

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS****Date of Notice: January 5, 2021**City of Yoakum, Texas
808 Hwy 77A South
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for the Construction, Engineering and Administration activities to be undertaken by the City of Yoakum for TxCDBG Contract No. 7219312. The comment period and RROF procedures for this environmental review are conducted according to TDA's temporary social distancing procedures.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about January 25, 2021 the City of Yoakum will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the release of Texas Community Development Block Grant Funds under Section 104f of Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as TxCDBG 7219312 Texas Capital Fund Downtown Revitalization Program.

The purpose of this Economic Development project is to provide infrastructure in the form of sidewalk and water improvements in the Downtown Revitalization area designated by the City of Yoakum. The City of Yoakum certifies that the activities carried out under this contract will meet the national objective of aiding in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight.

Sidewalk Activities The "minimum necessary" activities are to consist of approximately one thousand two hundred fifty linear feet (1,250 l.f.) of concrete sidewalk, eight hundred linear feet (800 l.f.) of concrete curb and gutter, drains, four (4) sidewalk ramps, and all associated appurtenances. The locations of the Sidewalk Activities will take place at the following locations:

STREET	FROM	TO
East side of May Street	25 l.f. North of Lott Street	100 l.f. South of Lott Street
West side of May Street	150 l.f. South of Lott Street	150 l.f. North of Lott Street
South side of Lott Street	Alleyway	22 l.f. East of May Street
North side of Lott Street	Alleyway	200 l.f. East of May Street

Water Improvements Additionally, contractor shall replace and install one hundred forty linear feet (140 l.f.) of six-inch (6") water line, four (4) water meters, fire hydrant, and all associated appurtenances.

The locations of the Water Improvements will take place at the following locations:

STREET	FROM	TO
May Street	North side of Lott Street	South side of Lott Street

The Construction, Engineering and Administration is being funded by a \$350,000.00 TxCDBG Contract No. 7219312 Texas Capital Fund Downtown Revitalization Program in addition to a \$70,000.00 cash match from the City of Yoakum General Fund.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Yoakum 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 Kevin Coleman, City Manager, City of Yoakum 808 Hwy 77A South/PO Box 738 Yoakum, Texas 77995 or by email to citymanager@cityofyoakum.org The ERR can be accessed online at the following website www.cityofyoakum.org

Objections 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 City of Yoakum, Office of the City Manager at citymanager@cityofyoakum.org Potential objectors should contact the City of Yoakum via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Yoakum at 808 Hwy 77A South PO Box 738, Yoakum, TX 77995. All comments received by January 25, 2021 will be considered by the City of Yoakum prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Yoakum certifies to Texas Department of Agriculture that Anita R. Rodriguez, in her capacity as Mayor, City of Yoakum 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 Yoakum, Texas to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

TDA will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Yoakum'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 Yoakum; (b) the City of Yoakum 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 Pam Wozniak, Environmental Review Specialist, Texas Department of Agriculture, Pamela.Wozniak@TexasAgriculture.gov. Potential objectors should contact Pam Wozniak at TDA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Anita R. Rodriguez, Mayor
City of Yoakum, Texas

CERTIFICATION: I certify that the above and foregoing notice was posted on the glass window adjacent to the front door of City Hall, facing the outside, and on the City of Yoakum website (www.cityofyoakum.org), on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 4:55 PM o'clock.

_____/s/_____
Theresa A. Bowe, City Clerk

Agenda removed from window on _____ at _____ o'clock.

By: _____
Theresa A. Bowe, City Clerk