

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

November 12, 2024
Fort Bend County – Community Development Department
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On or about November 20, 2024, Fort Bend County will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the City of Kendleton Sanitary Sewer Facilities Generator (Project) for the purpose of installing generators on existing concrete pads at three city-owned sanitary sewer lift stations (Lift Station 1: 29.450590°, -95.993360°, Lift Station 2: 29.448433°, -96.001381°, and Lift Station 3: 29.441431°, -95.996211°) and on a new concrete pad at a wastewater treatment plant (29.447329°, -95.994217°). All project sites are within the city limits of Kendleton in Fort Bend County, Texas. The proposed improvements will better serve the area during and after storm events. Wastewater treatment plants and lift stations are considered a Critical Action by HUD; therefore, the project design will include elevation and/or floodproofing in areas within the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain. Lift Station 1 must be elevated to at least 91.4 feet above mean sea level (AMSL), Lift Station 3 must be elevated to at least 95.1 feet ASML, and the wastewater treatment plant must be elevated to at least 92.2 feet ASML. The estimated total CDBG funded amount is \$341,550, and the City of Kendleton will provide additional funds of \$29,700.

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 the Fort Bend County Community Development office at 301 Jackson Street, Suite 602 Richmond, Texas 77469, and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the address above. All comments received by November 19, 2024, will be considered by Fort Bend County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Fort Bend County certifies to HUD that KP George, Certifying Officer, 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 Fort Bend County Community Development Department to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and Fort Bend 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 Fort Bend County; (b) 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) and shall be addressed to either cpdrroffhou@hud.gov or the HUD Houston Field Office, 1331 Lamar Street, Suite 550 Houston, TX 77010. Potential objectors should contact HUD at 713 718-3199 to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

KP George, County Judge