

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
Date of Notice: 8/16/2022**

Kleberg County, 700 E. Kleberg, Kingsville, TX 78364, (361) 595-8585

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Kleberg County.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about 9/6/2022 Kleberg County 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 water system improvements contract: CFC21-0479, for the purpose of Administrative and Engineering Fees and Services and proposes to install approximately sixteen thousand six hundred linear feet (16,600 l.f.) of fourteen-inch (14 in.) transmission line, valves, related pavement repair, and all associated appurtenances. The proposed project will be performed along CR 1030 at FM 772 and will end at the Ricardo WSC Water Treatment Plant on CR 2160. In cooperation with Riviera Water Control and Improvement District (WCID), the County will also construct one (1) approximately two hundred fifty gallons-per-minute (250 GPM) water well including installation of well pump, plant piping, valves, control panel, electrical improvements, and all associated appurtenances. The proposed project will be performed at the Riviera WCID Water Treatment Plant, located at 302 Cypress Avenue in Riviera, Texas.

Kleberg County has been awarded \$1,000,000 in grant funds and shall contribute \$75,000 in match funds.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Kleberg County 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 County Courthouse at 700 E. Kleberg, Kingsville, TX 78364 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The office may also be contacted to view the ERR or the FONSI at rmadrid@co.kleberg.tx.us.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Office of the County Judge. All comments received by 9/5/2022 will be considered by Kleberg County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing. Comments can be sent to the office of Rudy Madrid at rmadrid@co.kleberg.tx.us.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Kleberg County certifies to TDA-ORA that Rudy Madrid in their capacity as County Judge 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 Kleberg County to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

TDA-ORA will accept objections to its release of funds and Kleberg County'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 Kleberg County approved by TDA-ORA (b) Kleberg County 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 CDBG_EnvReview@TexasAgriculture.gov. Potential objectors should contact TDA-ORA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Rudy Madrid, Kleberg County Judge