

Town of Cottonwood Approved for \$682,975 CDBG Urgent Need Grant



The Town of Cottonwood has been awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) under the Urgent Need Fund in the amount of \$682,975 from the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) to construct a new fire station. The Cottonwood Fire Station was destroyed by an EF-2 tornado with winds of 130 mph on the morning of January 9, 2024. The fire department is currently utilizing a local farmer's barn and the Hodgesville Fire Department to house their fire trucks and fire equipment. "The award of this project will allow the Town of Cottonwood to address this urgent situation and construct a new fire station allowing emergency services to continue to be provided in a reliable and efficient manner," stated Randy Hall, Cottonwood Fire Chief. Mr. Hall also thanked Senator Donnie Chesteen, Representative Paul Lee, Houston County Commission Chairman Brandon Shoupe, and ADECA Director Kenneth Boswell for their assistance in providing this much needed funding to rebuild the Cottonwood Fire Station. SEARP&DC was pleased to have provided assistance to the Town of Cottonwood through the development of the grant application and will provide grant administrative services. The project is being designed by Mr. Andrew Gosselin with Gosselin Architecture. Construction is expected to begin in early 2025.