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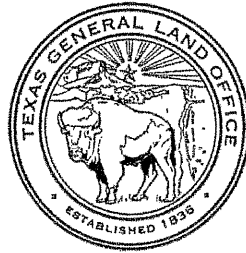
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Newton County
CDBG-Regional MIT Program
Applications Available for Review

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Newton County is giving notice and soliciting comments on its intent to submit a Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (TxCDBG-MIT) Regional Allocation application to the Texas General Land Office for Public facilities totaling \$13,627,000 in grant funds. The purpose of the proposed project is to mitigate long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship, by improving access to Public Facilities by residents within the Hurricane Harvey impacted areas of the region in order to lessen the impact of future disasters, including riverine flooding, storms and tornadoes. The application is available for review beginning October 28, 2022, on the county website at www.co.newton.tx.us or in person at the Grants Office during regular business hours, Mon.-Fri., 8:00am to 12:00pm & 1:00pm to 4:30pm. Newton County plans on submitting the applications on November 14, 2022. Written comments may be made prior to 1:00 pm, November 14, 2022, by contacting Newton County Judges Office at 110 Court Street or emailing NewtonCounty Judge at newtoncountyjudge@co.newton.tx.us or Grants Office 107 Davison Street, Newton, Texas or emailing Elizabeth Holloway elizabeth.holloway@co.newton.tx.us Para obtener una copia en espanol, comuniquese con Newton County al (409) 527-5050.



Regional Mitigation Program
Texas General Land Office
Community Development & Revitalization

Newton County
2022-100145-RMP

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Regional Mitigation Program Application

General

Applicant Information

Applicant: Newton County

County: Newton

Program: Regional Mitigation Program: DETCOG HUD MID

COG: Deep East Texas Council of Governments (DETCOG)

Phone Number: (409) 379-5691

Address: 110 Court Street, Newton, Texas 75966-3202

Website: <https://www.co.newton.tx.us/>

Employer Identification Number (EIN): 746001790

Taxpayer Identification Numbers (TIN): 746001790

UEI (Unique Entity Identifier): JNBHQT77K2D3

Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS): 130062714

SAM.gov Registration Expiration Date: 4/22/2023

Is the applicant an eligible subrecipient applying in conjunction with or on behalf of another entity (non-city) within the county? No

How much funding was the applicant allocated by the approved COG MOD? \$13,627,000.00

Is the applicant participating in the National Flood Insurance Program? Yes

Fiscal Year End Date (Month): December

Fiscal Year End Date (Day): 31

Application Contacts

Contact Role	Organization	First Name	Last Name	Title	Phone	Email
Primary Contact	County	Kenneth	Weeks	County Judge	(409) 379-5691	newtoncountyjudge@co.newton.tx.us

Contact Role	Organization	First Name	Last Name	Title	Phone	Email
Authorized Representative	County	Kenneth	Weeks	County Judge	(409) 379-5691	newtoncountyjudge@co.newton.tx.us
Grant Administrator	Traylor & Associates	Mark	Taylor	President	(903) 581-0500	mark.taylor@grtraylor.com
Engineer	Goodwin, Lasiter, Strong	Pat	Oates	Engineer	(936) 637-4900	poates@glstexas.com
Chief Elected Official	County	Kenneth	Weeks	County Judge	(409) 379-5691	newtoncountyjudge@co.newton.tx.us

SF-424 Questions

Applicant Type: County

Application Title: Newton County Public Facility Project

Is the applicant delinquent on any federal debt? Newton County Public Facility Project

Activities

Activity

DRGR Activity	Planned Budget Amount
Public Facilities	\$13,627,000.00

Project

Project: Project Title	Project: Project Type	Environment: What is the current status of the project?	Total Budget
Community Center/Staging Center Contiguous to Airport	Community Centers	Not yet started	\$13,627,000.00

Budget Line Summary

Total Engineering over Total Construction: 14.89%

Total Admin + Environmental over Total Amount Requested: 6%

Allowable Fee Percentage Cap for Admin + Environmental: 8%

Program Budget Code	Planned/ Requested Amount
Planning	\$0.00
Acquisition	\$32,000.00

Program Budget Code	Planned/ Request ed Amount
Environ mental	\$85,500. 00
Special Environ mental	\$0.00
Grant Administr ation	\$732,120 .00
Engineer ing	\$1,655,9 60.00
Construc tion	\$11,121, 420.00

Duplication of Benefits

FEMA Coverage

Did you receive any FEMA funding? No

Do you anticipate any FEMA funding? No

Was the proposed project eligible for FEMA? No

Is the budget in this application funding for the nonfederal share of a FEMA project? No

If yes, have funds been awarded?

