

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

October 26, 2022

City of Eastland
113 E. Commerce St.
Eastland, Texas 76448
254-629-8321

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Eastland, Texas. The proposed activities provide assistance to homeowners affected by the impacts of the 2016 floods.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about November 15, 2022, the City of Eastland will submit a request to the Texas General Land Office for the release of the City of Eastlands CDBG-MIT 2016 Flood Allocation Buyout Program funds under the Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2018 (Public Law 115-123), enacted on February 9, 2018 for necessary expenses for Activities authorized under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.) related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration or infrastructure and housing, economic revitalization, mitigation, and affirmatively furthering fair housing, in accordance with Executive Order 12892, in the most impacted and distressed areas resulting from major declared disasters that occurred in 2015, 2016 and 2017 pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.). In areas affected by the Texas Severe Storms to undertake a project known as City of Eastland- Level Tiered Environmental Assessment, CDBG-MIT Contract No. 22-082-004-D199 for the purpose of the CDBG-MIT funds allocated in response to the Texas Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding assisting up to thirty (30) eligible applicants in the City of Eastland. Total available housing activity funds as of today's date are \$1,589,336.72. The final number of projects funded will be based upon the number of eligible applicants and available funding. To facilitate environmental review of the proposed activities throughout the city, City of Eastland is implementing a tiered environmental review approach in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 58.15. The environmental Review Record (ERR) is tiered as an Environmental Assessment (24 CFR 58.35 subpart E) subject to laws and authorities at 24 CFR 58.5, 24 CFR 58.6, and NEPA analysis.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Eastland 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 Eastland City Hall - 113 E. Commerce St., Eastland, Texas, 76448, and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 5P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Eastland City Hall – 113 E. Commerce St., Eastland, Texas, 76448. All comments received by November 14, 2022, will be considered by the City of Eastland prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Eastland certifies to the GLO that Larry Vernon 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. HUD's State's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows City of Eastland to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The GLO will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Eastlands 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 Eastland (b) The City of Eastland 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 HUD/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 Heather Lagrone at GLO via PO Box 12873, Austin, TX 78711-2873 or by email at cdr@recovery.texas.gov Potential objectors should contact the GLO to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Larry Vernon
Mayor
City of Eastland