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Agenda Item Request Form

BURNET COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT

Meetings – 9:00am – 1st through 4th Tuesday of Every Month

**NO ITEM WILL BE ON AN AGENDA
WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL BY A MEMBER OF COMMISSIONER'S COURT**

All **Contracts** must be approved by County Auditor's
And County Attorney's office prior to being on the Agenda

Agenda items and supporting documents are due to Court Coordinator's Office (Rm. 201) no later than noon on Thursday prior to the meeting date requested.

Ph: 512-715-5276 Fax: 512-715-5217 email: comcrt@burnetcountytexas.org

Presenters are to limit presentation time to no more than 5 minutes.

Today's Date: 4/4/2019
Commissioners Court Date 4/4/2019

Requested by Oakley

AGENDA ITEM:

Approval to accept for grant for Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) Disaster Relief (DR) Fund through the Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program for \$350,000 in support of debris removal and proper disposal.

Contract # 7219017

Judge Oakley

Commissioner Pct. 1 Luther

Commissioner Pct. 2 Beirele

Commissioner Pct. 3 Wall

Commissioner Pct. 4 Dockery

Signature pages for Texas DPS-GMS
Grant Management System is connected
to the FEMA grant which is connected
to the Dept. of Agriculture - CDBG
Disaster Relief Grant.

Designation of Subrecipient Agent

Texas Department of Public Safety - Texas Division of Emergency Management

Primary Contacts

Subrecipient: Burnet County Texas

Disaster Number(s): All

Grant Program: All

Primary Agent

Serves as the primary point of contact for projects.

Name: Jana Teague

Office Number: 512-715-5229

Position/Job Title: Grant Administrator

Fax Number: 512-715-5264

Organization/employer: Burnet County

Cell Number:

Email* jteague@burnetcountytexas.org

The Primary Agent will have full GMS access

Secondary Agent

Serves as the secondary point of contact for projects.

Name: Carole Poppema

Office Number: 512-756-5412

Position/Job Title: First Assistant Auditor

Fax Number: 512-715-5264

Organization/employer: Burnet County

Cell Number:

Email* cpoppema@burnetcountytexas.org

The Secondary Agent will have full GMS access

Primary Finance Agent

Serves as the primary point of contact for financial matters.

Name: Karin Smith

Office Number: 512-756-5495

Position/Job Title: Burnet County Auditor

Fax Number: 512-715-5264

Organization/employer: Burnet County

Cell Number:

Email* ksmith@burnetcountytexas.org

The Primary Finance Contact will have full GMS access

Certifying Official

Serves as the official representative of the organization.

Must possess the authority to obligate funds & enter into contracts for the organization.

Name: James Oakley

Office Number: 512-756-5400

Position/Job Title: Burnet County Judget

Fax Number:

Organization/employer: Burnet County

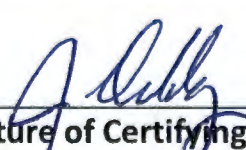
Cell Number:

Email* joakley@burnetcountytexas.org

GMS Access (pick 1) Full ☐ Read Only ☒ None ☐

The above Primary and Secondary Agents are hereby authorized to execute and file the application on behalf of this organization for the purpose of obtaining certain state and federal financial assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief & Emergency Assistance Act, (Public Law 93-288 as amended) or otherwise available. Primary Financial Agent and the Certifying Official are authorized to represent and act for this organization in all financial operations pertaining to this grant with the State of Texas. The Primary Agent will have authority to add or remove users within the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) Grant Management System (GMS) for all grants.

***Note: All email addresses must be unique to user**



Signature of Certifying Official

(Must be a Mayor, Judge, or Executive Director with the authority to obligate funds & enter into contracts for the organization)

Judge James Oakley

Print Name

Date

Designation of Subrecipient Agent

Texas Department of Public Safety - Texas Division of Emergency Management

Alternate Contacts (Optional)

Subrecipient: Burnet County Texas

Disaster Number(s): All

Grant Program: All

Alternate Contact

List any additional contact here

Name: Herb Darling

Office Number: 512-756-5437

Position/Job Title: Director of Development

Fax Number:

Organization/employer: Burnet County

Cell Number:

Email* hdarling@burnetcountytexas.org

GMS Access (pick 1) Full ☐ Read Only ☒ None ☐

If this contact replaces an existing contact, write their name below. Otherwise, leave blank or mark N/A

Alternate Contact

List any additional contact here

Name: Kathy Waechter

Office Number: 512-756-5401

Position/Job Title: Internal Auditor

Fax Number: 512-715-5264

Organization/employer: Burnet County

Cell Number:

Email* kwaechter@burnetcountytexas.org

GMS Access (pick 1) Full ☒ Read Only ☐ None ☐

If this contact replaces an existing contact, write their name below. Otherwise, leave blank or mark N/A

Alternate Contact

List any additional contact here

Name:

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Position/Job Title:

Fax Number:

Organization/employer:

Cell Number:

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Cell Number:

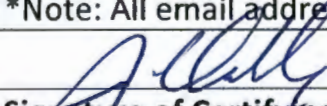
Email*

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If this contact replaces an existing contact, write their name below. Otherwise, leave blank or mark N/A

Additional Contacts are authorized to represent and act for this organization in all operations pertaining to this grant with the State of Texas.