If FEMA funds were received, explain why funds are needed above and beyond the FEMA funding:

Insurance Coverage

Did the applicant have insurance coverage on the proposed project? No

Name of Insurance Company:

Amount claimed/received for the project:

If a claim was not filed, please explain below:

Explain why funds are required above and beyond the insurance funding:

Other Funding

Has the applicant submitted a request to fund a part of or the whole project described in the application? No

Are local or other funds available to address the proposed project in whole or in part?

Have any other state and/or federal agencies been contacted concerning funding for the proposed project? No

Disclose source(s) and use(s) of non-CDBG-MIT funds (Each row is a funding source):

Fair Housing

What methods and criteria were used to prioritize the projects in the application, including affirmatively furthering fair housing? The County prioritized projects in accordance with the application guidelines and has elected to apply for projects that both fit within program costs and benefit a high concentration of low to moderate income households impacted by future natural disasters. The County believes that providing a community center which will also serve as a staging center will help reduce and eliminate threats to public health and safety, thereby increasing accessibility to suitable living environments in accordance with HUD-based national program objectives.

What are the identified protected classes, racially and ethnically concentrated areas, and concentrated areas of poverty that may be impacted by this project? Disability, National Origin, Sex, Familial Status and Race are identified on the mitigation viewer for Newton County. CT 9502 BG1, BG2, BG5 and CT 9501 BG 2 each have a minority concentration greater than 50%. CT 9503 BG 1 and CT 9501 BG 2 have higher than average concentrations of poverty. All other protected classes are dispersed throughout the county.

Provide a meaningful analysis that describes how these identified populations may be impacted by this project. Of the 5 Block Groups with the concentrations referenced above the project is located in 1 and adjacent to 3 others. The proximity of the project will have the greatest impact and provide the most benefit to these geographic areas.

For each fair housing activity, provide a name and status. If the activity is Completed, enter the Date Initiated. If the activity is Planned, enter the To Be Completed By date:

Item	Name	Status	Date Initiated	To be completed by
Fair Housing Activity 1	Designating a Fair Housing Month	Completed	4/11/2022	4/30/2023
Fair Housing Activity 2	Establishing a complaint and monitoring process	Completed	4/14/2014	4/14/2014
Fair Housing Activity 3	Publish a Fair Housing PSA on local newspaper	Planned		4/10/2023
Fair Housing Activity 4				

Citizen Participation

Did the applicant post the CDBG-MIT application for a minimum of fourteen (14) days?

When did your jurisdiction post the project for public comment?

Start Date:

End Date:

Although a public hearing is not required, if your jurisdiction held one, list the date and attach the supporting documents:

Although a resolution is not required, did your jurisdiction approve one?

Procurement

Have services been procured for Engineering, Grant Administration, or Environmental Services? Yes

Are there any persons/entities with a reportable financial interest to disclose? Yes

Vendor Type	Procurement Status	Vendor Name	Contact Phone	Contact Email
Grant Administration	Procured	Gary R. Traylor & Associates, Inc	(903) 279-9664	mark.taylor@grtraylor.com
Environmental	Procured	Gary R. Traylor & Associates, Inc	(903) 279-9664	mark.taylor@grtraylor.com
Engineering	Procured	Goodwin, Lasiter, Strong	(903) 637-4900	poates@glstexas.com

Documents

Document Type	File Attachment (Text)
Financial Interest Reports	FIR Traylor.xlsx
Financial Interest Reports	FIR GLS.xlsx
CDBG-MIT - Budget Justification of Retail Costs form (completed, signed, and sealed by a professional engineer or architect licensed to work in the State of Texas)	Newton Co. Regional MIT Budget Justification.pdf
Scope of work information, maps, and other applicable documentation for each	Support docs combined.pdf

Docume nt Type	File Attachm ent (Text)
Local effort identified	
Scope of work informati on, maps, and other applicabl e documen tation for each Local effort identified	Pictures for upload.p df
Scope of work informati on, maps, and other applicabl e documen tation for each Local effort identified	Suport docs combine d.pdf
Scope of work informati on, maps, and other applicabl e documen tation for each Local	Pictures for upload.p df

