



## **Munford Fire Department**

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### **Public Notice**

The Munford Fire Department has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant (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 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 to 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 will all applicable federal, tribal, state, and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions.

**Applicant:** City of Munford Fire Department

**Project Title:** Munford Tornado Sirens

**Locations of Proposed Work:**

1. 1020 Beaver Rd (Valentine Park)
2. 10 Poplar Park (Poplar Park)
3. 13779 Highway 51

4. 1425 Drummonds Rd (House of Hope)
5. 261 Tate Road

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### **Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:**

There will be no flood hazard at the locations due to the new sirens will be placed in the same location as the current sirens.

### **Proposed Work and Purpose:**

The City of Munford is requesting funds to install five (5) sirens to replace our current sirens that have become difficult to repair and find adequate replacement parts. We have chosen to replace our current ones with the Whelen 4000Watt Omni Directional High Power Voice and Sirens. The installation will be completed by Precision Communications out of Amory, Mississippi. Precision Communications is familiar with our area and currently performs maintenance on our sirens. Precision also services another local municipality who have the sirens we desire to acquire with this grant. Precision would install the new sirens in the same location as our current sirens. There will be no new locations added at this time.

### **Project Alternatives:**

**Alternative #1:** (no action taken) If no action is taken, the safety of our citizens remains at risk. With three (3) schools in our jurisdiction, this creates a level of need that is paramount. Not only would our citizens be unprepared for inclement weather, but our local school system would be strained not knowing the appropriate action that would need to be taken. Since our sirens are becoming obsolete, this is a need that surpasses most requests. The sirens will soon become unrepairable, and our city will have no coverage for warning sirens whatsoever. With the recent tornado that passed through our County, this request is 100% needed.

**Alternative #2:** (Preferred) Preferred projection would be to replace all five (5) sirens with new, updated sirens that require less maintenance.

**Alternative #3:** An alternative solution to our preferred project would be to begin a Community Outreach Program that would see all of our citizens download an app called Code Red. Code Red is a free app through your app store on your smartphone

that an individual has to download. After downloading, the app would trigger alerts to the individual such as weather alerts, mass shootings, and other significant incidents. In our situation, the City of Munford would push the weather alerting portion of Code Red. The estimated budget would be approximately \$50,000. This would include multiple community events, posters, signage, and personnel costs to host outreach events. This could solve our issue with weather alerting since a majority of individuals have smartphones. This app can even play through your phone even if it is silenced. The only drawback would be the older population does not use technology the same way the younger generation does. This would also require your phone with you at all times. This alternative method needs to be utilized with an early warning system in unison.

**Comment Period:**

Comments are solicited from the public: local, state, or federal agencies and other interested parties to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to the City of Munford. All comments are due within 30 days of this notice. The City of Munford will forward comments to applicable regulatory agencies as needed.

Interested persons may submit comments, obtain more detailed information about the proposed action, or request a copy of the findings by contacting:

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