

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

October 9, 2018

Hunt County
2500 Lee Street
Greenville, TX 75401
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Hunt County.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about October 30, 2018, Hunt County will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the release of Community Development Block Grant, Small Towns Environment Program 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 TxCDBG STEP Contract # 7218006 for the purpose of Water Improvements. The contractor, in conjunction with the Shady Grove Special Utility District (SUD), shall utilize a combination of volunteer labor and contracted services to provide first-time water access to thirty-nine (39) households in the target area.

Construction shall consist of the installation of approximately twenty-two thousand four hundred thirty linear feet (22,430 LF) of four-inch (4") PVC water line, three (3) post hydrants, valves, boring, and all associated appurtenances.

Contract labor shall be utilized for specialized work. Equipment rental for specialty tools and equipment may be utilized for this project. Equipment rental for use on this project may take place on an hourly basis for actual project time if approved by the Department and documented as required. Construction shall occur on CR 4108, FM 2736, CR 4109, CR 4110, and Country Place Road.

Rehabilitation: Single-Unit Water Service – Contractor shall use volunteer labor to provide service connections to thirty-two (32) households. TxCDBG funds shall not be utilized to pay for cost of yard lines on properties that do not qualify as low-to-moderate income households. Construction shall occur on CR 4108, FM 2736, CR 4109, CR 4110, and Country Place Road.

Acquisition – Contractor shall acquire the easements needed for the water line improvements. Contractor shall carry out all acquisition of needed real property, easements, and/or rights-of-way in compliance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C.Sec.4601 et. seq.) and HUD implementing regulations (24 C.F.R. Part 42).

Administration – Will include all associated administration work.

Engineering – Will include all associate administration work.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Hunt 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 Hunt County Court House, County Judge's office at 2500 Lee Street, Greenville, TX 75401 and at Resource Management & Consulting Co., 3729 Lamar Avenue, Paris, TX 75460, where the ERR is available for review and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Hunt County. All comments received by October 29, 2018 will be considered by Hunt County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Hunt County certifies to the Texas Department of Agriculture that Jim Latham in his capacity as Hunt County Judge Pro Tem 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 Hunt County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Texas Department of Agriculture will accept objections to its release of fund and Hunt 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 Hunt County; (b) Hunt 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 Pam Wozniak, Environmental Specialist at P. O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711. Potential objectors should contact The Texas Department of Agriculture to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Jim Latham
Hunt County Judge Pro Tem