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Signature of Certifying Official

(Must be a Mayor, Judge, or Executive Director with the authority to obligate funds & enter into contracts for the organization)

Judge James Oakley

Print Name

Date



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
COMMISSIONER SID MILLER

April 3, 2019

The Honorable James Oakley
County Judge, Burnet County
220 S. Pierce St.
Burnet, Texas 78611-2200

Dear Judge Oakley:

I am pleased to inform you that the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) has approved a Disaster Relief (DR) Fund award for the County of Burnet in the amount of \$350,000 in support of debris removal and proper disposal. This project will be funded through the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program as Contract No. 7219017.

The contract is being drafted and should be emailed to you via DocuSign for electronic signing. In addition, TDA acknowledges receipt of your pre-agreement request for administrative and engineering services in your application and approves the request. Costs incurred on or after January 23, 2019, may be considered eligible if all other federal, state, and program requirements have been met. The contract must be signed and returned within 30 days of receipt.

In an effort to ensure funds are spent in a timely manner, TDA requires any issues related to the approved project or threshold requirements related to administrative capacity or satisfactory performance to be addressed within 90 days after the date of this award letter (4 T.A.C. 30.31(b)). Any issues TDA brings to your attention must be addressed within this 90-day period so that the contract can be written and funding for the project secured.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of the citizens of Burnet County. Please feel free to contact TxCDBG Program Specialist Joe Midura at 512-936-7880 should you have any questions about this award.

Sincerely yours,

Suzanne Barnard
Office of Rural Affairs

SB/ELG/pm

USDA: ReConnect Loan and Grant Program

Eligible Funding Purposes

Award Funds may be used to pay for the following costs:

1. **To fund the construction or improvement of buildings, land, and other facilities that are required to provide broadband service.**
If other services will be provided over these facilities, then award funds may also be used to acquire the additional equipment. For example, award funds may be used to purchase equipment that is required to comply with the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act, 47 U.S.C. § 1001 et seq (CALEA).
2. **To fund reasonable pre-application expenses.**
Funding for pre-application expenses may not exceed five percent of the award amount. If the funding category applied for has a grant component, then grant funds will be used for this purpose; otherwise, loan funds may be applied. All pre-application expenses must be included in the first request for award funds. These expenses may be reimbursed only if they are incurred after the publication date of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) and are properly documented.
3. **To fund the acquisition and improvement of an existing system that is currently providing insufficient broadband service (eligible for 100 percent loan requests only).**
Funding for the acquisition of an existing system may not exceed 40 percent of the award amount. After improvements are made, the upgraded system must meet the requirements of this FOA.
4. **To fund terrestrial based facilities that support the provision of satellite broadband service.**