Document Type	File Attachment (Text)
effort identified	
Scope of work information, maps, and other applicable documentation for each Local effort identified	Articles.pdf
Environmental Exempt Form for planning and administrative activities	Newton Co. Enviro-exempt-form.pdf
Supporting census tract/block group or other beneficiary data maps	Newton Co. Census Beneficiary.pdf
Maps indicating latitude and longitude for proposed locations	Newton Co. Regional MIT Coordinate Map.pdf
SF-424 (complet	sf424 Executed

Document Type	File Attachment (Text)
ed and signed)	Newton C.pdf
Signed Applicant Certifications	App certification Executed .pdf
LMISD data and/or CDBG-MIT Survey documentation	LMISD-NewtonCounty-Waiver.pdf
DP05 (ACS 5-year estimate)	Newton County DP05.xlsx
Race/Ethnicity/Gender Calculator	Newton County Race Ethnicity Calc.pdf
CDBG Mitigation Viewer Export	CDBG Mitigation viewer Screening Report - Newton County.pdf
Single Audit or Annual Financial Statement	2020 Audited Financial Statements.pdf
Current Printout of SAM.gov Registration	SAM.gov Newton County.pdf



**Community Center/Staging Center
Contiguous to Airport**

Project Info

Project Information

DRGR Activity: Public Facilities

Project Type: Community Centers

Project Title: Community Center/Staging Center Contiguous to Airport

Does this project include replacement or relocation of a facility (i.e., lift station, water treatment plant, etc.)? No

Provide a detailed description of the scope of work proposed. For proposed work involving a length of road, ditch, channel, etc., report the scope of the project in linear feet (lf): The County proposed to mitigate against injury and loss of life during future extreme weather events by constructing a multi-purpose building for use as a staging center. The structure will be located adjacent to the Newton County airport to allow supplies and food to be brought in by air and distributed from the center. The airport has been utilized by FEMA multiple times in the past as a makeshift staging center due to not having a covered area to utilize. In addition to the structure itself, incidental work will include the installation of electrical, water and sewer service to the area as well as hardening the road leading to the airport. When not in use as a staging center the county will utilize the facility as a community center.

Site: Project Site Title	Site: Street Address
Community Center/ Staging Center	800 CR 1011

Describe a plan for the long-term funding and management of the operations and maintenance of the project: Newton County will provide ongoing maintenance and operation of the facility utilizing general revenue funds.

Total proposed number of linear feet:

Total number of proposed public facilities: 1

Project Phase	Start Date	End Date	Length (in months)
Contract Closeout	2/1/2026	5/1/2026	3
Submit As-Builts/COCC/FWCR	12/30/2025	1/30/2026	1
Construction	7/15/2024	12/15/2025	17
Construction NTP	5/30/2024	6/30/2024	1
Contract Award	5/15/2024	6/15/2024	1
Bid Advertisement	4/1/2024	6/1/2024	2
Acquisition	4/3/2023	7/3/2023	3

Project Phase	Start Date	End Date	Length (in months)
Environmental Review	4/1/2023	12/1/2023	8
Engineering Design	4/4/2023	4/4/2024	12
Start-Up Documentation	4/1/2023	7/1/2023	3

National Objective

National Objective

Provide Total Number of Beneficiaries: 13,748

Provide number of LMI Beneficiaries 8,372

Percentage of LMI Beneficiaries: 60.9%

Is that applicant a HUD Exception Grantee? No

Census Tract	Block Group List (Text)
950,400	Group 1 ; Group 2 ; Group 3
950,300	Group 1 ; Group 2 ; Group 8
950,200	Group 1 ; Group 2 ; Group 3 ; Group 4 ; Group 5 ; Group 6
950,100	Group 1 ; Group 2 ; Group 3

Male: 7,077

Female: 6,671

Total: 13,748

Race	Hispanic Population	Non-Hispanic Population	Total Population
White and Black/African American	34	14	48
White and Asian	23	10	33
White and American Indian/Alaska Native	16	6	22
White	277	10,066	10,343
Some Other Race	13	37	50
Other multi racial	151	62	213
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Black/African American and American Indian/Alaska Native	6	3	9

Race	Hispanic Population	Non-Hispanic Population	Total Population
Black/African American	2	2,908	2,910
Asian	0	83	83
American Indian/Alaska Native	0	37	37

Which HUD national objective does the project meet? LMI

Describe activities that benefit low- and moderate-income people: The Community Center will provide a County-wide benefit. Newton County is 60.9% Low/Mod

Method(s) used to determine the beneficiaries: LMI Area Benefit (County-wide)

What method was used for Beneficiary Identification? Census (HUD LMISD)

Provide a brief description of the beneficiary identification method used to determine this national objective and upload supporting beneficiary maps, census data, and/or survey documents: This project will provide a County-wide benefit therefore County-wide LMISD data was utilized.

