WCTCOG Residential Safe Room Rebate Program Available to Individual Residents

West Central Texas Council of Governments Homeland Security Department has secured a grant award through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide a Residential Individual Safe Room Reimbursement Program. The Residential Individual Safe Room Reimbursement Program provides financial reimbursement for the construction of residential storm shelters, aiming to enhance community safety and resilience against severe weather events.

Grant Purpose:

This grant will provide reimbursement funding to assist with the construction of privately owned residential storm shelters at residences located in the following counties: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor, and Throckmorton. This program does not provide funding for community wide storm shelter construction.

Funding Details:

The award will provide a reimbursement of 50% of the project cost or a maximum of \$3,000 per project, whichever amount is lower. Each project must meet all the requirements of the program to be eligible. Applicants must receive an approval letter from the WCTCOG before purchase and/or installation of the saferoom. This program does not provide retroactive funding.

Project Goals:

The storm shelters will provide a safe place for residents during severe weather events, such as tornadoes and severe thunderstorms.

Eligibility:

- 1. Home must be located in one of the counties listed above
- 2. Applicants must own the land where installation will occur.
- 3. Must not lay in FEMA floodplain

Application Process:

Interested parties can find more information and application materials at West Central Texas Council of Government's website https://www.wctcog.org/residential-safe-room-program/ or email Jacob Marcotte at saferooms@westcentraltexas.org. Jacob may also be contacted during regular business hours by telephone at (325) 672-8544, extension 325.

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