

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

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REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or after **9/13/2016** Presidio County 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 7215409, for the purpose of rehabilitating water wells 1 and 2 to include the installation of pumps and header piping, installing one water tank level indicator, and installing one automated chlorination system and pump with electrical and controls, repairing the chlorination building, and repairing water plant fencing at the Redford Water Supply Water Plant on Tank Lp, approx 1,100 LF from the intersection of FM 170 and Tank Lp; as well as performing point repair to water distribution system leaks, including the replacement of 1" – 8" PVC lines, when necessary, throughout the water distribution system along El Polvo Rd from FM 170 to Cemetery Rd, along Cemetery Rd from El Polvo Rd to FM 170, along FM 170 from Cemetery Rd to Redford Lp, along Redford Lp from FM 170 to Unnamed Dr, on Unnamed Dr from Redford Lp to its terminus, north cross country in an existing utility easement from Unnamed Dr to Barbara Dr, and along Tank Lp from FM 170 to the Redford Water Supply Water Plant, Redford TX. Presidio County has been awarded \$168,638 in grant funds and shall contribute \$0 in match funds.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the Presidio County Courthouse, 300 N Highland, Marfa, Texas 79843-0606 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Office of the County Judge. All comments received by **9/12/2016** will be considered by Presidio County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Presidio County certifies to TDA-ORA that Cinderella Guevara in her 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. TDA-ORA approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows Presidio County to use HUD Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

TDA-ORA will accept objections to its release of funds and Presidio 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 or other officer of Presidio County approved by TDA-ORA (b) Presidio 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 project 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 The Texas Department of Agriculture - Office of Rural Affairs at P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711. Potential objectors should contact TDA-ORA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Cinderella Guevara, County Judge