

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

March 13, 2020

Fort Bend County
301 Jackson St.
Richmond, Texas, 77469
281-342-3411

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Fort Bend County, Texas.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about April 2, 2020 the Fort Bend County will submit a request to the Texas General Land Office (TGLO) for the release of Fort Bend County CDBG-DR funds under the Continuing Appropriations and Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017, and Zika Response and Preparedness Act (Public Law 114-223), enacted on September 29, 2016, the Further Continuing and Security Assistance Appropriations Act, 2017 (Public Law 114-254), enacted on December 10, 2016, and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 (Public Law 115-31), enacted on May 5, 2017, to facilitate disaster recovery, restoration, and economic revitalization and to affirmatively further fair housing, in accordance with Executive Order 12892, in areas affected by the Texas Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding (DR-4266), the Texas Severe Storms and Flooding (DR-4269), and the Texas Severe Storms and Flooding (DR-4272), which are Presidentially-declared major disaster areas under Title IV of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. § 5121, et seq.) to undertake a project known as Single-Unit Residential Housing Buyout, DR2016CDBG for the purpose of provide funding for a voluntary housing buyout program for predominantly low-and-moderate-income homeowners and homeowners who are defined as urgent need who live in the floodway and floodplain who were impacted by the 2016 Tax Day and Memorial Day floods. Fort Bend County estimates that 79 owner-occupants will be assisted through this program, but funding will be based upon the number of eligible applications and available funding. The program will be administrated County-wide. The properties purchased with funds provided under this program will be used for green space or for a use that is defined by the Federal Register. Final use deed restrictions will be recorded in perpetuity at closing. Total available housing funds as of today's date for this program are approximately \$8,000,591.33. To facilitate environmental review of the proposed activities throughout the County, Fort Bend County is implementing a tiered environmental review approach in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 58.15. The environmental Review Record (ERR) is tiered as an Environmental Assessment (24 CFR 58.35 subpart E) subject to laws and authorities at 24 CFR 58.5, 24 CFR 58.6, and NEPA analysis.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The 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 Fort Bend County, 301 Jackson St. Richmond, Texas, 77469, and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Fort Bend County. All comments received by April 1, 2020 will be considered by the Fort Bend County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Fort Bend County certifies to the TGLO that KP George 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. TGLO'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

TGLO will accept objections to its release of fund and the Fort Bend County 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 Fort Bend County (b) the Fort Bend 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 HUD/State; 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 Mr. Chris Reynolds at Texas General Land Office via PO Box 12873, Austin, TX 78711-2873 or by email at jill.seed.glo@recovery.texas.gov. Potential objectors should contact TGLO to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

KP George, County Judge Fort Bend County