Funding Limits

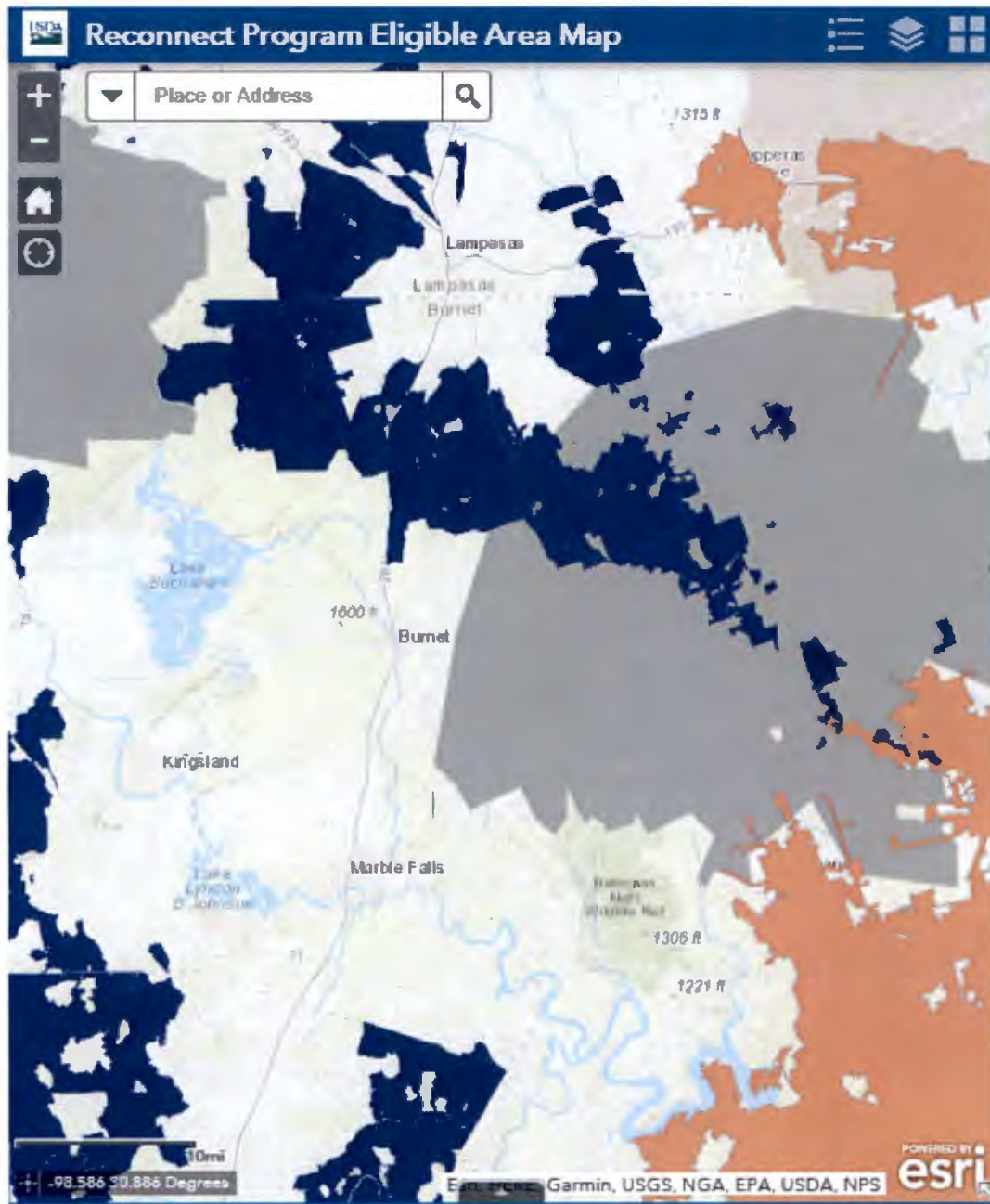
Award amounts under this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) will be limited as follows:

1. **100 Percent Grant.**
Up to \$200,000,000 is available for grants. The maximum amount that can be requested in an application is \$25,000,000. Applications are due to USDA by May 31, 2019.
2. **50 Percent Loan / 50 Percent Grant.**
Up to \$200,000,000 is available for loan/grant combinations. The maximum amount that can be requested in an application is \$25,000,000 for the loan and \$25,000,000 for the grant. Loan and grant amounts will always be equal. Applications are due to USDA by June 21, 2019.
3. **100 Percent Loan.**
Up to \$200,000,000 is available for loans. The maximum amount that can be requested in an application is \$50,000,000. Applications are due to USDA by July 12, 2019, though USDA will evaluate and award loan-only projects on a first-come-first-serve basis, beginning in April 2019.

CAF II - Auction 903 Winners. ReConnect funds cannot be used to build-out service areas that fall within the census block group(s) of CAF II Auction 903 recipients, unless the entity requesting additional support, is the CAF II recipient in that area. CAF II winners seeking additional funding to buildout its awarded census block groups, may only apply for funds under the 100% Loan offering.

Non-Rural Areas. This layer identifies all areas that are considered non-rural under the ReConnect Program; and therefore, ineligible for funding. A non-rural area is any city, town, or incorporated area that has a population of greater than 20,000 inhabitants or an urbanized area contiguous and adjacent to a city or town that has a population of greater than 50,000 inhabitants.

Protected Broadband Borrower Service Areas. All RUS Broadband Borrower's service areas that are protected under the ReConnect Program make up the Protected Broadband Borrower Service Area layer. Providers that serve areas supported by a previous RUS broadband loan or agreement are the only entities eligible to apply for ReConnect funds to serve those areas with upgraded service, but only if current service speeds are less than 10/1 mbps at households in the area.



**Limited Eligibility: CAF II - Auction 903
Winners**



**Limited Eligibility: Protected Broadband
Borrower Service Areas**



Not Eligible: Non-Rural Areas

