

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

Date of Notice: October 2, 2017

Name of Responsible Entity [RE]: City of Jasper, TX

Address (e.g., Street No. or P.O. Box): 465 South Main Street

City, State, Zip Code: Jasper, Texas 75951

Telephone Number of RE: (409) 384-4651

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about Tuesday, October 24, 2017 the City of Jasper, Texas will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the release of Texas Community Development Block Grant funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as City of Jasper FY 2017 Sewer Improvements Project for the purpose of facilitating improvements to the City's existing sewer system. The existing system is composed of a combination of relatively old vitrified clay tile pipe (VCP) and some PVC sewer mains. As is typical of VCP sewer systems, there is a prevalence of tree root intrusion, infiltration, and inflow impacting the hydraulic capacity of the collection system. The necessary improvements include abandoning the existing lift station on Palmetto Drive, installation of approximately 780 linear feet of eight inch (8") gravity sewer on Palmetto Drive that will run from the abandoned lift station to the railroad crossing, and tie in with the existing sewer collection line, installation of approximately 825 linear feet of new six inch (6") PVC line from Pollard Street Housing Authority site to the manhole at Hursey Street, installation of 7 manholes, and approximately 170 linear feet of fourteen inch (14") bored casing at the railroad track, and other related appurtenances. These actions will ensure compliance with TCEQ standards, eliminate the adverse environmental impacts caused by deficiencies in the current system, and improve the quality of life for area residents by removing the threat backups and leaks.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Jasper, Texas 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 Jasper City Hall, Office of the City Manager, 465 South Main Street, Jasper, Texas 75951 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 9:00 A.M to 4:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Jasper, Texas. All comments received by October 23, 2017 will be considered by the City of Jasper, Texas prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

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ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Jasper, Texas certifies to the Texas Department of Agriculture that Denise Kelley in her capacity as City Manager 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 the City of Jasper, Texas to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Texas Department of Agriculture will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Jasper, Texas' 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 Jasper, Texas; (b) the City of Jasper, Texas 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 the Texas Department of Agriculture, Office of Rural Affairs at 1700 North Congress Avenue, 11th Floor, Austin, Texas 78701. Potential objectors should contact The Texas Department of Agriculture at (512) 936-6724 to verify the actual last day of the objection period.


Denise Kelley, City Manager
City of Jasper, TX

THE NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS was posted on October 2, 2017 on the Public Bulletin Board at Jasper City Hall, 465 South Main Street, Jasper, Texas 75951, and placed on the City's Website for a period of twenty-one ending October 23, 2017.

Denise Kelley
Denise Kelley, City Manager

10-2-17
Date posted

Denise Kelley, City Manager

Date (1 day after end of Comment Period)

Sworn to an subscribed before me, this _____ day of _____, 2017

Karen Pumphrey, City Secretary, Notary Public

My Commission Expires _____

Note: The fifteen or eighteen-day public comment periods are the minimum time periods required by regulation prior to submission of a Request for Release of Funds and Certification (form HUD-7015.15) to HUD/State. The Responsible Entity may choose to allow a longer comment period. 24 CFR Part 58 requires, at Section 58.46, "Time delays for exceptional circumstances," a 30-day comment period for controversial or unique projects or those similar to projects normally requiring preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. The fifteen-day objection period is a statutory requirement. The objection period follows the submission date specified in the Notice or the actual date of receipt by HUD/State, whichever is later.

Following completion of the comment period recipients may FAX the form HUD-7015.15 to HUD/State together with a copy of the public notice and a cover letter stating whether comments were received and, if so, how the recipient responded to the comment. The Request for Release of Funds and Certification should not be submitted before the recipient has responded. If the request is sent by FAX, the original signed form should be mailed to HUD/State. The date of receipt by FAX will be counted as the submission date. However, HUD will not issue the 7015.16 "Authority to Use Grant Funds" until after the original signed form is received.