

**COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

November 14, 2017
301 Jackson Street
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Richmond, Texas 77469
281-341-4410

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about December 5, 2017 Fort Bend County will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383), as amended to undertake the following:

Project Nature/Scope

This sanitary sewer improvement project involves installing a 300 to 375 kw generator at the wastewater treatment plant to supply backup electrical power to the wastewater plant facility. This project will provide adequate backup electrical power during power outages to ensure sanitary sewer service would be provided to residents in the entire City of Arcola.

Project Location

The City of Arcola is located in the southeast portion of Fort Bend County. The City limits are located south of Fresh Water Supply District No. 1, North of Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 141, west of Pearland and east of Sienna Plantation. This water system improvement project involves installing a generator on a 17.725 acre tract of land owned by the City east of F.M. 521 and south of the railroad.

Funding Sources

\$318,304 CDBG
\$26,060 City Funds

Project Nature/Scope

The City of Rosenberg desires to address an ongoing deficiency of inadequate water pressure and water volume in the entire northern portion of the City. The project area can be generally defined by the Brazos River as the northern boundary, Elm Street as the western boundary, Walnut Street and Avenue E as the southern boundary and Eighth Street as the eastern boundary. The City's water production facilities are all located south of the railroad. This entire project area is currently served by three upgraded 12-inch waterlines which cross the railroad to this area in north Rosenberg. These three lines are tied together by an upgraded 12" water line loop on Avenue D. To continue improvements in this area, the City intends to replace approximately 3,000 ft. of aging undersized 6" water line laterals as indicated on the proposed project map, improving additional distribution connections from the completed 12" loop which will further improve service to the residents of the area.

Project Location

The City of Rosenberg is located in southwest Fort Bend County. The specific project Area can be generally described as the area defined by the Brazos River as the northern boundary, Elm Street as the western boundary, Walnut Street and Avenue E as the southern boundary and Eighth Street as the eastern boundary.

Funding Sources

\$353,804 CDBG

\$75,200 City Funds

Project Nature/Scope

This project in the north side of Richmond will reconstruct by pipe bursting method approximately 3,100 linear feet of sanitary sewer line and replacing with new lines. The contractor will perform CCTV inspection of these lines along with cleaning obstruction removal, point repairs, service replacements, and pipe reconstruction by pipe bursting, slip-lining, and cured in place methods. Included will be approximately eighty-one sewer service connections. It is anticipated that some pavement and driveway repairs will be done during connections.

Project Location

All work will be done in the North Richmond area of the City of Richmond. The sewer improvements will be on Concord Street, Trenton Street and Yorktown Street

Funding Sources

\$289,604 CDBG

\$70,172 City Funds

Project Nature/Scope

This project involves installing approximately 1,550 linear feet of new 12" and 180 linear feet of new 6" polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipe water line along Braxton Road to increase pressure and flow throughout the City. Along with installing the pipe, new water valves, fittings and service connections will be installed in various locations in the City of Kendleton. Construction plans will provide for replacing paving or driveways required to be removed for the installation of the new water line.

Project Location

The new water pipe will be installed within the street right-of-ways of Braxton Road in the City limits of Kendleton. All of the street right of way is owned and maintained by the City of Kendleton.

Funding Sources

\$319,904 CDBG

\$26,130 City Funds

Project Nature and Scope

This project involves replacement of approximately 550 linear feet of 4" pipe and 500 liner feet of 6" pipe with 8" feet of linear pipe along Vancouver Blvd. The additional footage makes progress toward establishing a loop around the area. This project is Phase 6 of a multi-phase project to rehabilitate the Fort Bend County MUD 19's water system.

Project Location

The Riverwood Village subdivision is in the City of Richmond ETJ and is bordered on the north by the Brazos River, on the west by Pleasant Gully, on the south by the Southern Pacific Railroad and partially on the east by an irrigation canal.

Funding Sources

\$132,804 CDBG

Project Nature/Scope

This housing rehabilitation project provides minor home repairs including but not limited to roof, exterior and interior repairs to homes of elderly, disabled, and/or low- to moderate income persons who own and occupy their homes. In addition, the project offers septic system installation to homes of eligible clients. The homes must be located in Fort Bend County communities. Approximately 40 households will benefit from this program.

Project Location

Tiered Review - Provide tiered review for minor housing repair of approximately \$5,000 each for houses owned and occupied by low and moderate households. Houses are scattered sites throughout Fort Bend and will be determined by Fort Bend County

Funding Sources

\$255,805 CDBG

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Fort Bend County has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Fort Bend County Community Development Department, 301 Jackson, Suite 602, Richmond, Texas 77469 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Fort Bend County Community Development Department. All comments received by December 4, 2017 will be considered by Fort Bend County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

Fort Bend County certifies to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that Robert E. Hebert in his capacity as Fort Bend County Judge consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the Fort Bend County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and Fort Bend County's Certification received by December 20, 2017 or a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the County of Fort Bend approved by HUD; (b) the County of Fort Bend has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to HUD, 1301 Fannin St., Suite 2200, Houston, Texas 77002. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Robert E. Hebert
Fort Bend County Judge