

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE April 9, 2021

TO Honorable Members of Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT **Proposed Sites for Backup Generator Power at Warming Centers**

1. Warming Centers

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) will activate warming centers when the National Weather Service (NWS) forecast daytime high temperatures at $< 32^{\circ}$ for a period of 48 hours or more. When met, all recreation centers and libraries are designated as “warming centers” during normal hours. Managers of warming centers will talk to people who come in to escape the extended cold and determine if they need overnight shelter. If there is an overwhelming need to open an overnight shelter, OEM will work closely with Parks and Recreation to identify a center as an overnight shelter.

2. February 2021 Winter Storm Limitations

During the February 2021 Winter Storm this plan was not executed because these facilities were also impacted by the rolling power outages. Not being able to ensure power availability at our facilities made them inadequate to serve at warming centers. OEM acted quickly to the situation and worked with Procurement Services to contract charter bus companies to provide mobile warming centers in areas of most need.

3. Backup Generators

To prevent this situation from occurring again, OEM proposes the installation of permanent generators at one recreation center and one library in each council district. A generator would be installed at each facility so there is no down time during a power outage emergency. In coordination with our partner departments we have proposed one library and recreation center per district. We encourage feedback on the proposed locations as we prepare for the next phase of the project.

4. Next Steps

Currently, we are determining the facilities most in need of backup generator power, however a funding source has yet to be identified. Once we receive feedback on the proposed facility locations, and a funding source is confirmed, OEM will work with Building Services Department to identify vendor for quoting the project. The installation of generator power will require upgrades to current electrical infrastructure to meet federal electrical code guidelines. Generators of this size will need to be custom ordered to meet the needs of each facility. Each project could take 18-24 months to complete. Subject to appropriations or other funding opportunities, OEM will prioritize the list based on community vulnerability in the areas around the identified facilities.

5. Proposed Libraries

Libraries			
Name	Address	District	Census Tract Poverty Rating
NORTH OAK CLIFF BRANCH LIBRARY	302 W 10TH ST	1	4034 people in tract, of those, 735 are below the Federal poverty line (18.2%).
GRAUWYLER PARK BRANCH LIBRARY	2146 GILFORD ST	2	3244 people in tract, of those, 813 are below the Federal poverty line (25.1%).
MOUNTAIN CREEK BRANCH LIBRARY	6102 MOUNTAIN CREEK PKWY	3	3641 people in tract, of those, 240 are below the Federal poverty line (6.6%).
PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR LANCASTER-KIEST BRANCH LIBRARY	2008 E KIEST BLVD	4	4751 people in tract, of those, 1,851 are below the Federal poverty line (39.0%).
PLEASANT GROVE BRANCH LIBRARY	7310 LAKE JUNE RD	5	3991 people in tract, of those, 1,176 are below the Federal poverty line (29.5%).
DALLAS WEST BRANCH LIBRARY	2332 SINGLETON BLVD	6	5240 people in tract, of those, 2,148 are below the Federal poverty line (41.0%).
SKYLINE BRANCH LIBRARY	6006 EVERGLADE RD	7	7611 people in tract, of those, 1,444 are below the Federal poverty line (19.0%).
KLEBERG-RYLIE BRANCH LIBRARY	1301 EDD RD	8	5946 people in tract, of those, 1,029 are below the Federal poverty line (17.3%).
LOCHWOOD BRANCH LIBRARY	11221 LOCHWOOD BLVD	9	8153 people in tract, of those, 601 are below the Federal poverty line (7.4%).
AUDELIA ROAD BRANCH LIBRARY	10045 AUDELIA RD	10	3918 people in tract, of those, 398 are below the Federal poverty line (10.2%).
FRETZ PARK BRANCH LIBRARY	6990 BELT LINE RD	11	3902 people in tract, of those, 553 are below the Federal poverty line (14.2%).
RENNER-FRANKFORD BRANCH LIBRARY	6400 FRANKFORD RD	12	4216 people in tract, of those, 353 are below the Federal poverty line (8.4%).
PRESTON ROYAL BRANCH LIBRARY	5626 ROYAL LN	13	1650 people in tract, of those, 20 are below the Federal poverty line (1.2%).
LAKWOOD BRANCH LIBRARY	6121 WORTH ST	14	2751 people in tract, of those, 502 are below the Federal poverty line (18.2%).

6. Proposed Recreation Centers

Recreation Centers			
Name	Address	District	Census Tract Poverty Rating
Kidd Springs	711 W. Canty	1	4034 people in tract, of those, 735 are below the Federal poverty line (18.2%).
Samuell Grand	6200 E. Grand	2	3641 people in tract, of those, 240 are below the Federal poverty line (6.6%).
Thurgood Marshall	5150 Mark Trail	3	8041 people in tract, of those, 1,804 are below the Federal poverty line (22.4%).
Kiest	3080 S. Hampton	4	5994 people in tract, of those, 494 are below the Federal poverty line (8.2%).
Pleasant Oaks	8701 Greenmound	5	9056 people in tract, of those, 2,045 are below the Federal poverty line (22.6%).
Jaycee Zaragoza	3114 Clymer	6	6103 people in tract, of those, 755 are below the Federal poverty line (12.4%).
Martin Luther King	2901 Pennsylvania Ave.	7	2285 people in tract, of those, 763 are below the Federal poverty line (33.4%).
Singing Hills	6805 Patrol Way	8	5131 people in tract, of those, 1,208 are below the Federal poverty line (23.5%).
Harry Stone	2403 Millmar	9	8118 people in tract, of those, 1,770 are below the Federal poverty line (21.8%).
Willie B. Johnson	12225 Willowdell	10	6700 people in tract, of those, 935 are below the Federal poverty line (14.0%).
Fretz	6994 Beltline Rd.	11	3902 people in tract, of those, 553 are below the Federal poverty line (14.2%).
Timberglen	3810 Timberglen Dr.	12	4883 people in tract, of those, 715 are below the Federal poverty line (14.6%).
Walnut Hill	10011 Midway	13	2112 people in tract, of those, 13 are below the Federal poverty line (0.6%).
Exall	1355 Adair	14	2258 people in tract, of those, 491 are below the Federal poverty line (21.7%).

If you have any questions or would like to change the proposed library or recreation center in your District, please contact Adam Traylor with the Office of Emergency Management at adam.traylor@dallascityhall.com or 214-670-5549.



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Proposed Backup Generator Warming Center Sites

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-  Dallas
- Recreation Center**
-  Yes
- Library**
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