

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

12/8/20

P O S T E D

City of Hallettsville, 101 N. Main Street, Hallettsville, TX 77964, (361) 798-3681

On or about 12/21/20 the City of Hallettsville will submit a request to the Texas General Land Office for the release of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery 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 2017 GLO DR Flood and Drainage Improvements under GLO Contract #20-065-036-C116 for the purpose of improving the conveyance of storm water, to prevent future flooding. Estimated grant funding and total project cost is \$279,939.00.

Dowling Street is in a state of degradation as erosion has continued since the flooding caused by Hurricane Harvey. The city was unable to assist residents during the storm due to high water levels that prevented emergency responders from accessing this neighborhood. The proposed drainage improvements will prevent flooding of the streets during rain events by increasing the drainage system capacity. Construction will regrade 1,060 LF of roadside ditches, install six (6) culvert crossings, and complete associated appurtenances.

Project Location: Hallettsville, Lavaca County, TX 77964

Flood and Drainage Facilities	Location Approximate Lat/Long	Proposed HUD Performance Measures
Dowling Street, east ROW	E. Depot Street to Edna Street 29.440404,-96.937941	1,060 LF

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at City of Hallettsville, 101 N. Main Street, Hallettsville, TX 77964, (361) 798-3681. Please submit your request to review or receive a copy by U.S. mail to the City of Hallettsville at the address above, or by email to cityadmin@cityofhallettsville.org. The ERR can also be accessed on the city's website at <https://cityofhallettsville.org/agendas-public-notices/>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Hallettsville. All comments received by 12/18/20 will be considered by the City of Hallettsville prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments 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 the City of Hallettsville at cityadmin@cityofhallettsville.org. Commenters should specify which Notice they are addressing. Potential objectors should contact the City of Hallettsville via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Hallettsville certifies to the Texas General Land Office that Alice Jo Summers, 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 Texas General Land Office's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Hallettsville to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Texas General Land Office will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Hallettsville'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 Hallettsville; (b) the City of Hallettsville 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 General Land Office; 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 the Texas General Land Office, P. O. Box 12873, Austin, TX 78711-2873, ATTN: Heather Lagrone at cdr@recovery.texas.gov. Potential objectors should contact the GLO to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Alice Jo Summers, Mayor