

5/23/25

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

City of Flatonia, 125 E. South Main Street, Flatonia, Fayette County, TX 78941
(361) 865-3548

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about 6/11/25, the City of Flatonia (City) will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture (Department), Office of Rural Affairs for the release of 2024 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 2024 CDBG City of Flatonia Water Improvements Project #CDV23-0369 for the purpose of addressing the inadequate water system components that result in a risk of loss of water service.

Project Description: Install two (2) booster pumps, including approximately two hundred linear feet (200 LF) of piping, electrical, controls and all associated appurtenances, to include administration and engineering services and fees.

Location: Water Plant 3, 1975 E US Hwy 90 (29.682329, -97.082356), Flatonia, Fayette County, TX.

Funding: CDBG \$500,000.00; City of Flatonia Utility Fund to be used toward Administration \$25,000.00. Total Estimated Project Cost: \$525,000.00.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City 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 at the address above or by email to citysecretary@ci.flatonia.tx.us.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City. All comments received by 6/10/25 will be considered by the City prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments can be mailed to the City of Flatonia, 125 E. South Main Street, Flatonia, TX 78941, TX 77835, (361) 865-3548, Attn: Mayor's Office, or by email to citysecretary@ci.flatonia.tx.us. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City certifies to the Texas Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Affairs that Travis Seale, 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 Flatonia 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'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 Flatonia (b) the City of Flatonia 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.