

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

Date of Notice: DATE: August 4th, 2025

Jim Wells County, 200 N. Almond, Alice, TX 78332, (361) 668-5826, (361) 227-8409

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about August 25th, 2025 Jim Wells 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 Jim Wells County Water System Improvements in Rancho Alegre (CDP) CDV23-0313, for the purpose of Administrative and Engineering Fees and Services as well as replace approximately one thousand, nine hundred seventy-four linear feet (1,974 LF) of two inch (2") waterline with eight inch (8") PVC waterline and associated appurtenances on Rosario Street. Four (4) fire hydrants will also be placed along Rosario Street. The proposed improvements on Herrera Street will replace approximately one thousand, five hundred linear feet (1,500 LF) of two-inch (2") waterline with eight inch (8") PVC waterline and associated appurtenances. Herrera Street will also receive approximately four (4) fire hydrants for fire protection. The replacement of these lines will lead to decreased breaks and leaks while improving safety and water access to the surrounding residents. The project is a non-critical habitat and does not involve acquisition. This project will also include the relocation of utility and infrastructure lines. Jim Wells County has been awarded \$500,000.00 in grant funds and shall contribute \$10,000.00 in match funds.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Jim Wells 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 Jim Wells County County Courthouse, 200 N. Almond, Alice, Texas 78332 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. A digital copy of the ERR may be obtained by contacting Norma Salas, Grant Administrator via email norma.salas@co.jim-wells.tx.us or by phone at (361) 668-5826, (361) 227-8409 .

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Office of the County Judge. Comments may also be submitted via email to norma.salas@co.jim-wells.tx.us. All comments received by August 22nd, 2025 will be considered by Jim Wells County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Jim Wells County certifies to TDA-ORA that Pedro Trevino 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 Jim Wells County to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

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

Pedro "Pete" Trevino Jr., County Judge