

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Russell has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance Program (PA) funding through Kansas Department of Emergency Management.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives for social, economic, historic, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. Under Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990, FEMA is required to consider alternatives, and to provide a public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. 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.

Sub-applicant: City of Russell, Russell County, KS

Project Title: PA-07-KS-4811-PW00031: Project 799668 – City of Russell, City-wide Building Damage

Project location(s):

- City Hall Fire Station, 133 W 8th St (38.89340457, -98.86080234)
- Deines Cultural Center, 820 N Main St, (38.89356992, -98.86021354)
- Airport Terminal, 4243 Airport Ter (38.87683565, -98.80869922)
- Maintenance Hangar & Shop, 4233 Airport Ter (38.87608903, -98.80875039)
- Electrical Distribution Warehouse, 804 N Elm (38.89337798, -98.85769274)
- Electric Warehouse, 828 N Lincoln St (38.89359778, -98.86261216)
- Water Department Office & Warehouse, 447 E Luray St (38.88207066, -98.85490333)
- Water Plant A, 210 S Front St (38.88311635, -98.85484655)
- Wastewater Treatment Plant, 4252 186th St (38.88000029, -98.84178026)
- Street Shop – Office & Mechanic Shop, 333 E 9th St (38.89427290, -98.8569571)
- Street Shop – Recycling Center Equipment Storage, 313 E 9th St (38.89430096, -98.85717388)
- Police Department, 339 E 8th St (38.89328882, -98.8564992)
- Parks Office Building & Equipment Repair Shop, 1123 N Fossil St (38.89663634, -98.85588191)
- Swimming Pool Building Roof, 1002 E 4th St (38.88909849, -98.84449252)
- Pfeifer Wet Well/Pump Station, Pfeifer Well Field (38.71555656, -99.16454802)
- Street Shop – Equipment Storage, 902 N Elm (38.89426810, -98.85761859)
- Dole Shelter House, 1225 E Wichita Ave (38.88590055, -98.84263312)

- Rec Center, 701 Fairway Dr (38.89220005, -98.83994104) possibly rebuilt in 1990's?
- Airport Storage for City Equipment, 4231 Airport Hangar St (38.87480759, -98.80931803)
- Visitor Center Building at Historic Park, 135 E 8th St (38.8933, -98.85933)

Proposed Work and Purpose:

After the incident period between 5/19/2024, Kansas sustained Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding, which resulted in damage to city-wide buildings at the above locations. The proposed repairs will include work to several roofing systems, as well as the repair and replacement of window systems, exterior siding, and interior ceiling panels. The Total cost of the project is \$286,566.07 and work has not yet been completed.

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

The City of Russell is located within a Special Flood Hazard Area as determined by the Russell County Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number 200315C, dated 2/1/2008. The proposed work required to conform to all applicable Federal, State of Kansas, and local floodplain regulations.

Project Alternatives:

The possible alternatives include No Action and Relocation of facility. *No action* is not practicable because the damages to the city-wide buildings and facilities lower the integrity of the structures and lowers the quality of their public impact. *Relocation of the facility* alternative is not feasible due to the significant cost and complexity of facility relocation and the facility accessibility to the community which it serves.

Comment Period:

Comments are solicited from the public – local, tribal, state, and federal agencies, as well as other interested parties – to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project on the community. Interested persons may submit comments, questions or may request a map of this specific project by writing to: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 7, 11224 Holmes Road, Kansas City, MO 64131, or by email to fema-r7-ehp-publiccomment@fema.dhs.gov. Please send comments with the subject line “Russell County, KS; PA-07-KS-4811-PW00031: Project 799668-City of Russell City-wide Building Damage – Repairs COMMENT”.

All comments are due by no later than 15 days of the posted date of this notice.

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End of Notice