U.S. Congressional District #: 36

Texas Representative District #: 19

Texas Senate District #: 3

Environmental

What is the current status of the project? Not yet started

Will the assistance requested have any negative impact(s) or effect(s) on the environment? No

Is the proposed project likely to require an archaeological assessment? No

Is the proposed site(s) listed on the National Register of Historic Places? No

Is the project in a designated floodway or coastal high hazard area? No

Is the project in a designated special flood hazard area or a designated wetland? No

For projects in the 500 or 100-year floodplain: Does your project involve a critical action as defined in 24CFR55.2(b)(3)?

Is any project site located in a known critical habitat for endangered species? No

Is any project site a known hazardous site? No

Is any project site located on federal lands or at a federal installation? No

Is any project site subject to or participating in Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST-41) (P.L. 114-94)? No

What level of environmental review is likely needed for this project? Environmental Assessment

Provide any additional detail or information relevant to Environmental Review: Site is adjacent to airport. No known issues that would hinder the completion of an Environmental Assessment.

Provide a brief narrative regarding how CDBG-MIT funding is to be used. Demonstrate that HUD CDBG environmental requirements have been met to date:

Permits

Does the project require any federal, state, or other permits, approvals, or waivers to complete the proposed work? No

If yes, describe the type and purpose of each permit and its association with the proposed project. Provide a copy of each permit already executed:

Does the project require any type of ratified, legally binding agreement between the applicant and any other entity to provide continual operation upon completion? No

If yes, describe the type and purpose of each agreement and its association with the proposed project. Provide a copy of each agreement already executed or drafted:

For sewer and/or water facilities projects, does the applicant currently hold the Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) for the target area proposed in the application? (If not a sewer and/or water facilities project, please choose N/A): N/A

Budget Activity Lines

Program Budget Code	Planned/Requested Amount	Planned Other Funds Amount	Total	Percent of Total
Planning	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
Acquisition	\$32,000.00	\$0.00	\$32,000.00	0.2%
Environmental	\$85,500.00	\$0.00	\$85,500.00	0.6%
Special Environmental	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
Grant Administration	\$732,120.00	\$0.00	\$732,120.00	5.4%
Engineering	\$1,655,960.00	\$0.00	\$1,655,960.00	12.2%
Construction	\$11,121,420.00	\$0.00	\$11,121,420.00	81.6%

Mitigation

Identify the specific risk the proposed project will mitigate against: Riverine Flooding; Storms; Tornadoes

Describe as to how the proposed project addresses/mitigates against the current and future risks identified: Since 2005 Newton County has suffered greatly from eleven (11) natural disasters. During the 2016 floods alone, over 3,600 residential structures in Newton County were damaged. Many homes were completely inundated with water. Water rescues and mandatory evacuations occurred as flood waters engulfed and submerged homes, businesses, and schools. Roads throughout the County were impassable, limiting access by emergency responders to many residential areas. Water wells were contaminated, and septic systems rendered inoperable, leaving many residents without a potable water supply following the storms. The proposed Community Center is located on a high elevation in Newton County which is also adjacent to the county airport. Utilizing the community center as a staging location during times of natural disaster will allow citizens a location to obtain food, water and clothing.

Provide information about how the proposed mitigation efforts integrate into the community's emergency and resiliency plans: The proposed improvements will ease the suffering and hardships faced by all Newton County residents, particularly low to moderate income and other vulnerable populations, during future flood events. This project will provide a county-wide benefit.

