

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

February 10, 2021

Karnes County
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To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Karnes County, Texas. The proposed activities provide assistance to homeowners affected by the impacts of the 2017 floods.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about March 2, 2021, the Karnes County will submit a request to the Texas General Land Office for the release of Karnes County's CDBG-DR 2017 Flood Allocation Buyout Program funds under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115-123), enacted on February 9, 2018 to facilitate disaster recovery, restoration, and economic revitalization and to affirmatively further fair housing, in accordance with Executive Order 12892, in areas affected by the Texas Severe Storms to undertake a project known as Karnes County- Level Tiered Environmental Assessment, 2017 Contract No. 20-066-032-C226 for the purpose of the CDBG-DR funds allocated in response to the Texas Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding from DR-4332 assisting up to twelve (12) eligible applicants in Karnes County. Total available housing activity funds as of today's date are \$1,725,606.00. 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 county, Karnes County 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

Karnes 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 Karnes County Courthouse, 101 North Panna Maria Ave. Suite 101, Karnes City, Texas, 78118, 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 Karnes County Courthouse, 101 North Panna Maria Ave. Suite 101, Karnes City, Texas 78118. All comments received by March 1, 2021 will be considered by Karnes County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Karnes County certifies to the GLO that Wade J. Hedtke in his capacity as 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. HUD's State's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Karnes County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The GLO will accept objections to its release of fund and Karnes 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 Karnes County (b) Karnes 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 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.



Wade J. Hedtke, County Judge, Karnes County