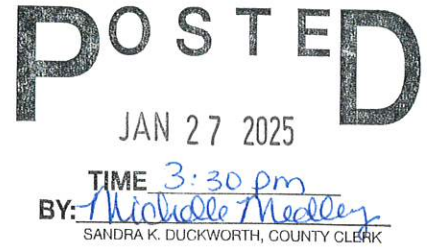


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**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

January 27, 2025

Newton County, TX
110 Court Street
Newton, Texas 75966
(409) 379-5691



These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Newton County.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about February 18, 2025 Newton County will submit a request to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for the release of Texas Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as the Newton County Shelter of Last Resort for the purpose of obtaining Right of Ways (ROW) to construct a Shelter of Last Resort, including the installation of water and electrical systems, fire hydrants, manholes, and a generator. Construction shall take place at 2220 TX Hwy 87 North, Newton, TX 75966 (coordinates 30.86301, -93.73505). The HUD CDBG-MIT grant funding is contracted for \$13,627,000 (\$11,138,620 for Construction and Acquisition; \$1,670,760 for Engineering; \$817,620 for Administration). To facilitate environmental review of the proposed activity, Newton County is implementing an Environmental Assessment (EA) level of review in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 58. The Environmental Review Record (ERR) and the supporting documents to the Environmental Assessment (24 CFR 58.36, subpart E) are subject to laws and authorities at 24 CFR 58.5, 24 CFR 58.6, and NEPA analysis.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Newton County 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 Newton County Courthouse, address 110 Court Street, Newton, TX and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Office of Newton County Judge, address 110 Court Street, Room 125, P.O. Drawer 1380, Newton, TX 75966. All comments received by February 14, 2025 will be considered by Newton County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Newton County certifies to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) that The Honorable Ronald J. Cochran in his capacity as Newton County Judge 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 GLO's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Newton County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Texas GLO will accept objections to its release of fund and Newton County'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 Newton County; (b) Newton County 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 Texas 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 the Texas General Land Office (GLO) at 1700 N. Congress Ave., Austin, TX 78701. Potential objectors should contact the Texas GLO to verify the actual last day of the objection period.



The Honorable Ronald J. Cochran
Newton County Judge