

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT and  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

March 25, 2022

**P O S T E D**

City of Blanco, P. O. Box 750, Blanco, TX 78606

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about April 13, 2022, the City of Blanco will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture (Department), Office of Rural Affairs for the release of 2020 Community Development Block Grant funds under Section 104(f) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, to undertake a project known as Sewer Improvements #7220040 for the purpose of constructing a new lift station to replace the current lift station that is located in the floodplain.

Project Description: Contractor shall construct new main lift station to mitigate service interruption during flood events. Contractor shall install new wet well, duplex pumps, piping, sewer lines, manholes, valves, electrical, and all associated appurtenances, to include Administration and Engineering services and fees, at the following location: Approximately 200-feet southwest of the main lift station, located off FM 163/4<sup>th</sup> Street near the east end of 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Blanco, Blanco County, TX 78606 (30.097290, -98.418256). Estimated grant funding \$300,000, \$30,000 city water/sewer fund, total project cost \$330,000.

An Early Floodplain Notice was published on May 12, 2021, because the original scope of work included the existing lift station which is located in the 100-Year Floodplain. The existing lift station has been removed from the scope of work, and the location of the new lift station is not in the floodplain; therefore, a Final Floodplain Notice is no longer required.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Blanco 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), which will be made available to the public for review electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request

by U.S. mail to City of Blanco at the address above, Attention: Mayor's Office or by email to [citysec@cityofblanco.com](mailto:citysec@cityofblanco.com).

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Blanco, to the attention of the Mayor. All comments received by April 12, 2022, will be considered by the City of Blanco prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

### ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Blanco certifies to the Texas Department of Agriculture, Office of Rural Affairs that Rachel Lumpee, 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. The Department's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Blanco to use Program funds.

### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Texas Department of Agriculture will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Blanco'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 Blanco; (b) the City of Blanco 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 the Department; 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 Environmental Review Specialist, Texas Department of Agriculture by email at [CDBG\\_ENVReview@TexasAgriculture.gov](mailto:CDBG_ENVReview@TexasAgriculture.gov). Potential objectors should contact the Environmental Review Specialist at TDA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Rachel Lumpee, Mayor