

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

May 15, 2025

City of Shepherd
16 N. Liberty Street
Shepherd, Texas 77371
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Shepherd.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about June 4, 2025 the City of Shepherd will submit a request to the Texas General Land Office for the release of Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Regional Program, Federal award number B-18-DP-48-0002 and Contract# 24-065-003-E160 funds appropriated under the Further Additional 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 I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. § 5301 et seq.) related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of 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, or 2017 pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. § 5121 et seq.) as amended, to undertake a project known as Citywide Water System Improvements for the purpose of mitigating water outages during storms, tornadoes and even flooding events that can negatively impact water production quality and quantity by constructing a new water well including approximately one (1) five hundred fifty linear feet (550 l.f.) pilot test hole with testing and analysis, install surface casing, five hundred fifty linear feet (550 l.f.) reaming well, four hundred fifty linear feet (450 l.f.) of twelve-inch (12") casing, one hundred fifty linear feet (150 l.f.) of six-inch (6") liner, sixty linear feet (60 l.f.) of six-inch (6") stainless steel screen, seventy linear feet (70 l.f.) eighteen-inch (18") underream, well development, three hundred linear feet (300 l.f.) pump setting, three hundred linear feet (300 l.f.) of six-inch (6") column piping, ten (10) pump stages, five (5) pump motor drives, one (1) well head surface blocking, one (1) chlorination system, plant pipes and valves, electrical controls, backup power generator, SCADA system, eight hundred fifty linear feet (850 l.f.) of water distribution line, drive access, fencing and all associated appurtenances. The total budget for these improvements is \$1,964,000.00 will be used for acquisition, engineering, construction, environmental and administration services associated with this project. Construction will take place from 526' east of intersection of Temple Street and Main Street to 676' north of Main Street and 10151 Main Street (in the back of an existing baseball park), City of Shepherd, San Jacinto County, Texas 77371.

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 at City of Shepherd City Hall, c/o Ms. Debra Hagler, City Secretary, citysecretary77371@gmail.com, 16 N. Liberty Street, Shepherd, TX 77371 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Shepherd, c/o Ms. Debra Hagler, City Secretary, citysecretary77371@gmail.com, 16 N. Liberty Street, Shepherd, TX 77371. All comments received by June 3, 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 Texas General Land Office that Honorable Charles Minton 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. Texas General Land Office'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

Texas General Land Office will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Shepherd 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 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 Heather Lagrone, Texas General Land Office, P.O. Box 12873, Austin, TX 78711-2873, env.reviews@recovery.texas.gov. Potential objectors should contact Texas General Land Office to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Charles Minton, Mayor