

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

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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by McCulloch County.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about January 10, 2024, McCulloch County will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the release of Community Development Block Grant Program funds under Section 104 of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as McCulloch County CDV21-0347-EA-Water, #CDV21-0347 for an estimated cost of \$350,000.00 in HUD funds and \$17,500 in non-HUD funds.

Description of Aggregated Project (must include work to be funded by TxCDBG):

Water Distribution System Improvements:

Rochelle WSC is proposing to make improvements to its water distribution system.

- replace all the existing meters with new AMI/AMR meters and systems.. The WSC
- replace old water lines that are prone to leaks and breaking and use the new waterline to loop the system.
- install approximately 140 new water meters throughout the system.
- install approximately 8,350 LF of 4" PVC pipe
- install 4 gate valves/boxes and 2 connections.

Acquisition: None

Professional Services including Grant Administrator and Project Engineer activities.

LOCATION:

All work will occur in the City of Rochelle, McCulloch County, Texas in the following locations:

Water line improvements: U.S. Hwy 190
Water Meters - Throughout the Community

Alternative project activities if funds allow:

Replace 9,400 linear feet of water line.

- US Hwy 190 from CR 2822 to CR 2315
- CR 2822 from US Hwy 190 north 700'

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

McCulloch 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) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the McCulloch County Courthouse, 199 Courthouse Sq, Brady, TX and may be examined or copied weekdays Monday - Friday: 8:00 am -12:00 pm and 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Margarita Gutierrez-Moreno, Administrative Assistant, McCulloch County Courthouse, 199 Courthouse Sq, Brady, TX 76825, (325)-597-0733, margarita.moreno@co.mcculloch.tx.us. All comments received by January 9, 2024 will be considered by McCulloch County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

McCulloch County certifies to the State of Texas that Margarita Gutierrez-Moreno in their capacity as Administrative Assistant 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 State's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows McCulloch County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The State will accept objections to its release of funds and McCulloch 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 McCulloch County (b) McCulloch 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 State; 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 at CDBG_EnvReview@TexasAgriculture.gov or PO Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711. Potential objectors should contact the State to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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