritize safety, quality, and efficiency to ensure that the Shelter of Last Resort is built to the highest standards and meets all project requirements.

ESTIMATED TIMELINE

- ▶ RFP Advertisement June 2024
- ▶ Contract Award August 2024
- ▶ Engineering Design September 2024
- ▶ Construction Start Date October 2024
- ▶ Project Completion no later than October 2025

TOTAL BUDGET

- ▶ Engineering \$363,740.00 10%
- ▶ Construction \$3,273,660.00 90%
- ▶ Total Project: \$3,637,400

NEXT STEPS

- ▶ Auditor's office will request to go out for bid at the Commissioner's Court on June 10th, 2024.
- ▶ Auditor's office will develop the bid packet and have it advertised in the local newspaper and on the County website within two weeks of approval to go out for bid.

QUESTIONS.....



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