

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

April 17, 2026

*Jefferson County Courthouse
1149 Pearl Street
Beaumont, Texas 77701*

On or about May 4, 2026 Jefferson County will submit a request to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for the release of Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds under The Further Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–123) and Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act of 2019 (Pub. L. 116–20), as amended. This is to undertake a project known as Jefferson County Drainage District 7 - Rehabilitation of Existing Pump Stations, whose purpose is to provide upgraded equipment and increased flood management within Jefferson County through Jefferson County Drainage District 7. The project is estimated to cost \$12,545,480.00, which will be fully covered using the GLO allocation of \$41,367,400.00. The approximate NAD 83 geographic coordinates for the existing pump stations for proposed improvement are as follows:

- Pump Station 1 (Memorial): 29.91421, -93.95160
- Pump Station 3 (West Port Arthur Road): 29.90692, -94.01167
- Pump Station 5 (Central): 29.88994, -93.94230
- Pump Station 8 (Lakeview): 29.91453, -93.89028
- Pump Station 10 (Delmar): 29.90326, -93.90058
- Pump Station 13 (Houston): 29.86672, -93.93530
- Pump Station 15 (Foley): 29.85620, -93.94913
- Pump Station 19 (9th Avenue): 29.92823, -93.95057

The activities proposed are categorically excluded subject to section 58.5 under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the Jefferson County Courthouse at 1149 Pearl St, Beaumont, TX 77701 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Jefferson County Courthouse. All comments received by May 4, 2026, will be considered by Jefferson County, prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Jefferson County certifies to the GLO that Jeff Branick in his capacity as Jefferson 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. GLO's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Jefferson County to distribute the funds to Jefferson County Drainage District 7 for use in the above listed project.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

GLO will accept objections to its release of funds and Jefferson 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 Jefferson County; (b) Jefferson 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 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 Texas General Land Office, P.O. Box 12873, Austin, Texas 78711. Potential objectors should contact GLO to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Jeff Branick, Jefferson County Judge