

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

**Date of Notice: 07/11/2023**

City of Big Sandy, 100 N. Tyler, P.O. Box 986, Big Sandy, TX 75755, 903-636-4343

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

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about 08/01/2023 the City of Big Sandy 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 distribution improvements CDV21-0067, for the purpose of Administrative and Engineering Fees and Services and the City proposes to replace approximately five thousand one hundred linear feet (5,100 l.f.) of six-inch (6 in.) water line, fire hydrants, valves, related service reconnections and all associated appurtenances. The project activities are located on Davis Street from Broadway (US Hwy 80) to the end of the street and on Broadway (US Hwy 80) from approximately two hundred feet (200 ft.) east of SH 155 to Pearl Street in Big Sandy, Upshur County, Texas. The City of Big Sandy has been awarded \$350,000 in grant funds and shall contribute \$17,500 in match funds.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The City of Big Sandy 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 Big Sandy City Hall, 100 N. Tyler, Big Sandy, Texas 75755 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. A digital copy of the ERR may be obtained by contacting Laura Rex, City Secretary via email [citysecretary@bigsandytx.gov](mailto:citysecretary@bigsandytx.gov) or 903-636-4343.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Office of the Mayor. Comments may also be submitted via email to [citysecretary@bigsandytx.gov](mailto:citysecretary@bigsandytx.gov). All comments received by 07/31/2023 will be considered by the City of Big Sandy prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The City of Big Sandy certifies to TDA-ORA that Linda C. Baggett 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-ORA approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Big Sandy to use HUD program funds.

**OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

TDA-ORA will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Big Sandy'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 Big Sandy approved by TDA-ORA (b) the City of Big Sandy 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 email at [CDBG\\_EnvReview@TexasAgriculture.gov](mailto:CDBG_EnvReview@TexasAgriculture.gov). Potential objectors should contact TDA-ORA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

*Linda C. Baggett, Mayor*