

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

*April 14, 2022
City of Gonzales,
820 St. Joseph Street
Gonzales, TX. 78629
(830) 672-2815*

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about April 29, 2022, the City of Gonzales will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), who is acting in the role of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) program under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (as amended 42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq).

Through TxCDBG Award Number 2020 DRP 7220052 awarded March 1, 2020, the City of Gonzales has been awarded \$500,000 to undertake a project know as Sidewalk Activities and Street Improvements.

Project Title: Sidewalk Activities and Street Improvements

Project Location (City, County, State): The proposed project is located within the city limits of Gonzales, Gonzales County, Texas. The project is located within the existing right of way (ROW) of city owned roadways. The City of Gonzales Main Street area has sidewalks that are deteriorated, as well as poor lighting and drainage resulting in hazardous roadway and pedestrian traffic. All activities carried out under this contract will meet the national objective of aiding in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight.

Project description:

Sidewalk Activities: Contractor shall replace sidewalks in the Main Street area to improve pedestrian safety and eliminate existing conditions of slums or blight. Contractor shall install approximately one thousand eight hundred three (1803 l.f.) of concrete sidewalk, six (6) ADA curb ramps, three (3) streetlights, crosswalk, striping, signage, and all associated appurtenances. The improvements shall take place at the following location(s):

Street	From	To
Texas Heroes Square	St. Louis	St. Lawrence
St. James Street	St. Louis	St. Lawrence

Street Improvements: Contractor shall install drainage improvements in the Main Steet area to improve pedestrian safety and eliminate existing conditions of slums or blight. Contract shall install four hundred fifteen linear feet (415 l.f.) of six inch (6”) curb and gutter, four hundred

fifteen linear feet (415 l.f.) of storm sewer line, and all associated appurtenances. The improvements shall take place as the following location(s):

Street	From	To
St. James Street	St. Louis	St. Lawrence

These activities shall benefit seven thousand one hundred thirty (7,130) persons, of which four thousand eighty-five (4,085) or fifty-seven percent (57%) are of low-to-moderate income.

If the proposed action is not implemented, the area will continue to have poor lighting and drainage, resulting in hazardous roadway and pedestrian conditions.

This project proposes to use the following funding:

\$500,000..... Engineering, Environmental, Grant Administration and Construction TxCDBG Funding

\$50,000.....City of Gonzales EDC - Engineering

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Gonzales 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) that documents the environmental determinations for this project. The ERR will be made available to the public for review online at www.gonzales.texas.gov/p/grants or on file at the City of Gonzales, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, TX 78629 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 5 P.M. until April 28, 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Gonzales, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, TX. 78629 or by email to citysecretary@gonzales.texas.gov All comments received by the close of business on April 28, 2022 will be considered by the City of Gonzales prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commenters should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Gonzales certifies to TDA, acting in the role of HUD, that Connie Kacir, in her 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's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Gonzales to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

Texas Department of Agriculture, acting in the role of HUD, will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Gonzales 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 Gonzales; (b) the City of Gonzales 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, acting in the role of HUD; 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, PO Box 12847, P.O. Box 12873, Austin, Texas 78711-2847. Potential objectors should contact TDA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

*Connie Kacir, Mayor
City of Gonzales*