

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

Date of Notice: 9/17/2020

Bandera County, P.O. Box 877, 500 Main Street, Bandera, TX 78003-0877, (830) 796-3781

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about 10/6/2020, Bandera County will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture - Office of Rural Affairs (TDA-ORA) for the release of Texas Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383), as amended, to undertake a project known as Water Improvements 7219020, for the purpose of Administrative and Engineering Fees and Services and proposes to install approximately 520 linear feet (LF) of 6-inch water line, service reconnections, valves, pavement repair, fire hydrants and all associated appurtenances crossing the Medina Lake feeder channel from the dead-end of Pebble Beach Rd to the dead-end of Jones Beach Rd. If funds allow, the County proposes to install fire hydrants on Pebble Beach Rd from Jones Beach Rd to Blue Gill Rd, Lake Hills, Bandera County, Texas. Bandera County has been awarded \$275,000 in grant funds and shall contribute \$13,750 in match funds.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Bandera 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 Bandera County Courthouse, 500 Main Street, Bandera, TX 78003-0877 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. A digital copy of the ERR may be obtained by contacting Marcia Short, Judge's Secretary, via email (marcias@banderacounty.org) or phone (830) 796-3781.

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 to marcias@banderacounty.org. All comments received by 10/5/2020 will be considered by Bandera County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Bandera County certifies to TDA-ORA that Richard Evans in their 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. TDA-ORA approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows Bandera County to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

TDA-ORA will accept objections to its release of funds and Bandera 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 Bandera County approved by TDA-ORA (b) Bandera 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 TDA-ORA; 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 Pamela Wozniak, Environmental Review Specialist of The Texas Department of Agriculture - Office of Rural Affairs, via Pamela.Wozniak@TexasAgriculture.gov or CDBG_EnvReview@TexasAgriculture.gov. Potential objectors should contact TDA-ORA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Richard Evans, County Judge