



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

*Date of Notice: April 12, 2017*

*Name of Responsible Entity: County of Jefferson, TX*

*Address: 1149 Pearl Street*

*City, State, Zip Code: Beaumont, TX 77701*

*Telephone Number of RE: (409) 835-8466*

**These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the County of Jefferson, TX**

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

*On or about May 01, 2017 the County of Jefferson, TX will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the release of Texas Community Block Grant funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as CDBG 7216231, First Time Sewer Installation for the purpose of providing first time sewer installation at various owner occupied home sites on Lawhon Rd., Boyt Rd., Martin Luther King Rd., Faith Rd., Phillips St., Landry Rd., Brooks Rd., and Denley in the Community of Cheek, an unincorporated area of Jefferson County, Texas. Installation on Denley will be accompanied by related line work that will take place in the public right of way.*

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

**The County of Jefferson 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 office of the County Judge, Jefferson County Courthouse, 1149 Pearl Street, Beaumont, TX 77701 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00 A.M to 4:00 P.M.**

09/01/2016

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Office of the County Judge, 1149 Pearl Street, Beaumont, TX 77701. All comments received by May 01, 2017 will be considered by the County of Jefferson, Texas prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The County of Jefferson, Texas certifies to Texas Department of Agriculture that Jeff Branick 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. The Texas Department of Agriculture's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the County of Jefferson, Texas to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Texas Department of Agriculture will accept objections to its release of funds and the County of Jefferson, 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 County Jefferson, Texas; (b) the County of Jefferson, 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 County of Jefferson, Texas; 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 Texas Department of Agriculture, Office of Rural Affairs at 1700 North Congress Avenue, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Austin, Texas 78701. Potential objectors should contact Texas Department of Agriculture to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

  
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*Jeff Branick, County Judge*  
*County of Jefferson, Texas*

THE COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS was posted on APRIL 10, 2017 on First Floor Bulletin Board of the Jefferson County Courthouse, 1149 Pearl Street, Beaumont, TX 77701, and placed on the Jefferson County Website for a period of nineteen days ending May 1, 2017.

  
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Jeff Branick, County Judge

4/12/17  
Date posted

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Jeff Branick, County Judge

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Date (1 day after end of  
Comment Period)

Sworn to an subscribed before me, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

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Carolyn L. Guidry, County Clerk, 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.