

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

8/19/2025

Sabine County

201 Main Street

Hemphill, Texas 75948

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REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about 9/9/2025 the Sabine 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 Construction of an amphitheater at Sabinetown Park., CRC23-0521 for the purpose of The project will include the development of a stage, open-air lawn seating, support facilities such as restrooms, concessions, and audio/visual facilities. Vehicular parking will be shared with the Sabinetown Park Tournament Fishing Venue. The theater would accommodate 850-1,200 visitors., and associated administration and/or engineering activities, for an estimated cost of \$1,000,000.00 in HUD funds and \$100,000.00 in non-HUD funds. The project is located as follows: The project is located within Sabine County, along the shoreline of Toledo Bend Reservoir, approximately 7 miles east northeast of Hemphill, Texas (lat 31.411, long -93.745). The project site is adjacent to Vantage Point Road and occurs approximately 0.5 mile before the terminus at Toledo Bend Reservoir. The project site for the amphitheater abuts the Sabinetown Park Tournament Fishing Venue.. If funds allow, the project will also include Restroom, concession and other support facilities that are ancillary to the amphitheater will be considered alternative project activities should funds allow.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Sabine 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 201 Main Street - PO Box 716, Hemphill, TX 75948 and may be examined or copied weekdays at 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM Monday - Friday.

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at 201 Main Street - PO Box 716, Hemphill, TX 75948 and may be examined or copied 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM Monday - Friday.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Sabine County Judge at daryl.melton@co.sabine.tx.us. All comments received by 9/8/2025 will be considered by the Sabine County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Sabine County certifies to the State of Texas that Daryl Melton in his/her 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 State's

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approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Sabine County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The State will accept objections to its release of fund and the Sabine 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 Sabine County (b) the Sabine 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.

Daryl Melton, County Judge