

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

12/11/19

City of Floresville

1120 D Street

Floresville, TX 78114

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about 12/31/19 the City of Floresville will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture, Office of Rural Affairs for the release of Community Development Block Grant Texas Capital 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 Downtown Revitalization Project #7218092 to improve the pedestrian accessibility in the downtown area.

The “minimum necessary” activities shall consist of installing approximately 1,645 LF of concrete sidewalk, 682 LF of hand-railing, 10 ADA-accessible curb ramps and crosswalks, pavement repair, necessary appurtenances, to include administration and engineering costs at these locations: 3rd Street from D Street to C Street, and C Street from 2nd Street to 3rd Street, Floresville, Wilson County, TX.

Estimated funding is \$250,000 CDBG grant and \$75,000 city match for a total project cost of \$325,000.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Floresville 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 City of Floresville at the address above, Mayor’s office, and may be examined or copied Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Floresville, to the attention of the Mayor at the address above.

All comments received by 12/30/19 will be considered by the City of Floresville prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Floresville certifies to the Texas Department of Agriculture, Office of Rural Affairs that Cecelia Gonzalez-Dippel, 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 Department's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Floresville to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Texas Department of Agriculture will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Floresville'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 Floresville; (b) the City of Floresville 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 the Texas Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Affairs at P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711, Attn: Environmental Specialist. Potential objectors should contact the Department to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Cecelia Gonzalez-Dippel, Mayor