

MARCH 26, 2025
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Val Verde County
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Del Rio, Texas 78841
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REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about April 15, 2025 Val Verde County will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the release of Community Development Block Grant Program funds under Section 104 of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as First Time Water Services Improvements for Vega Verde Road Colonia water improvements CDBG CFC 24-0012. Val Verde County in conjunction with the Del Rio Public Utility Commission, will install approximately eight thousand three hundred sixty linear feet (8,360 l. f.) of eight (8 in.) PVC water line, fire hydrants, gate valves, twenty-six household water services and all associated appurtenances including associated administration and engineering activities, for an estimated cost of \$313,000.00 in HUD funds. The project is located as follows: These activities are located from 7117 Vega Verde Road to 8437 Vega Verde Road Del Rio, Texas 78840.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Val Verde 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 Val Verde County Courthouse 400 Pecan Street, Del Rio, Texas 78840 and may be examined or copied on weekdays at 8:30 AM to 4:30 P M.

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at Val Verde County Courthouse 400 Pecan Street, Del Rio, Texas 78840 and may be examined or copied on weekdays at 8:30 AM to 4:30 P M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Office of the Val Verde County Judge at lowens@valverdecountry.texas.gov All comments received by April 14, 2025 will be considered by Val Verde County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Val Verde County certifies to the State of Texas that Lewis G. Owens Jr. in his capacity as Val Verde 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. The State's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Val Verde County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The State will accept objections to its release of funds and Val Verde 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 Val Verde County (b) Val Verde 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 the State; 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 at CDBG_EnvReview@TexasAgriculture.gov or PO Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711. Potential objectors should contact the State to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Lewis G. Owens Jr. Val Verde County Judge
Val Verde County, Texas