

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT and
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

4/3/25

Stephens County, 200 W. Walker Street, Breckenridge, TX 76424
(254) 559-2190

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about 4/21/25, Stephens County (County) will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture (Department), Office of Rural Affairs for the release of 2024 Community Development Block Grant funds under Section 104(f) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, to undertake a project known as 2024 CDBG Stephens County Street Improvements Project #CDV23-0431 for the purpose of improving deteriorated roadways that result in reduced access.

Project Locations: City of Breckenridge, Stephens County, TX

- S. Hartford Street, from Highway 180 to E. Elliot Street (32.753660, -98.886548)
- W. 3rd Street, from N. Park Street to N. Rose Avenue (32.762077, -98.908240)

Project Descriptions:

S. Hartford Street: Reconstruct approximately one thousand two hundred fifty linear feet (1,250 LF) of roadway to include removal of existing pavement, base material, asphalt pavement, prime coat, two thousand five hundred linear feet (2,500 LF) of curb and gutter, related driveway repairs, and all necessary appurtenances, to include Administrative and Engineering services and fees.

W. 3rd Street: Reconstruct approximately One thousand seven hundred fifty linear feet (1,750 LF) of roadway including removal of existing pavement, base material, asphalt pavement, prime coat, three thousand six hundred linear feet (3,600 LF) of curb and gutter, related driveway repairs, and all necessary appurtenances, to include Administrative and Engineering services and fees.

Funding: CDBG \$500,000; Stephens County matching funds \$50,000. Total Estimated Project Cost: \$550,000.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The 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). The ERR will be made available to the public for review electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to the County at the address above or by email to cgonzales@stephenscountytexas.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the County. All comments received by 4/18/25 will be considered by the County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments can be mailed to: Stephens County, 200 W.

Walker Street, Breckenridge, TX 76424, Attn: County Judge's Office or by email to cgonzales@stephenscountytexas.gov. (254) 559-2190. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The County certifies to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), Office of Rural Affairs that Michael Roach, in his 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. The Department's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Texas Department of Agriculture will accept objections to its release of funds and the 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 the County (b) the 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 Department; 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 Environmental Review Specialist, Texas Department of Agriculture by email at **CDBG_ENVReview@TexasAgriculture.gov**. Potential objectors should contact the TDA Environmental Review Specialist at **CDBG_ENVReview@TexasAgriculture.gov** to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Michael Roach
County Judge