
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

September 4, 2020

City of Rising Star
P.O. Box 35
Rising Star, Texas 76471
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On or about September 18, 2020 the City of Rising Star will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Section 104(f) of Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known Water System Improvements – Water Meter Replacement Program. The purpose of the TxCDBG project involves the replacement of aged and deteriorated water meters that result in frequent water loss and are in noncompliance with the City’s Water Conservation Plan. Construction activity will include replacement of approximately three hundred twenty-nine (320) water meters, fittings, service lines, connections, and all necessary appurtenances. Replacement of the water meters will take place throughout the City of Rising Star. Estimate funding for the project is \$274,904 of HUD funds and \$13,750 local funds for a total project cost of \$288,654.

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 Rising Star City Hall, 104 North Miller, Rising Star and may be examined or copied weekdays during normal business hours.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Rising Star, P.O. Box 35, Rising Star, Texas 76471 or to Valree Thompson/Municipal Consulting Agency at valreethompson@hotmail.com. All comments received by September 17, will be considered by the City of Rising Star prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Rising Star certifies to the Texas Department of Agriculture that Jimmy L. Carpenter, Mayor, City of Rising Star 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 Rising Star to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Texas Department of Agriculture will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Rising Star'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 Rising Star; (b) the City of Rising Star 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 Texas Department of Agriculture; 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: Ms. Suzanne Barnard, Director, TDA/TxCDBG, P.O. Box 12847, Austin Texas 78711. Potential objectors should contact TDA/TxCDBG at 512/936-6724 to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Jimmy L. Carpenter
Mayor
City of Rising Star
