

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

**Date of Notice: 10/15/2020**

Hudspeth County, P.O. Box 68, 109 Millican Street, Sierra Blanca, TX 79851-0068, (915) 369-2321

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

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about 11/3/2020 Hudspeth County will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture - Office of Rural Affairs (TDA-ORA) for the release of Texas Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383), as amended, to undertake a project known as Street Improvements 7219510, for the purpose of Administrative and Engineering Fees and Services and to construct approximately 858 Linear Feet (LF) of streets, approximately 2,374 square yards (SY) of flexible base material, approximately 2,374 SY of two course surface treatments, approximately 105 LF of concrete header curb, excavation, prime coat, saw/cut asphalt pavement, asphalt pavement removal, adjustment of water valves and manholes, and all associated appurtenances on Wright St. from Sierra Blanca Ave. east approximately 558 LF to the east dead end of Wright Street and on Sierra Blanca Ave. from E Walling Ave. to Wright St. approximately 300 LF, Sierra Blanca, Hudspeth County, TX 79851. Hudspeth County has been awarded \$275,000 in grant funds and shall contribute \$0 in match funds.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

Hudspeth 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 Hudspeth County County Courthouse, 109 Millican Street, Sierra Blanca, TX 79851-0068 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. A digital copy of the ERR may be obtained by contacting Alejandra Marquez, County Administrator via email ([amarquez@co.hudspeth.tx.us](mailto:amarquez@co.hudspeth.tx.us)) or phone ((915) 369-2321).

**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 ([amarquez@co.hudspeth.tx.us](mailto:amarquez@co.hudspeth.tx.us)) or phone ((915) 369-2321). All comments received by 11/2/2020 will be considered by Hudspeth County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

Hudspeth County certifies to TDA-ORA that Thomas D. Neely in their 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. TDA-ORA approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows Hudspeth County to use HUD program funds.

**OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

TDA-ORA will accept objections to its release of funds and the Hudspeth 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 Hudspeth County approved by TDA-ORA (b) Hudspeth 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 TDA-ORA; 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 Pamela Wozniak, Environmental Review Specialist of The Texas Department of Agriculture - Office of Rural Affairs, via [CDBG\\_EnvReview@TexasAgriculture.gov](mailto:CDBG_EnvReview@TexasAgriculture.gov). Potential objectors should contact TDA-ORA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Thomas D. Neely, County Judge