

COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
AND FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A 100-YEAR
FLOODPLAIN

11/9/22

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

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited three separate but related procedural notification requirements to
be undertaken by the City of Hallettsville

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about 11/29/22, the City of Hallettsville (City) will submit a request to the Texas General Land Office for the release of Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds under Section 104(f) of Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, to undertake the project known as 2020 GLO MIT City of Hallettsville Flood and Drainage Improvements, GLO Contract #22-085-026-D267 to help convey storm water, alleviating future flooding. Description: remove a low water crossing, remove, and regrade bar ditches, remove concrete flumes and remove and replace curbs and gutters. Subrecipient shall also install storm sewer, grate inlets and outfalls, box culverts and reinforced concrete pipe, and complete all associated appurtenances at the following locations in Hallettsville, Lavaca County, TX: Donna Dr/Kahn St: From approximately 1,281' north of the intersection of Donna Drive and Fairwinds Street, traveling northeastward following Donna Drive as it changes into Kahn Street, crossing the intersection of Willis Street eastward along the easement and continuing to the outfall on the Lavaca River (29.443905, -96.953494), 4,600 LF; 2nd St/N Market St: From the intersection of East 2nd Street and North Promenade Street eastward to North Market Street, thence northward to the intersection of East 1st Street (29.446425, -96.936519), 578 LF; 2nd St/N Ridge St: From the intersection of East 2nd Street and North Judy Street to North Ridge Street, thence northward to the intersection of Page Street (29.447955, -96.935952), 2,944 LF; FM 957/N Main St: From the intersection of FM 957/North Main Street and Park Road 3 southward to the intersection of North Main Street and Gilbert Street (29.452930, -96.45522), 414 LF; W Park St: From intersection of FM 957/North Main Street westward to a point approximately 205' on W Park Street (29.451338, -96.945426), 205 LF; Crockett St: From approximately 250' east of the intersection of North La Grange Street on Crockett Street eastward over the low water crossing to a point approximately 255 feet west of the intersection Crockett Street and US HWY 77 (29.450581, -96.942283), 200 LF; and S Glendale St: From the intersection of South Glendale Street and East 5th Street southward to the intersection of South Glendale Street and East Depot Street (29.441547, -96.939053), 1,500 LF. GLO MIT Grant Funds \$9,882,441.85; City of Hallettsville General Fund \$99,822.65; Estimated Total Project Cost \$9,982,264.50.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City 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). The ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to the City of Hallettsville at the address above, or by email to cityadmin@cityofhallettsville.org.

FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A FLOODPLAIN

This is to give notice that the City, under Part 58, has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management. Approximately 1.86-acres of activities will be in Zone A and Zone AE of the 100-year Floodplain on Donna-Kahn-Willis Streets, Crockett Street, 2nd Street, Main Street, and W. Park Street.

There are no adverse effects anticipated as the project locations are already geographically located within the floodplain, and the topography of the sites will not be changed. HUD's 8-Step decision-making process of §55.20 to comply with 24 CFR Part 55 was completed. The City of Hallettsville has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: Different Locations: Five of the eight locations are in the floodplain. The drainage structure will be placed in the floodplain and not impact the base flood elevation. Taking the project out of the floodplain would require much larger drainage structures, buying properties that could not be connected to the street via a typical driveway, and other options that are cost prohibitive and not a viable alternative. No Action: Taking no action would incur no costs for the project and would cause no construction-related environmental impact but would be unable to address the problem of flooding in the project areas.

The City has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the Floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988 are available for public inspection, review and copying as outlined in the paragraph of FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments/objections on the ERR to the City of Hallettsville. All comments received by 11/28/22 will be considered by the City 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 or by mail to the City of Hallettsville, 101 N. Main Street, Hallettsville, TX 77964, (361) 798-3681. Comments 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 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. GLO'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

GLO 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 GLO (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, Community Development and Revitalization, P.O. Box 12873, Austin, TX 78711-2873, or cdr@recovery.texas.gov. Potential objectors should contact the GLO at (512) 475-5000 to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Alice Jo Summers, Mayor