

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

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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Bowie County.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about October 26, 2021, Bowie County 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 Bowie County TxCDBG #7220051 for the purpose of the following:

Water Improvements: Contractor shall install approximately twenty-two thousand linear feet (22,000 l.f.) of four-inch (4”) water lines, valves, boring, reconnections, and all associated appurtenances.

Project Locations:

- 1) On CR 4328 from FM 1701 to Hwy 82.
- 2) On Hwy 82 from CR 4328 to CR 3306.
- 3) On CR 3306 from Hwy 82 to CR 3305.
- 4) On CR 3305 from CR 3306 to approximately 2,300 l. f. East.

Administration Activities – will include all associated administration work.

Engineering Activities - will include all associated engineering work.

The activities will be funded by the Office of Rural Affairs of the Texas Department of Agriculture with \$275,000 in funds allocated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Community Development Block Grant, Community Development Program. Oak Grove Water Supply Corporation will contribute an additional \$13,750.00 in matching funds from its general fund.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Bowie 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) on file at the Bowie County Courthouse, Auditors Office, 710 James Bowie Dr., New Boston, Texas 75570 and may be examined or copied Monday

through Friday 9 A.M to 4 P.M. A digital or mailed copy of the ERR may be obtained by contacting , Miranda Smith via email at miranda.smith@txkusa.org.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the office of the County Judge. Comments may also be submitted via email to Charles Edwards with Resource Management & Consulting Co. at charles@grant-consultant.com. All comments received by October 25, 2021 will be considered by Bowie County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Bowie County certifies to the Texas Department of Agriculture that Bobby Howell, 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. The Texas Department of Agriculture's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Bowie County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Texas Department of Agriculture will accept objections to its release of fund and Bowie 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 Bowie County; (b) Bowie 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 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 Annessa Lewis, Environmental Review Specialist at cdbg_envreview@texasagriculture.gov. Potential objectors should contact the Texas Department of Agriculture via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Bobby Howell, County Judge