

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

Date of Notice: 9/15/2022

City of Grapeland, PO Box 567, Grapeland, TX 75844, 202 S Main St., Grapeland, TX 75844, (936) 687-2115

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about 10/4/2022 the City of Grapeland 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 Street Improvements CDV21-0007, for the purpose of Administrative and Engineering Fees and Services and street improvements. The proposed street improvements will reconstruct approximately 2,450 linear feet (LF) of street utilizing approximately 6,025 square yards (s.y.) of base, 665 tons of HMAC surfacing, prime coat, subgrade repair, related driveway repair, and all associated appurtenances. The proposed activities will take place along Pine Street from Main Street to Gibson Street. The City of Grapeland has been awarded \$350,000 in grant funds and shall contribute \$35,000 in match funds.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Grapeland 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 Grapeland City Hall, 202 S Main St., Grapeland, TX 75844 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 Niky Nivens, City Secretary via email cityofgrapeland@yahoo.com or (936) 687-2115.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Office of the Mayor. Comments may also be submitted via email to cityofgrapeland@yahoo.com. All comments received by 10/3/2022 will be considered by the City of Grapeland prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Grapeland certifies to TDA-ORA that Mitchell Woody 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 Grapeland to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

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

Mitchell Woody, Mayor

