

December 27, 2022

City of Vidor
1395 North Main Street
Vidor, Texas 77662
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Vidor.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about January 16, 2023 or at least eighteen (18) days after this Notice is posted, the City of Vidor will submit a request to the General Land Office (GLO) for the release of Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery funds under Section 104(f) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, Contract GLO 20-066-023-C168, to undertake a project known as the City of Vidor Hurricane Harvey CDBG Buyout Program for the purpose of purchasing Single Family Homes, Modular/Manufactured Homes, and Vacant Lots from eligible homeowners on a voluntary basis. The purchase of these properties will allow homeowners or their tenants to relocate to safe, sanitary living conditions in less disaster-prone areas. The vacant land will be dedicated and maintained in perpetuity for a use that is compatible with open space, recreation, and floodplain/wetlands management practices including drainage and retention. There will be no residential or commercial development allowed on the Buyout properties in perpetuity. This project will be funded with CDBG-DR grant funds in the amount of \$2,572,057.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Vidor 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 City of Vidor City Hall and may be examined or copied weekdays from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Vidor. 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 Betty Strong, City Secretary, at bstrong@cityofvidor.com. All comments received by January 16, 2023, will be considered by the City of Vidor prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Vidor certifies to GLO that Misty Songe, in her 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's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Vidor to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The GLO will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Vidor'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 Vidor; (b) the City of Vidor has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the City of Vidor 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 Heather Lagrone, Texas General Land Office Community Development and Revitalization, P.O. Box 12873, Austin, Texas 78711-2873, or via e-mail at cdr@recovery.texas.gov. Potential objectors should contact the GLO Community Development and Revitalization Program to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

The Honorable Misty Songe
Mayor
City of Vidor