

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

Date of Posted Notice: September 15, 2021

City of Yoakum, Texas
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for the Construction, Engineering and Administration activities to be undertaken by the City of Yoakum for TxCDBG Contract No. 7220529 Water Improvement Project. The comment period and RROF procedures for this environmental review are conducted according to TDA’s temporary social distancing procedures.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about October 6, 2021 the City of Yoakum will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the release of Texas Community Development Block Grant Funds under Section 104f of Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as TxCDBG 7220529 Community Development Fund Water Improvements.

Water Improvements Contractor shall replace aged and deteriorated water lines to improve pressure and fire protection capabilities and ensure public health and safety. Contractor shall install approximately two thousand five hundred linear feet (2,500 l.f.) of twelve-inch (12”) water line, valves, fittings, hydrants and all associated appurtenances. Construction shall take place in the following location(s):

STREET	FROM	TO
On Park Road	North South Street	Davis Avenue
On Davis Avenue	Park Road	South Park Road
On South Park Road	Davis Avenue	City of Yoakum Water Plant

These activities shall benefit five thousand eight hundred twenty (5,820) persons, of which two thousand nine hundred seventy-five (2,975) or fifty-one percent (51%) are of low- to moderate-income.

The Construction, Engineering and Administration is being funded by a \$275,000.00 TxCDBG 7220529 Community Development Fund Grant in addition to \$55,000 Cash Match from the City of Yoakum.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Yoakum 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). The ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to Kevin Coleman, City Manager City of Yoakum 808 Hwy 77A South/ P O Box 738 Yoakum, Texas 77995 or by email to citymanager@cityofyoakum.org The ERR can be accessed online at the following website www.cityofyoakum.com

Objections must be prepared and submitted via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Kevin Coleman, City Manager City of Yoakum 808 Hwy 77A South/ P O Box 738 Yoakum, Texas 77995 at citymanager@cityofyoakum.org Potential objectors should contact the City of Yoakum via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to **Kevin Coleman City Manager 808 Hwy 77A South P O Box 738 Yoakum, Texas 77995 e-mail address citymanager@cityofyoakum.org** or by calling at (361) 293-3318. All comments received by October 6, 2021 will be considered by the City of Yoakum prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Yoakum certifies to Texas Department of Agriculture that Kevin Coleman, in his capacity as City Manager 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's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Yoakum, Texas to use Program funds.

TDA will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Yoakum'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 Yoakum, Texas; (b) The City of Yoakum 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; 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, Texas Department of Agriculture, Annessa.Lewis@texasagriculture.gov . Potential objectors should contact Annessa Lewis at TDA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Kevin Coleman, City Manager
City of Yoakum, Texas

CERTIFICATION: I certify that the above and foregoing notice was posted on the glass window adjacent to the front door of City Hall, facing the outside, and on the City of Yoakum website (www.cityofyoakum.org), on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 4:15 PM o'clock.



/s/
Theresa A. Bowe, City Clerk