

## **NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

3/26/2025

City of Shepherd

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### **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about 4/16/2025 the City of Shepherd will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the release of Community Development Block Grant Program funds under Section 104 of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as water storage improvements, CDV23-0494 for the purpose of The City of Shepherd provides water service to all citizens within the city limits. The number of connections is approaching the limit recognized by TCEQ, which results to TCEQ requiring the City to provide for expansion on their total water storage capacity. The City will increase water storage capacity by constructing a new water storage tank. Construction shall include a 100,000-gallon ground storage tank, pump building, new booster pumps and motor, plant piping and valves, electrical and control, and all associated appurtenances. The construction will take place next to the existing Water Well Site at the Water Well No. 2 located on Myrtie Street, Shepherd, Texas.

These activities include administration, engineering and construction., and associated administration and/or engineering activities, for an estimated cost of \$500,000.00 in HUD funds and \$25,000.00 in non-HUD funds. The project is located as follows: Western central portion of town on Myrtie Street, Shepherd, Texas. If funds allow, the project will also include If funds allowed, the City will need water distribution lines, treatment processes or additional water storage.

### **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The City of Shepherd 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 16 N. Liberty Street, Shepherd, Texas 77371 and may be examined or copied weekdays at 8:00 - 5:00 Monday through Friday.

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at 16 N. Liberty Street, Shepherd, Texas 77371 and may be examined or copied 8:00 - 5:00 Monday through Friday.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City Secretary, City Hall of City of Shepherd at [citysecretary77371@gmail.com](mailto:citysecretary77371@gmail.com). All comments received by 4/15/2025 will be considered by the City of Shepherd prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The City of Shepherd certifies to the State of Texas that Charles Minton in his/her capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to

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the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The State's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Shepherd to use Program funds.

### **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The State will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Shepherd'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 Shepherd (b) the City of Shepherd 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 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 Texas Department of Agriculture at CDBG\_EnvReview@TexasAgriculture.gov or PO Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711. Potential objectors should contact the State to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Charles Minton, Mayor