

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

May 6, 2025
Fort Bend County – Community Development Department
301 Jackson Street, Suite 602
Richmond, TX 77469
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Fort Bend County.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about May 22, 2025, Fort Bend County will submit a request to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the Ferry Street Wastewater Line Replacement Project (Project) for the purpose of rehabilitating approximately 1,197 linear feet of wastewater lines along Fleming Street, Clarke Street, Douglas Street, and Ferry Street to increase the size/capacity of the existing wastewater lines and thereby improve water pressure and the rate of water delivery as well as increase fire flow capacity throughout service area. All project sites are within existing rights-of-way (ROWs) and city owned easements in the city of Richmond in Fort Bend County, Texas. The proposed improvements will better serve the area during and after storm events. The estimated total CDBG funded amount is \$170,350.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Fort Bend 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 Fort Bend County Community Development, 302 Jackson Street, Suite 602 Richmond, Texas 77469 and may be examined or copied on weekdays 8 A.M to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the address above. All comments received by May 21, 2025, will be considered by Fort Bend County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Fort Bend County certifies to HUD that KP George, Certifying Officer, 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. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and

related laws and authorities and allows Fort Bend County Community Development Department to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and Fort Bend 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 Fort Bend County; (b) Fort Bend 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 HUD; 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 either cpdrrofh@hud.gov or the HUD Houston Field Office, 1331 Lamar Street, Suite 550 Houston, TX 77010. Potential objectors should contact HUD at 713 718-3199 to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

KP George, County Judge