

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

July 1, 2021

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City of La Grange, 155 E. Colorado Street, La Grange, TX 78945 (979) 968-5805

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about July 20, 2021, the City of La Grange will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture (Department), Office of Rural Affairs for the release of 2020 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 Water Improvements #7220241 to provide for fire protection, increased water capacity, and reduction of maintenance issues and water loss.

Project Description: Replace water mains to provide larger distribution lines, to improve the quality and quantity of water from Water Plant B and the elevated storage tank to residents. Construction will include the replacement/installation of approximately 3,175 LF of 8" water main (upsized), gate valves, fire hydrant assembly, tie-ins, approximately 130 LF of 14" bore casing, all associated appurtenances, to include Administration and Engineering services and fees. All are replacement lines, except on Pearl Street from Main Street to Franklin Street, if it is discovered during the survey that no line exists.

Project locations: La Grange, Fayette County, TX 78945

STREET	FROM	TO
W. Pearl Street	N. Main Street	S. Franklin Street
Guadalupe Street	N. Washington Street	N. Madison Street
N. Washington Street	W. Camp Street	W. Guadalupe Street

Estimated grant funding \$300,000, City Water/Sewer Fund \$45,000, total project cost \$345,000.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of La Grange 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), which will be made available to the public for review electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit

your request by U.S. mail to City of La Grange at the address above, Attention: City Manager's Office or by email to shawnr@cityoflg.com.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of La Grange, to the attention of the City Manager. All comments received by July 19, 2021 will be considered by the City of La Grange prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of La Grange certifies to the Texas Department of Agriculture, Office of Rural Affairs that Jan Dockery, in her 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 La Grange 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 of La Grange'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 La Grange; (b) the City of La Grange 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 Environmental Review Specialist at TDA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Jan Dockery, Mayor