In the space provided, list documentation provided to support the identification of the threat or hazard and how it relates to potential impact: Pictures of prior disasters, Newspaper articles, presidential declaration and additional agency documents

Provide a brief description of how the proposed project addresses an integrated approach to mitigation: The success of Newton County's long-term recovery efforts hinge on the implementation of an integrated approach to recovery that addresses housing, infrastructure, and economic revitalization. Each component is dependent upon one another. Ensuring basic human needs are met following a natural disaster is just the first of many steps the County and its residents will undertake to begin the process of rebuilding their community.

Considering the local evaluation of hazard risks, responsible floodplain management, future extreme weather/natural disaster events, and long-term risks, describe how the proposed project promotes sustainable community resilience: Newton County believes that a key component to long term recovery is not only to address losses and damages, but to improve resiliency through the creation of effective mitigation strategies and minimizing hardships on citizens during future events. It is imperative that steps are taken to ensure the safety of residents while meeting basic needs.

Describe how the proposed project is consistent with local and regional planning efforts to effect disaster mitigation: A primary goal of the County's long-term planning is creating a safe environment for residents through improved access to basic human needs through the availability of needed resources. The proposed project will enable residents to have continued access to emergency services, ensure access to necessary resources, and reduce a risk of damages, losses and injury caused by future disaster events.

Was a cost-benefit analysis used in the selection of the proposed project? No

Describe how the proposed project impacts vulnerable populations in the local community.: Vulnerable populations, including the disabled and impoverished are often times unable to mitigate against natural disasters due to limited finances. Through this project they will experience a reduced threat to health and safety.

Describe how the proposed project creates economic opportunities for the local community: When being utilized as a community center, the events held at the facility will bring area citizens to the local community and encourage economic growth of the immediate area.

Does this project disproportionately impact vulnerable populations in the local community? No

Does the proposed project align with investments from other state or local capital improvements and infrastructure development efforts? No

Does the proposed project employ adaptable and reliable technology to guard against premature obsolescence? No

Describe the applicant's overall mitigation plan and how the project addressed in this application furthers that plan: Newton County believes that a key component to long term recovery is not only to address losses and damages, but to improve resiliency through the creation of effective mitigation strategies and hardening of infrastructure to minimize damages during future events. It is imperative that steps are taken to ensure the safety of residents while meeting basic needs.

According to 2017 ACS data, approximately one in four Newton County residents is elderly. Additionally, 27.5% of the residents are disabled. This baseline data presents an overwhelming need for affordable housing with accessibility and visitability features, which must be considered throughout the recovery process. During its efforts to replenish the much-depleted supply of housing, the County will focus on providing accessible, affordable housing in accordance with HUD based Fair Housing initiatives.

The proposed activities will bolster economic development through providing the necessary resources and stability to implement successful business practices and provide services currently unavailable. Employment opportunities will increase as the increased supply of homes increases demand for basic commercial and retail services, which will in turn increase tax revenues available to the County.

The success of Newton County's long-term recovery efforts hinge on the implementation of an integrated approach to recovery that addresses housing, infrastructure and economic revitalization. Each component is dependent upon one another.

Describe how the proposed project will contribute to the community's resiliency against future disasters as a result of these projects: The proposed project will allow many residents that would otherwise have to temporarily relocate to other areas to remain in their residence and expedite the process of recovery as well as mitigate against further damage that they would otherwise be unavailable to address.

Community Center/Staging Center
**Contiguous to Airport - Community Center/
Staging Center**

Project Site

Project Site

Project Site Title: 168

Street Address: 800 CR 1011

Street Limits on Street: 800 CR 1011

From Street: 800 CR 1011

To Street: 800 CR 1011

Zip Code: 75966

City: Newton

County: Newton

State: Texas

Latitude: 30.881832

Longitude: -93.738891

Performance Measures: Public Facilities

Provide the proposed number of linear feet:

Acquisition/Uniform Relocation Assistance

Does the project require acquisition of property, purchase of easements, relocation, or any other activity requiring compliance with URA outside the listed waived activities? Yes

Has acquisition of the project site(s) been completed, in progress, or will need to be acquired?
To be Acquired

Describe the type and purpose of all acquisitions (easements, real property, etc.) associated with the proposed project. For acquisitions "Previously Acquired" or "Acquisition in Progress," include the date of acquisition, detailed information and supporting documentation to ensure compliance with all URA, 42 U.S.C. 4601 et seq., and environmental review processes:
Property adjacent to the airport currently owned by a timber company.

What is the planned number of parcels to be acquired? 1

What is the associated cost amount for this acquisition? \$32,000.00