

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT and NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

03/18/2025

Atascosa County, #1 Courthouse Circle Drive, Suite 101, Jourdanton TX, 78026
(830) 769-3093

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about 04/03/2025, Atascosa County will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture (Department), Office of Rural Affairs for the release of 2024 Community Development Block Grant 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 2024 TDA CDBG Atascosa County Water Improvements #CDV23-0227 for the purpose of adding another water source.

Project Description: In cooperation with El Oso Water Supply Corporation, construct one (1) ground storage tank, one (1) cooling tower with a platform, two (2) filter pumps, two (2) filter backwash pumps, yard piping, electrical improvements, and all necessary appurtenances, to include administrative and engineering services and fees.

Location: 3430 County Rd 407, 28.784633, -98.171753, Karnes City, Atascosa County, TX

Funding: Estimated Total HUD CDBG Funded Amount: \$500,000.00.
Estimated Non-HUD Funds: El Oso Water Supply Corporation: \$10,000.00.
Total Estimated Project Cost (HUD and non-HUD Funds): \$510,000.00.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Atascosa 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). The ERR will be made available to the public for review electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to the County at the address above or by email to countyjudge@atascosacounty.texas.gov

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the County. All comments received by 04/02/2025 will be considered by the County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments can be mailed to Atascosa County at #1 Courthouse Circle Drive, Suite 101, Jourdanton TX, 78026 Attn: Mayor's Office, or by email to countyjudge@atascosacounty.texas.gov. (830) 769-3093 Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The County certifies to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), Office of Rural Affairs that Weldon Cude, in his capacity as County 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. The Department's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Atascosa County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Texas Department of Agriculture will accept objections to its release of funds and the 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 Atascosa County (b) Atascosa 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 Department; 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 Environmental Review Specialist, Texas Department of Agriculture by email at **CDBG_ENVReview@TexasAgriculture.gov**. Potential objectors should contact the TDA Environmental Review Specialist at **CDBG_ENVReview@TexasAgriculture.gov** to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Weldon Cude, County Judge