# NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNFICANT IMPACT AND

# NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

## September 16, 2021

Red River County

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**These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Red River County.**

# REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about October 5, 2021*,* Red River Countywill submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculturefor the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Section 104 (F) of the Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as Red River County TxCDBG #7220381for the purpose of the following:

Street Improvements: Contractor shall reconstruct road to remove potential threat to public safety and improves access. Contractor, utilizing County forces, shall install approximately eight thousand two hundred twenty-eight linear feet (8,228 l.f.) of street utilizing road base material, cold mix asphalt, and all associated appurtenances

Water Improvements: Contractor shall install water lines to provide access to public water service. Contractor shall install approximately twenty-one thousand eight hundred sixty linear feet (21,860 l.f.) of four-inch (4’’) water lines,boring, valves, service reconnections, and all associated appurtenances.

Rehabilitation: Single-Unit Water Service: Contractor shall provide first-time water access to nine (9) households. Contractor shall install nine (9) water yard lines and all associated appurtenances. TxCDBG funds shall not fund a yard service line on private property to a household that does not qualify as LMI. Residents will be served by the Red River County Water Supply Corporation. Project Locations are as follows:

**Street Improvements**:

Along From To

County Road 1473 Hwy 271 Hwy 271 (loop)

County Road 2127 County Road 2140 Approx. 1,700 l.f. east

County Road 3350 FM 114 Approx. 3,168 l.f. north

County Road 4222 FM 412 Approx. 1,215 l.f. northwest

**Water Improvements:**

Along From To

FM 1159 Pecan Bayou Approx. 21,860 l.f. northeast

Administration Activities – will include all associated administration work.

Engineering Activities - will include all associated engineering work.

The activities will be funded by the Office of Rural Affairs of the Texas Department of Agriculture with $275,000 in funds allocated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Community Development Block Grant, Community Development Program. Red River County will contribute an additional $31,000.00 in matching funds from force account work and its general fund.

# FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

# Red River Countyhas 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 Red River County Courthouse Annex, 200 N. Walnut, Clarksville, Texas 75426 and may be examined or copied Monday through Thursday 9 A.M to 4 P.M. A digital or mailed copy of the ERR may be obtained by contacting Camille Hines, via email at rrc.auditor@co.red-river.tx.us.

# PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the office of the County Judge. Comments may also be submitted via email to Charles Edwards with Resource Management & Consulting Co. at charles@grant-consultant.com. All comments received by October 4, 2021 will be considered by Red River County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

# ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Red River County certifies to the Texas Department of Agriculture that L.D. Williamson, in his capacity as 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. The Texas Department of Agriculture’s approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Red River County to use Program funds.

# OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

## The Texas Department of Agriculture will accept objections to its release of fund and Red River County’s certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual 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 of the Red River County; (b) Red River County 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 development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Texas Department of Agriculture; 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, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Annessa Lewis, Environmental Review Specialist at cdbg\_envreview@texasagriculture.gov. Potential objectors should contact the Texas Department of Agriculture via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

## L.D. Williamson, County Judge