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

Date of Notice: 01/11/2021.

City of Port Lavaca, 202 N. Virginia, Port Lavaca, TX 77979-0105, (361) 552-9793;

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Port Lavaca.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about Monday February 1, 2021, the City of Port Lavaca will submit a request to the Texas General Land Office for the release of Texas Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) 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 Flood & Drainage and Street Improvements 20-065-071-C198, for the purpose of facilitating the repair of existing streets along with improvements to the City's flood and drainage facilities, and will involve the repair and reconstruction of driving surfaces, sub-grades, and road base via milling, application of asphalt, installation of curbs, driveways, and associated appurtenances as well as the installation of reinforced concrete pipe (RCP), box culverts, inlets, junction boxes, and outfall structures, along with related utility relocations, drainage ditch improvements, and associated appurtenances in the City of Port Lavaca, Calhoun County, TX. The City of Port Lavaca has been awarded $5,113,395.00 in grant funds and shall contribute $11,000.00 in match funds.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Port Lavaca 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 Port Lavaca City Hall, 202 N. Virginia, Port Lavaca, TX 77979-0105 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Office of the Interim City Manager. All comments received by Friday January 29, 2021 will be considered by the City of Port Lavaca prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Port Lavaca certifies to GLO that Jack Whitlow 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. GLO approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Port Lavaca to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

GLO will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Port Lavaca’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 Port Lavaca approved by GLO (b) the City of Port Lavaca 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 GLO; 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 General Land Office – Community Development and Revitalization at P.O. Box 12873, Austin, Texas 78711-2873. Potential objectors should contact GLO to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Jack Whitlow, Mayor