

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

June 10, 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 – City of Arcola.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about June 30, 2020 the Fort Bend County will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of 2019 Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program Grant #CDBG B-19-UC-48-0004 under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Title 1 Part 24, Section 570, Public Law 93-383, as amended; 42 U.S.C 5301-5321 and Section 108 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, that it possesses the legal authority to make the pledge of grants required under 24 CFR 570.705(b)(2). to undertake the following project known as the City of Arcola – Water Treatment Plant. The installation of a new Water Plant is to provide the citizens with a clean and reliable water source of sufficient quality to meet local, state and national drinking water standards. The entire water system will be designed to meet all applicable requirements of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and is expected to meet anticipated flow needs for the citizens of Arcola. It is anticipated that, in addition to health benefits to Arcola residents, the plant will attract new businesses, thereby enhancing the tax base. General construction activities include: Project activities include construction of a 1,200 GPM water well, 15,000 gallon Hydroneumatic Tank, 280,000 gal. Ground Storage Tank (including foundation), Booster Pump Station, Emergency power generator including sound attenuating enclosure complete in place, and a Control building. Additional general Site earth work, drainage improvements & electrical improvements associated with the plant will occur as needed. Some site grading and paving will be installed to provide pedestrian and vehicle access around components.

Total area of disturbance is approximately 1.5 acres on southeast corner of City-owned lot. Proposed new water plant is located on State Highway 6, 1 Acre - City owned property west of Highway 521 Arcola, TX 77583. Project cost estimate – CDBG Grant \$606,500.00 and Section 108 Loan amount of \$3,384,000.

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). The ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to Fort Bend County, 301 Jackson St. Richmond, Texas, 77469, or by email to: Marilynn.Kindell@fortbendcountytexas.gov The ERR can be accessed online at the following website <https://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/government/departments-a-d/community-development>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Fort Bend County. All comments received by June 29, 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

Fort Bend County certifies to HUD 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. 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 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; 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) addressed to HUD Regional Environmental Office, U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Houston Field Office, Region VI, 1301 Fannin, Suite 2200, Houston, TX 77002. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

KP George, County Judge - Fort Bend County