

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

Date of Notice: 2/14/2019

Rains County, 167 E. Quitman St., Ste. 102, Emory, TX 75440, (903) 473-5000

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about 3/5/2019 Rains 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, for Administrative and Engineering fees and services, and to undertake a project known as Other Public Facilities and Improvements (Removal of Architectural Barriers) 7218390, for the purpose of installing a new ADA complaint sidewalk, entrance stairs and landing, handicap ramp, handrails, crosswalk stripes, approx. 75 LF curb and gutter, curb inlet and box, pavement repair and associated appurtenances at the Rain's County Commissioner's Office located on 100 E. North St, Emory, TX 75440 . The County also proposes to install a new ADA compliant double glass door, parking lot with 36 standard spaces and 8 ADA spaces, and all associated appurtenances at the Rains County Senior Citizens Building located at 179 Doris Biggs Parkway, Emory, TX 75440. Rains County has been awarded \$275,000 in grant funds and shall contribute \$55,000 in match funds.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Rains 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 Rains County Courthouse, 167 E. Quitman St., Ste. 102, Emory, TX 75440 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

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 3/4/2019 will be considered by Rains County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

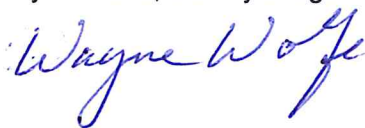
ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Rains County certifies to TDA-ORA that Wayne Wolfe 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 Rains County to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

TDA-ORA will accept objections to its release of funds and Rains 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 Rains County approved by TDA-ORA (b) Rains 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 The Texas Department of Agriculture - Office of Rural Affairs at P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711. Potential objectors should contact TDA-ORA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Wayne Wolfe, County Judge



2/14/2019



AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

State of Texas
Rains County
Rains County

County Clerk
BEFORE ME, the undersigned ~~Notary Public~~, on this day personally appeared,

Wayne Wolfe, who, being by me duly sworn, stated:

1. Affiant is an employee of Rains County and has personal knowledge of the facts stated in this affidavit.
2. On or before the date 2/14/2019 a notice was posted in English at the location of 167 E. Outman Emory, TX 75440 E www.co.rains.tx.us. The notice was removed on or after close of business 3/4/2019. A true and correct copy of the notice is attached.

Jeanne Hayes
Posted by

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME by the above-named affiant on
2-14, 2019, to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

Linda Wallace

~~Notary Public~~ in and for the State of Texas

My Commission expires:
Rains County Clerk

