

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

6/23/22

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Caldwell County, 110 S. Main Street, Lockhart, TX 78644
(512) 398-1808

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about 7/12/22, Caldwell County (County) will submit a request to the Texas General Land Office for the release of Community Development Block Grant Mitigation 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 GLO CDBG-MIT Caldwell County Hurricane Evacuation Center Project #22-085-024-D265, to provide temporary housing and shelter for evacuees during extreme weather conditions such as hurricanes, and which will be used as a community center when not being used for shelter.

Project Description: Construction of an approximately 41,000 SF emergency shelter building with space for 350 evacuees, restrooms, showers, laundry, catering kitchen, open space, exterior queuing area, utilities, parking, all appurtenances.

Project Location: North US-183, approximately 1,243-feet north of the intersection of US-183 @ Bridal Path Road to the dirt road on the west side of US-183 just beyond the water tower, Luling, Caldwell County, TX 78648 (29.725289, -97.658651).

Estimated grant funding is \$17,618,764.00; Caldwell County General Fund \$176,188.00; Estimated Total Project Cost \$17,794,952.00.

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 either 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 dennis.engelke@co.caldwell.tx.us. The ERR can be accessed online at the following website <https://www.co.caldwell.tx.us/>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the County. All comments received by 7/11/22 will be considered by the County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments 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 The County at dennis.engelke@co.caldwell.tx.us. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing. Potential objectors should contact the County via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Caldwell County certifies to the Texas General Land Office that Hoppy Haden, 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 Texas General Land Office'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 General Land Office 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 Texas General Land Office; 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 PO Box 12873 Austin, Texas 78711-2873, or ATTN: Environmental Review Specialist at cdr@recovery.texas.gov. Potential objectors should contact the GLO at (512) 475-5000 to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Hoppy Haden, County Judge