

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

Location of Posting: Hawkins City Hall
Date of Posting: June 23, 2025 through July 11, 2025
Address: City of Hawkins
200 Beaulah Street
Hawkins, Texas 75765
(903) 769-2224

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Hawkins.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about July 14, 2025 the City of Hawkins 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 sewer improvements, under Contract# CDV23-0331 for the purpose of constructing one new lift station including demolition of existing facilities and installing 440 linear feet of 8-inch gravity sewer liner, 500 linear feet of 4-inch force main, manholes, and all associated appurtenances. Project will also include all associated administration and engineering services, for an estimated cost of \$500,000.00 in HUD funds and \$25,000.00 in non-HUD funds. The project shall take place at cross country 4-inch force main from existing lift station on Highway 80 to intersection of access road and Highway 80; cross-country 4-inch force main to intersection of access road and Highway 80 to proposed lift station; and cross-country 8-inch gravity sewer-line from existing lift station on Highway 80 to proposed lift station.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Hawkins 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.

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at 200 Beaulah Street, Hawkins, Texas 75765 and may be examined or copied 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Mandy Thomas, City Secretary at mandy@hawkinstx.org. All comments received by July 11, 2025 will be considered by the City of Hawkins prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Hawkins certifies to the State of Texas that Mandy Thomas in her capacity as City Secretary 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. The State's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Hawkins to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The State will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Hawkins'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 Hawkins (b) the City of Hawkins 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.

Mandy Thomas
City Secretary

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