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REGIONAL COUNCIL CONTRACTS WITH THREE ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE BUSINESS RETENTION SERVICES

The Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments is partnering with the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration and three local economic development organizations to help mitigate the Coronavirus's (COVID-19) economic impact in Atchison, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway, and Worth Counties. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, signed into law by President Donald J. Trump, provides the Regional Council with \$400,000 to help communities prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. For more information about the Regional Council's EDA CARES Act grant, please contact Kim Mildward at (660) 582-5121 Ext. 2 or kim@nwmorcog.org.

To help local businesses, the Regional Council has contracted with three local economic development organizations to provide business retention services through June 30, 2022. The organizations will be meeting with local businesses to help them create, improve, or refine their business plans, products, and services. COVID-19 and its lingering effects are impacting each business or industry in the region. The virus has changed how local businesses operate in our current business climate. Business owners and management could use support during this time. Local economic development organizations that focus on business development, expansion, and retention are ready to assist.

The Regional Council has contracted with Atchison County Development Corporation, Nodaway County Economic Development, LLC, and Northwest Missouri Enterprise Facilitation. Any business within Atchison, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway, and Worth Counties can seek advice and resources through these organizations. Please call the organization contracted to work in the county your business is located to schedule an appointment.

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AFG-COVID-19 SUPPLEMENTAL (AFG-S) ROUND 2 APPLICATION PERIOD OPENS

FEMA is providing a second opportunity for volunteer and combination fire departments to apply for funding under the Fiscal Year 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program – COVID 19 Supplemental (AFG-S). Through this AFG-S Round 2 funding opportunity, FEMA will directly award funding for personal protective equipment (PPE) and other supplies to support coronavirus (COVID-19) response. This includes reimbursement for applicable PPE expenditures made since Jan. 1, 2020. Grants will be awarded, using a competitive process, to applicants whose requests best address the priorities of the AFG-S grant opportunity.

The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is available for \$31 million in funding for the Fiscal Year 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant – COVID-19 Supplemental Program (AFG-S) to help provide personal protective equipment to firefighters and first responders who are managing emergencies during the COVID-19 pandemic. FEMA will begin accepting AFG-S applications at 8 a.m. ET on Tuesday October 6, 2020. The application period will close at 5 p.m. ET on Nov. 13, 2020. The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program Office (AFGP) has developed tools to help potential applicants plan their AFG-S application ahead of the application period. These documents can be viewed on the AFGP website at <https://www.fema.gov/media-collection/fy-2020-assistance-firefighters-grant-program-covid-19-supplemental-afg-s?fbclid=IwAR3sSMRRYVanDw8Em1VBKFs7yzmfSdBk8EXvPx88AyTnsOomKIdaLq9Y5xQ>.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Site

The Household Hazardous Waste Collection site is a drive-up/drop-off service located at 1516 E. Halsey Street, Maryville, Missouri. The next collection is scheduled for November 7 from 8:00-noon. Please visit our website at nwmorcog.org for more information on what waste materials are accepted. This service is available to the residents within our five-county region. This will be the last opportunity until spring.

THREE LONG-TERM RECOVERY FLOOD PROJECTS FUNDED

Atchison and Holt Counties are several entities that suffered extensive damage from the Missouri River Flood of 2019. The damages commenced in March with rising river levels and levee failures and continued in some areas throughout the year. Assessments of the damage areas were completed by both Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and U. S. Department of Agriculture - National Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS). The Damaged Assessment Reports were needed to apply for funding through the Missouri Department of Economic Development-Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG).

Holt County, Fortescue Special Road District and Phelps City Special Road District received notice they were awarded Long-Term Recovery funds from CDBG early in October to make the necessary flood repairs. Holt County received \$532,346, Fortescue Special Road District received \$699,727, and Phelps City Special Road District in Atchison County received \$270,436 from CDBG. The three projects together were estimated at \$5,750,000 in damages. CDBG funds will assist the entities with 25% match and FEMA or NRCS will contribute 75%. All three projects received major damage to roads that were washed out or from drainage ditches that were filled with debris or sediment from the floodwaters that remained for months. These projects will be restored to pre-flood conditions.

PLAN IMPLEMENTATION EDUCATION EVENT

Reading materials for the book series “Why Should I Recycle” went out during National Recycling Week to all school librarians in the Solid Waste Region, District A. This is an 8-week series with a book focus for each month and accompanying newsletters. The NW MO Regional Solid Waste Management District is sponsoring two virtual assembly programs in late October. This assembly titled “The Compost and Food Waste Assembly” will be presented by Stan Slaughter, the Eco-Troubadour.

MFA VOLUNTEER FIRE GRANT

The MFA Volunteer Fire Grant focuses on addressing the needs of the fire service who will benefit the most. While no fire department has all the funding necessary, rural fire departments often struggle the most. Depending on the availability of funds, the goal is to award grants to at least one recipient in each of

the nine Fire Mutual Aid Regions in Missouri. It is a requirement of the grant for your agency to be registered with the Missouri Division of Fire Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal. The MFA Volunteer Fire Grant is dedicated to providing funds that will benefit the fire service in Missouri.

Application period: Oct. 1–Nov. 30, 2020

Award notifications: After Feb. 1, 2021

<https://extension.missouri.edu/.../mfa-volunteer-fire-grant>

GRANT CITY RECEIVES SOLID WASTE GRANT

The City of Grant City was approved by Missouri Department of Natural Resources for a multi-purpose court project to be installed at the city park for community use. The court will be made from recycled materials.

ASSESSMENT INVENTORY QUESTIONNAIRES

Assessment Inventory questionnaires will be going out soon to all District A schools, city and county officials and trash haulers or contractors. This information will be used as a guide in the development of local recycling opportunities, focusing on areas where no current recycling infrastructure exists and to enhance recycling programs that are already in place. Please return those questionnaires by November 30, 2020.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

October 20 & 21: Virtual Schools Composting Assemblies

November 7: Household Hazardous Waste Collection, 8 a.m. – 12 noon, Nodaway County Maintenance Barn

November 11: RCOG and Job Center Closed

November 25: RCOG and Job Center Closed

November 26: RCOG Closed

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