

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

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City of Bertram, PO BOX 1604, Bertram, TX 78605, (512) 355-2197

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about June 28, 2021, the City of Bertram will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture (Department), Office of Rural Affairs for the release of 2019 Community Development Block Grant funds under Section 104(f) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, to undertake a project known as 2020 CDBG City of Bertram, Water Line Improvements Project #7220030. The water mains that serve this target area are outdated, undersized 2" lines. The residents' water quality is diminished by the small lines and some of the lines dead end. Proper fire flow to the area is inhibited. The replacement of the substandard water lines will bring better water quality and fire flow to the residents in this area of the City due to better connectivity and eliminating dead end and undersized mains.

Water Line Improvements: Contractor shall replace water lines to improve water pressure and quality. Contractor shall install approximately two thousand one hundred ninety-six linear feet (2,196 l.f.) of eight-inch (8") water line, pavement repair, service reconnections, fire hydrants, and all associated appurtenances. Project includes Administrative and Engineering Services and Fees.

Funding: TxCDBG - \$300,000; Matching funds from the City's Water and Sewer Fund – 30,000

Project Location:

- On Cedar Street from Hopewell Road to Henna Street
- On Bedell Street from Mesquite Street to Hopewell Road
- On Hopewell Road from Bedell Street to Henna Street

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Bertram 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 electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to the City of Bertram, PO BOX 1604, Bertram, TX 78605, or by email to mayor@cityofbertram.org. The ERR can also be viewed on the city's website at <http://www.cityofbertram.org/>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Bertram. All comments received by 6/25/2021 will be considered by the City of Bertram prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Objections must be prepared and submitted via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the City of Bertram at mayor@cityofbertram.org. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing. Potential objectors should contact the City of Bertram via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Bertram certifies to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), Office of Rural Affairs that Mike Dickinson, in his 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. The Department's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Bertram to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Texas Department of Agriculture will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Bertram'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 City of Bertram; (b) the City of Bertram 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 Department; 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 Review Specialist, Texas Department of Agriculture by email at CDBG_ENVReview@TexasAgriculture.gov. Potential objectors should contact the TDA Environmental Review Specialist at CDBG_ENVReview@TexasAgriculture.gov to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Mike Dickinson, Mayor