

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

July 1, 2021
City of Gonzales,
820 St. Joseph Street
Gonzales, TX. 78629
(830) 672-2815

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Gonzales

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about July 19, 2021, the City of Gonzales will submit a request to the Texas General Land Office (GLO), who is acting in the role of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of federal Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery ("CDBG-DR") program to provide financial assistance with funds appropriated under the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018 and Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2017 (Public Law 115-56), enacted on September 8, 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 Hurricane Harvey (DR-4332), 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.).

Through CDBG-DR Federal Award Number B-17-DM-48-0001, awarded February 9, 2018, as amended August 14, 2018, and as may be further amended from time to time, the GLO administers grant funds as Community Development Block Grants (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 14.218, "Community Development Block Grants/State's program and Non-Entitlement Grants in Hawaii"), as approved by the Texas Land Commissioner, and limited to use for facilitating recovery efforts in Presidentially-declared major disaster areas.

Project Title: Wastewater Line Replacement

Project Location (City, County, State): The proposed project is located within the city limits of Gonzales, Gonzales County, Texas. The project is located within the existing right of way (ROW) of city owned roadways. The project limits consist of seven segments.

- Segment 1 begins at the intersection of North St. Joseph Street and St. Francis Street and travels east along St. Francis Street for approximately 1,577 feet and ends at the intersection of St. Francis Street and North College Street.
- Segment 2 includes North College Street until North College Street intersects with Cuero Street.
- Segment 3 begins at the intersection of Cuero Street and North College Street and terminates at Cuero Street and Church Street.
- Segment 4 begins at Church Street and terminates at the intersection of Church Street and Fisher Street.
- Segment 5 begins at the intersection of Church Street and Fisher Street and ends approximately 800 feet to the east of the intersection.
- Segment 6 extends between the intersection of St. Francis Street and North College and Cuero Street.
- Segment 7 extends from the intersection of Church Street and Cuero Street and Church Street and Fisher Street.

The project commences at 29.503472 N, 97.453672 W and terminates at 29.506203 N, 97.442339 W"

Project description:

The proposed project includes replacing seven segments with 15" or 6" polyvinyl chloride (PVC) wastewater lines, and installation of associated manholes. All work will be completed within an existing ROW and upon installation the lines will be tested and then the trenches backfilled. Under the proposed project, 4,200 linear feet trench will be excavated at a potential width of three feet, allowing for approximately 0.3 acres to be disturbed. Prior to construction, the contractor performing the construction activities will install erosion/sedimentation controls and will inspect the controls at weekly intervals and after significant rainfall. Upon completion of the project, if areas outside of the roadway (vegetated areas) are disturbed the areas will be regraded and revegetated.

Approximately 590 linear feet are within the area designated as a 500-year floodplain (0.2% annual chance flood hazard) and 361 linear feet are located within the 100-year floodplain (Zone AE, 1% annual chance of flood hazard). The proposed action, within the floodplain, will not alter or modify the existing floodplain nor will the work modify the existing structure to increase or decrease the impacts to the project area or complex during a 100-year flood and is subject to the 5-step process under 24 CFR 55.12(a)(424 CFR 55.12(a)(4).

If the proposed action is not implemented, the area has the potential to have flooding during large rain events.

This project proposes to use the following funding:

\$852,300..... Engineering, Environmental, Grant Administration and Construction CDBG/GLO Grant Funding

\$69,756 City of Gonzales General Fund

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Gonzales 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 P.O. Box 547, Gonzales, TX 78629 or 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, TX 78629 or by email to citysecretary@gonzales.texas.gov

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Gonzales, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, TX. 78629 or by email to citysecretary@gonzales.texas.gov All comments received by the close of business on July 16, 2021 will be considered by the City of Gonzales prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commenters should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Gonzales certifies to GLO, acting in the role of HUD, that Connie Kacir, in her capacity as Mayor, 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. GLO's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Gonzales to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

GLO, acting in the role of HUD, will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Gonzales 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 City of Gonzales; (b) the City of Gonzales 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 GLO, acting in the role of 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) and shall be addressed to Texas General Land Office, P.O. Box 12873, Austin, Texas 78711-2873. Potential objectors should contact GLO to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Connie Kacir, Mayor
City of Gonzales