

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

*Date of Notice December 8, 2016*

**Responsible Entity:** City of Kerens

**TxCDBG#** 7216269

**Address:**

200 S. Colket Avenue

Kerens, Texas 75144

**Phone:**

903-396-2971

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Kerens.

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about December 28, 2016, the City of Kerens will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) for the release of Texas Community Development Block Grant 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 Kerens16CD for the purpose of replacing sewer lines and installing new manholes to prevent frequent maintenance issues and disruptions in service.

Description:

Contractor shall install approximately six hundred fifty linear feet (650 l.f.) of eight-inch (8") sewer line, boring, manholes, service reconnections, pavement repair, and all associated appurtenances and replace fourteen (14) manholes.

Location:

Construction shall take place in the City of Kerens, Navarro County, Texas in the following locations:

Sewer Line:

- Cross-country (under railroad) from Intersection of SE 1st St and S Ferguson to North to NE 1st St
- NE 1st St from Railroad to NE 2nd St

Manholes:

1. 32.1353, -96.22002
2. 32.13671, -96.22115
3. 32.13501, -96.22135
4. 32.1351, -96.22349
5. 32.13435, -96.22429
6. 32.13492, -96.22474
7. 32.13472, -96.22585
8. 32.13581, -96.22595
9. 32.13559, -96.2272
10. 32.13622, -96.22733
11. 32.13658, -96.22738
12. 32.13777, -96.22768
13. 32.13879, -96.22789
14. 32.13438, -96.22823

Project Issues:

- None

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any):

- None required.

Project size: Area of disturbance - approximately 0.37 acres

Project will benefit:

These activities shall benefit one hundred seventy-nine (179) persons, of which one hundred forty-four (144) or eighty percent (80%) are of low- to moderate-income.

Total Cost:

Project will cost \$220,000 and will be paid for with \$220,000 HUD CDBG grant funds administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture and \$20,000 from local funds.

### **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The City of Kerens 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 City of Kerens City Hall, 200 S. Colket Avenue, Kerens, Texas 75144 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M to 4 P.M.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Kerens City Hall, 200 S. Colket Avenue, Kerens, Texas 75144. All comments received by December 27, 2016 or within eighteen (18) days following this posting (whichever is later) will be considered by the City of Kerens prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commenter's should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

## ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Kerens certifies to TDA that Jeffrey Saunders in his capacity as Mayor 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. TDA's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Kerens to use Program funds.

## OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

TDA will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Kerens' 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 City of Kerens; (b) the City of Kerens 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 TDA; 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 TDA, 1700 North Congress Avenue, 11th Floor, Austin, Texas 78701. Potential objectors should contact TDA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Jeffrey Saunders, Mayor