

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

July 18, 2018

Lamar County
119 N. Main St.
Paris, Texas 75460
903-737-2410

On or about July 31, 2018, the County of Lamar will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture for 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 2018 TxCDBG Disaster Relief Contract for Street Improvements for the purpose of repairing county roads damaged by 2018 floods. Contractor shall utilize funds to repair county roads and associated drainage. County road damage extends throughout Lamar County and includes 45 roads. Estimated funding for the project will be \$200,000.00

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act NEPA requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at Lamar County Courthouse at 119 North Main Street, Paris, Texas or at Resource Management & Consulting Co. at 3729 Lamar Avenue, Paris, Texas, where ERR can be examined and 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 Lamar County. All comments received by July 30, 2018 will be considered by the County of Lamar prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The County of Lamar certifies to the Texas Department of Agriculture that M. C. Superville Jr., in his capacity as Lamar 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 the County of Lamar to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Texas Department of Agriculture will accept objections to its release of funds and Lamar 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 County of Lamar; (b) the County of Lamar 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 Environmental Compliance at the Texas Department of Agriculture, 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.

M. C. Superville Jr.
County Judge, Lamar County