

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

Date of Notice: 6/1/2023

City of Yoakum, P.O. Box 738, Yoakum, TX 77995, 808 Hwy 77A South, Yoakum, TX 77995, (361) 293-6321

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about 6/22/2023 the City of Yoakum will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture - Office of Rural Affairs (TDA-ORA) for the release of Texas Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383), as amended, to undertake a project known as Water Improvements CDV21-0031, for the purpose of Administrative and Engineering Fees and Services and to replace approximately two thousand seven hundred fifty-five linear feet (2,755 LF) of six inch (6in.) to twelve inch (12in.) water line including boring, fire hydrants, and all associated appurtenances, along Highway 77 Alternate, between County Road 324 and Old Shiner Road, Yoakum, Lavaca County, TX. The City of Yoakum has been awarded \$350,000 in grant funds and shall contribute \$52,000 in match funds.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Yoakum 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 the Yoakum City Hall, 808 Hwy 77A South, Yoakum, TX 7799 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. A digital copy of the ERR may be obtained by contacting Kevin Coleman, City Manager via email citymanager@cityofyoakum.org or (361) 293-6321.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Office of the City Manager. Comments may also be submitted via email to citymanager@cityofyoakum.org. All comments received by 6/21/2023 will be considered by the City of Yoakum prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Yoakum certifies to TDA-ORA that Kevin Coleman in their capacity as City Manager 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. TDA-ORA approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Yoakum to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

TDA-ORA will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Yoakum'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 Yoakum approved by TDA-ORA (b) the City of Yoakum 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 TDA-ORA; 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 Annessa Lewis, Environmental Review Specialist of The Texas Department of Agriculture - Office of Rural Affairs, via email at CDBG_EnvReview@TexasAgriculture.gov. Potential objectors should contact TDA-ORA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Kevin Coleman, City Manager