

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

Date of Notice: 6/25/2020

City of Hamilton, 200 E. Main, Hamilton, TX 76531, (254) 386-8116

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about 7/14/2020, the City of Hamilton 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 Sewer Improvements 7219181, for the purpose of Administrative and Engineering Fees and Services and to replace aged and deteriorated components at the WWTP to improve wastewater treatment. Project activities will include water clarifier rehab (replacing two (2) clarifier gearboxes and two (2) base rake wear arms) and replace three (3) RAS/WAS pumps, electrical controls and all related appurtenances. All project activities will take place at the WWTP, located at 700 North Lloyd Street, Hamilton, Texas 76531. The City of Hamilton has been awarded \$275,000 in grant funds and shall contribute \$41,250 in match funds.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Hamilton 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 Hamilton City Hall, 200 E. Main, Hamilton, TX 76531 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 Mayor. All comments received by 7/13/2020 will be considered by the City of Hamilton prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Hamilton certifies to TDA-ORA that Jim McInnis in their 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. TDA-ORA approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Hamilton to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

TDA-ORA will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Hamilton'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 Hamilton approved by TDA-ORA (b) the City of Hamilton 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 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.

Jim McInnis, Mayor