

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

October 7, 2024

Jasper County
121 N Austin, Room 106
Jasper, TX, 75951
409-384-2612

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about October 23, 2024, Jasper County will submit a request to the Texas General Land Office (TGLO) for the release of Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (“CDBGMIT”) funds under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s CDBGMIT program to provide financial assistance with funds appropriated under the Further Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2018 (Public Law 115-123), enacted on February 9, 2018, for necessary expenses for Activities authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. § 5301 et seq.) related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure and housing, economic revitalization, mitigation, and affirmatively furthering fair housing, in accordance with 12892, disasters that occurred in 2015, 2016, or 2017 pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. § 5121 et seq.). The funds will be used to undertake a project known as 2023 Pct 1- Homer Community Shelter of Last Resort, Project # 24-065-033-E488 / CDBG-MIT Federal Award Number B-18-DP-48-0002.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Contractor shall clear, grub, and grade 1 acre site; pave concrete; demolish and dispose of existing structure(s), construct 60’ x 85’ Metal and concrete building and parking area; install utility connections, 25kW - 45kW Propane generator, and transfer switch; and complete associated appurtenances. Building shall consist of 10 rooms including one kitchen. Project site has utilities available. Includes administration, environmental and engineering services. Area of Disturbance: 1 acre. This is a critical action project not located within an FFRMS. The project is located at 146 County Road 80, 275 feet north of the northeast corner of CR 32 & CR 80, Jasper County, Texas 75951 Lat: 30.9925800 Long: -94.1479309.

PROJECT NEED:

Addresses the current and future risks as identified in the state’s Mitigation Needs Assessment of most impacted and distressed areas; and will result in a measurable and verifiable reduction in the risk of loss of life and property. The area is in need of a Shelter of Last Resort for community protection when facing significant and/or unexpected storm events or other disasters. The new structure will bring community members together offering shared use for community protection during disastrous conditions.

BUDGET:

PROJECT: Homer Shelter of Last Resort HUD: \$1,808,191.49; LOCAL MATCH: \$-0-. TOTAL CONTRACT: \$13,254,000.00.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The 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 Jasper County, 121 N Austin, Room 106, Jasper, TX, 75951, Phone: 409-384-2612 where the record is available for review and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Project can be viewed electronically at https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/4snd3po8d7y6w6hl6rxv1/HVMID_JasperCountyHomerShelterERR.pdf?rlkey=kf63s3vpxiwgoshiyghh4ophj&st=ctfl5a6&dl=0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the County. All comments received by October 22, 2024 will be considered by Jasper County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments may be submitted to the County Judge's Office, Jasper County, 121 N Austin, Room 106, Jasper, TX, 75951 Phone: 409-384-2612. Comments can also be submitted via email to mark.allen@co.jasper.tx.us. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Jasper County certifies to TGLO that Mark W. Allen in his capacity as 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. TGLO's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Jasper County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

TGLO will accept objections to its release of fund and the County 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 (b) the 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 TGLO; 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 Heather Lagrone, Texas General Land Office, PO Box 12873, Austin, TX 78711-2873, env.reviews@recovery.texas.gov. Potential objectors should contact TGLO to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Mark W. Allen, Judge
Jasper County