

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The City of Baxter 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 for 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 a public notice of any proposed actions. 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 with all applicable federal, tribal, state, and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions.

**Applicant:** City of Baxter

**Project Title:** 2022 Baxter FEMA Generator Project

**Location of Proposed Work:** Within the Boundaries of The City of Baxter. The properties are in the following areas.

1. Two (2) properties at 410 Elm Street ,
2. One (1) property at 200 Main Street,
3. One (1) property at 216 Broad Street
4. One (1) property at 695 Ward Mill Road

**Name of Structure:** Five (5) Properties within the boundaries of Baxter TN

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**Project:** The City of Baxter is submitting for funding a Hazard Mitigation Application to purchase and install generators for emergency power in the event of a loss of utility power. This installation of generators will help our community significantly reduce or eliminate future risk to lives and property from natural hazards such as flooding, tsunamis, ice storms, tornadoes, severe weather and earthquakes.

**Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:** This project is for the installation of five (5) generators. Confirmation of location in an SFHA was made by reference to the latest Flood Insurance Rate Map. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of Tennessee and local floodplain regulations. The proposed work will be to install the generators on concrete pads outside of the existing buildings.

## **Proposed Work and Purpose:**

The City of Baxter is requesting funds to purchase and install five generators at the city location described above. The purpose of this project is to protect residents in the event of a natural disaster or widespread power outages.

## **Project Alternatives:**

1. Install all 5 generators as proposed above with funding is the preferred.
2. Install 3 generators to be located in the fire department, police department, and emergency communication radio site.
3. Install any part of this grant that is acceptable under the grant guidelines.

4. No Action – this will leave all problems outlined as a risk if not completed.

**Comment Period:**

Comments are solicited from the public; local, state, or federal agencies; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to the City of Baxter. All comments are due within 30 days of this notice. The City of Baxter 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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**End of Notice**