

**CITY HALL POSTING  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

May 14, 2024

City of Walnut Springs, 4126 3rd Street, Walnut Springs, Texas 76690, (254) 797-3721

On or about May 27, 2024, the City of Walnut Springs will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) Office of Rural Affairs for the release of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) under Title 1 Section 104(f) of the Housing and Community Development appropriations Act of 1974 as amended to undertake a project known as Water Improvements, under TDA CDBG Contract CDV21-0121, for the purpose of replacing 300-450 water meters including all associated appurtenances located throughout the City for City-wide benefit.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at City of Walnut Springs, City Hall, 4126 3rd Street, Walnut Springs TX, 76690, (254) 797-3721 where ERR can be examined or copied from <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/mbv2o4osd0a5mfsjvhpr/AI6tm09-SBWK5bkG7Ref0qo?rlkey=i7j3svt7eatgnbr2zym20gv15&dl=0>.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the City of Walnut Springs, Samuel Ortega, Mayor, designated officer responsible for receiving and responding to comments. All comments received on or before May 24, 2024, will be considered by the City of Walnut Springs prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The City of Walnut Springs certifies to TDA that Samuel Ortega in his capacity as Mayor 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 Walnut Springs to use Program funds.

**OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

Texas Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Affairs, will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Walnut Springs' certification received 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 Walnut Springs (b) the City of Walnut Springs 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 of The Texas Department of Agriculture - Office of Rural Affairs, [CDBG\\_EnvReview@TexasAgriculture.gov](mailto:CDBG_EnvReview@TexasAgriculture.gov) (512) 463.4746. Potential objectors should contact TDA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.  
Samuel Ortega, Mayor