

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT and NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

10/16/21

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City of Meridian, 111 Main Street, Meridian, TX 76665
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Meridian

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about 11/4/21 the City of Meridian will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture (Department), Office of Rural Affairs for the release of 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds under Section 104(f) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, to undertake a project known as Downtown Revitalization Project #7219242. Grant funding \$350,000; City General Fund \$70,000; Total project cost \$420,000.

Project Locations: Meridian, Bosque County, TX 76665

STREET	FROM	TO
W. Morgan Street	Main Street	Bateman Street
River Street	Main Street	Erath Street
<i>If funding allows, additional segments in the project area may be considered:</i>		
<i>W. Morgan Street (sidewalks)</i>	<i>Erath Street</i>	<i>Main Street</i>
<i>Courthouse (additional lights)</i>	<i>All four sides</i>	<i>Erath Street W. Morgan Street Main Street River Street</i>

Project Description: Sidewalk Activities: The “minimum necessary” activities are to consist of installation of approximately 670 LF of concrete sidewalk, 800 LF of curb and gutter, 470 LF of pavement repair, 15 ADA accessible curb ramps, 135 SY of accessible parking rehabilitation, 11 streetlights, and all associated appurtenances, to include administration and engineering services and fees. If funding allows additional segments in the project area will be considered on W. Morgan Street and around the Courthouse

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Meridian 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). The ERR will be made available to the public for review electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to the City of Meridian at the address stated above, or by email to marie.garland@meridiantexas.us.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Meridian. All comments received by 11/3/21 will be considered by the City of Meridian prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Objections must be prepared and submitted via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the City of Meridian at marie.garland@meridiantexas.us, or by mail to the City of Meridian at the address stated above. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing. Potential objectors should contact the City of Meridian to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Meridian certifies to the Texas Department of Agriculture, Office of Rural Affairs that Marie Garland, in her capacity as City Administrator, 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 Department's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Meridian to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Texas Department of Agriculture will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Meridian'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 a Certifying Officer of the City of Meridian; (b) the City of Meridian 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 Department; 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 Environmental Review Specialist, Texas Department of Agriculture by email at CDBG_ENVReview@TexasAgriculture.gov. Potential objectors should contact the Environmental Review Specialist at TDA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Marie Garland, City Administrator