

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CARTER COUNTY, OK--Residents of Carter County including the towns of Dickson, Gene Autry, Healdton, Lone Grove, Ratliff City, Springer, Tatums and Wilson are invited to register for the Carter County ISR (Individual Safe Room Rebate) Program, Phase III on February 19th and 20th.

The ISR Program is designed to reimburse individuals 75% (up to \$2000.00) of the actual cost of the installation of a safe room. Thanks to a federal grant program administered by the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management through funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

For the purpose of this program, any type of safe room is eligible for the rebate as long as it meets or exceeds the specifications set forth in the current versions of FEMA Publications 320/361 and/or ICC 500.

There are some requirements and specific criteria that must be met to qualify for the program; for instance, recipients of the rebates must own the property and it must be the primary residence. Mobile home owners must own the land where the shelter will be placed, and perhaps the most important, the rebate will not be available to property owners who have received a rebate previously.

Three Community Signup Meetings are scheduled to allow interested persons to acquire information and apply for the program. Meeting locations are:

February 19th 8:30am—12:00pm
Healdton City Hall
City Council Meeting Room
167 Franklin, Healdton, OK

February 19th 1:00pm—5:00pm
Lone Grove Fire Department
16729 US HWY 70, Lone Grove, OK

February 20th 9:00am—6:00pm
Carter County Emergency Management Office
35 A Street SW, Ardmore, OK

Residents can attend any meeting, but only one member of each household need apply.

Representatives of Carter County Emergency Management, and the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management will be on hand to assist individuals in the application process as well as answer questions pertaining to the rebate and grant process.