

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

May 5, 2020

Fannin County, Texas
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Fannin County, Texas

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about May 21, 2020 Fannin County, Texas will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the release of Community Development Block Grant Program funds under Section 104 (F) of the Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as the Fannin County/Hickory Creek SUD TxCDBG 7219149 for the purpose of the installation of seventy thousand seven hundred sixty linear feet (70,760 l.f.) of four-inch (4”) and six-inch (6”) water line, valves, boring, and all associated appurtenances. These improvements shall take place at the following locations:

STREET	FROM	TO
US Hwy 69	FM 272	Approx. 3,640 l.f. south
FM 272	US Hwy 69	FM 816
CR 4865	FM 272	Approx. 1,240 l.f. north
CR 4870	FM 272	Approx. 1,240 l.f. north
CR 4845	FM 272	CR 4850
CR 4850	CR 4845	FM 816
FM 816	FM 272	Approx. 20,550 l.f. north

If funding is available, approximately 26,000 linear feet of water line will be placed in the below locations in existing utility easement or on County ROW for purposes of looping:

- 1) On County Road 4865 from County Road 4860 south to connection with original project
- 2) On County Road 4860 from County Road 4865 to County Road 4870
- 3) On County Road 4870 from County Road 4850 south to connection with original project.
- 4) On County Road 4850 from County Road 4870 to County Road 4845

Administration and Engineering Activities – Project includes associated Administration and Engineering fees and services.

The activities will be funded by the Office of Rural Affairs of the Texas Department of Agriculture with \$275,000 in funds allocated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Community Development Block Grant, Community Development Program. The Hickory Creek Special Utility District will contribute an additional \$25,782.00 in matching funds from force account work.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Fannin County, 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). 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 the Fannin County Judge's Office, 101 E. Sam Rayburn Dr., Ste. 101, Bonham, Texas 75418 or by email to countyjudge@fanninco.net or charles@grant-consultant.com.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Fannin County Judge's Office by U.S. mail or by email at countyjudge@fanninco.net. All comments received by May 20, 2020 will be considered by Fannin County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Fannin County, Texas certifies to the Texas Department of Agriculture that Randy Moore in his capacity as Fannin 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. The Texas Department of Agriculture's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Fannin County, Texas to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Texas Department of Agriculture will accept objections to its release of fund and Fannin 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 Fannin County, Texas; (b) Fannin 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 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 via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Pamela Wozniak, Environmental Specialist at cdbg_envreview@texasagriculture.gov. Potential objectors should contact the Texas Department of Agriculture via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Randy Moore, Fannin County Judge