

Disaster Relief Funding Available for Areas Affected by Hurricanes Ike & Dolly

Kilgore, TX - The Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) will release \$9,224,823.25 in federal funding for the East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) to distribute disaster relief funds to cities and counties affected by hurricanes Ike and Dolly. Counties eligible for these grant funds include Anderson, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Marion, Panola, Rusk, Smith, and Upshur. ETCOG will host a series of public hearings to obtain comments on the proposed distribution of funding for necessary expenses related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, and restoration of infrastructure, housing and economic revitalization in areas affected by the hurricanes.

To determine the grant distribution process, ETCOG will also host two Public Hearings to receive public comments. The hearings will be held Monday, February 16, at 10:00 AM and Wednesday, February 18, at 2:00 PM at ETCOG offices.

For more information, contact Community & Economic De

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About ETCOG

The East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) is a voluntary association of counties, cities, school districts and special districts within the fourteen-county East Texas region. ETCOG assists local governments in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit and coordinating for sound regional development. Established 1970, ETCOG, either directly, or through its contractors, provides programs and services for East Texas seniors, employers, and job seekers. ETCOG and its contractors also builds the 9-1-1 emergency call delivery system, provides peace officer training and homeland security planning services; and delivers rural transportation services, business finance programs, and environmental grant funding for its region.

THANK YOU!

The Family of Hazel Denman Sessions wishes to thank you for the kindness and generosity shown to us during our time of grief.

The cards, flowers, food, telephone calls and the visits gave us much needed comfort.

May God Bless each of you.

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