

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

July 24, 2025

Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA)
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Austin, Texas 78701
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the TDHCA.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or after **August 11, 2025**, the TDHCA will authorize the Village of Vinton to submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Project Funding (CPF) Grant funds under Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, (P.L. 117-103), as amended, to undertake the following project:

Project Title: Vinton Valley Chile Water and Wastewater Project Phase III

Purpose: The Village of Vinton intends to install water and sewer lines to eventually provide water and wastewater resources to businesses located along Valley Chile Road. The intent of this project activity is to allow for additional businesses to utilize available parcels to stimulate the economy in Vinton, TX.

Location: Valley Chile Road, Vinton, TX 79821 (El Paso County)

Project Description: known as Vinton Valley Chile Water and Wastewater Project for the purpose of installation of approximately 7,198 linear feet of 8-inch PVC water line with 16 gate valves, 23 service stub outs, 14 fire hydrants, and a pressure reducing valve. The wastewater project will include approximately 6,981 linear feet of 8-inch PVC wastewater line, 17 manholes, and 23 service stub outs. The project also includes the installation of approximately 6384 linear feet of storm sewer system with all associated appurtenances and a detention pond.

Project Issues: Floodplain Management

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any): For Floodplain Management, project has performed the 5-step decision-making process under 24 CFR Part 55 due to the east end of Valley Chile Road being in a 100-year floodplain. Installation of a storm sewer system has been included in the design plan for construction. Upon completion of the project, a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) will be submitted to FEMA.

Estimated Project Cost: \$4,000,000 to include estimated \$4,000,000 in HUD CPD Community Project Funding (CPF).

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The TDHCA 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 either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to TDHCA at 221 E. 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701, or by email to: environmental@tdhca.texas.gov. The ERR can be accessed online at the following website: <https://www.tdhca.texas.gov/environmental-compliance>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the TDHCA. All comments received by August 8, 2025, will be considered by the TDHCA prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The TDHCA certifies to HUD that Brenda Hull, Certifying Officer, in her capacity as Program Services Manager 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 approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Village of Vinton to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the TDHCA'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 TDHCA; (b) the TDHCA 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; 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 HUD Fort Worth Regional Office at email: CPDRROFFTW@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD Fort Worth Regional Office via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Brenda Hull, Program Services Manager