

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

January 6, 2022

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Bastrop County, 804 Pecan Street, Bastrop, TX 78602, (512) 581-7100

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements to be undertaken by Bastrop County.

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals,

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about January 25, 2022, Bastrop County will submit a request to the Texas General Land Office for the release of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Funds under Section 104(f) of Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, to undertake a project known as Bastrop County Flood and Drainage Improvements to improve the conveyance of storm water, under HUD Grant No. 20-065-139-C527. GLO DR Grant Funding \$574,520.00.

Project Locations: Gazley Creek (approx. 160-ft east of) to Cleveland Street (30.00897, -163187), Smithville, Bastrop County, TX 78957. Add Alternate, if funding allows: On NW 2nd Street, 60-ft west of intersection with Cleveland Street and extending east approx. 300-ft; and Cleveland Street from intersection with NW 2nd Street and extending south approx. 70-ft.

Project Descriptions: Beginning at the northeast corner of NW 2nd Street and State Highway 95, install 5' x 4' reinforced concrete box culvert westward approximately 111 LF. The proposed box culvert will outfall into the existing road ditch / channel on the north side of FM 2571 which drains westward to Gazley Creek. At the outlet of the box culvert, there will be a safety end treatment and the existing channel will have to be re-graded and lined with reinforced concrete pavement for approximately 145 LF. In this area, new guardrail will need to be installed between the channel and FM 2571 to protect motorists from falling into the ditch. There will be no work activities performed in Gazley Creek, and no USACE permit will be required. (Drainage Channel ends approximately 160-feet east of Gazley Creek, 30.009662, -97.164764 end)

From the northeast corner of NW 2nd Street and State Highway 95 to Cleveland Street, installation of a new storm sewer system will include approximately 49 LF of 18" pipe, 102 LF of 24" pipe, 606 LF of 48" pipe, 6 storm inlets, and 2 junction boxes. Installation of these improvements will require the demolition and removal of existing concrete and asphalt pavement, curb and gutter, storm inlets, storm

sewer, and guardrail. In addition, a fire hydrant and gate valve will require replacement and an existing waterline will need to be lowered. Further, installation of these improvements will necessitate both asphalt and concrete pavement repairs, and installation of new curb and gutter. All work will be under or outside paved areas that are located within the public right-of-way. No new right-of-way or easements will be required. Total project area will be approximately 0.91 acres.

Add Alternate if funding allows:

Beginning approximately 60 feet west of the intersection of NW 2nd Street and Cleveland Street and extending east approximately 300 feet and from the intersection of NW 2nd Street and Cleveland Street and extending south approximately 70 feet, installation of a new storm sewer system will include approximately 24 LF of 12" pipe, 160 LF of 18" pipe, 164 LF of 24" pipe, and 4 storm inlets. These new drainage improvements will tie into the proposed storm sewer system described in the base bid at the intersection of NW 2nd Street and Cleveland Street.

Installation of these improvements will require the demolition and removal of existing concrete and asphalt pavement, curb and gutter, storm inlets, and storm sewer. In addition, a fire hydrant assembly and water meter service will require relocation. Further, installation of these improvements will necessitate both asphalt and concrete pavement repairs, and installation of new curb and gutter. Finally, both trench safety and traffic control measures will be implemented throughout the course of construction for the safety of both the workers and the traveling public. All work will be under or outside paved areas that are located within the public right-of-way. No new right-of-way or easements will be required. Total project area will be approximately 0.36 acres.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Bastrop 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). 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 Bastrop County at the address above, or by email to lyndsey.schroeder@co.bastrop.tx.us. The ERR can be accessed online at the following website <https://www.co.bastrop.tx.us/page/co.residents>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Bastrop County. All comments received by January 24, 2022 will be considered by Bastrop County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments must be prepared and submitted via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed by email to Bastrop County at lyndsey.schroeder@co.bastrop.tx.us or by mail at Bastrop County, 804 Pecan Street, Bastrop, TX 78602, Attn: Judge Pape's Office, (512) 581-7100. Comments should

specify which Notice they are addressing. Potential objectors should contact Bastrop County via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Bastrop County certifies to the Texas General Land Office that Paul Pape, 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. GLO's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Bastrop County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

GLO will accept objections to its release of funds and Bastrop 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 Bastrop County; (b) Bastrop 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 GLO (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 Heather Lagrone, Texas General Land Office, Community Development and Revitalization, P.O. Box 12873, Austin, TX 78711-2873, or cdr@recovery.texas.gov. Potential objectors should contact the GLO at (512) 475-5000 to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Paul Pape, County Judge