

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

June 21, 2021

City of Buffalo
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Buffalo, Texas 75831
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Buffalo.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about July 12, 2021 the City of Buffalo will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the release of Texas Community Block Grant program funds under Section 104 [f] of the of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake projects known as Sidewalk and Street Improvements Contract #7220012 for the purpose of addressing to replace existing sidewalks in the Downtown District in order to improve pedestrian safety and eliminate existing conditions of slums or blight. The City will install approximately four hundred thirty-five linear feet (435 l.f.) of concrete sidewalk, sixty linear feet (60 l.f.) of handrails, curb ramps, and all associated appurtenances. The improvements will take place at the following location(s): In Center St., From U.S. Hwy 79 To Alleyway. In N. Avant St., From U.S. Hwy 79 To Alleyway and in Alleyway, From Avant St. To Approx. 85 linear ft. The City will also reconstruct existing roads in the Downtown District to improve public safety and eliminate existing conditions of slums or blight. The City will install approximately four hundred eighty linear feet (480 l.f.) of street utilizing base, prime coat asphalt material, two-inch (2'') HMAC, parking stripping, parking signage, drainage, and all associated appurtenances. The improvements will take place at the following location(s): In Center St., From U.S. Hwy 79 To Main St. In N. Avant St., From U.S. Hwy 79 To Alleyway. If funds allow, the City will also replace the existing 18" RCP storm pipe with 24" RCP along N. Avant Street between the alley and Main Street, extend sidewalk at Municipal Building from proposed ADA parking stall north to the adjacent gravel drive and replace the existing door at the main entrance to the Municipal Building for accessibility purposes. These activities which include administration, engineering and construction, will benefit two thousand ninety-five (2,095) persons, of which one thousand two hundred and forty (1,240) or fifty-nine percent (59%) are of low- to moderate-income. The project is being funded by the Texas Department of Agriculture in the amount of \$500,000 with an additional \$75,000 in local matching funds from the City of Buffalo.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Buffalo 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 City of Buffalo, c/o Rita Baty, Asst. City Secretary/Grant Administrator/AP, grants@buffalotex.com, 812 N Buffalo Avenue, Buffalo, Texas 75831 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M to 5:00P.M.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Buffalo, c/o Rita Baty, Asst. City Secretary/Grant Administrator/AP, grants@buffalotex.com, 812 N Buffalo Avenue, Buffalo, Texas 75831. All comments received by July 9, 2021 will be considered by the City of Buffalo prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Buffalo certifies to Texas Department of Agriculture that Jerrod Jones in his 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. Texas Department of Agriculture approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Buffalo to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

Texas Department of Agriculture will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Buffalo 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 Buffalo; (b) the City of Buffalo 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 Texas Department of Agriculture at Office of Rural Affairs at CDBG_EnvReview@TexasAgriculture.gov. Potential objectors should contact Texas Department of Agriculture to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Jerrod Jones, Mayor