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7015.16 – Authority to Use Grant Funds

Project Name: 2023-Elsa-Other-Public-Facility-Improvements-(Library)

Do not complete this screen until all appropriate waiting periods have elapsed.

Were any objections received to releasing the funds?

- Yes
- No

If yes, upload objections received and the response:

Upload any additional materials that should be attached to this form, such as a letter authorizing the release of funds, here:

To: (Name & address of Grant Recipient & name & title of Chief Executive Officer)

HIDALGO COUNTY  
1916 Tesoro St.  
Pharr  
Texas  
78577-3409

Copy To: (name & address of SubRecipient)

We received your Request for Release of Funds and Certification, form HUD-7015.15 on:

Your Request was for HUD/State Identification Number: B23-UC-48-0501

Program Activity/Project Description

Project consist of construction for the expansion of the Elsa Public Library to include but not limited to extending roof, adding common sitting area, electrical outlets, lighting and water fixtures. Other expenditures include professional engineering services, surveying, geo-technical and material testing fees, advertisements and related appurtenances.

\*Authority to Use Grant Funds does not give automatic approval of Environmental Review Record prepared by Responsible Entity, as ERR is maintained in RE's offices and not submitted for this review.

All objections, if received, have been considered. And the minimum waiting period has transpired. You are hereby authorized to use funds provided to you under the above HUD/State Identification Number. File this form for proper record keeping, audit, and inspection purposes.

Name of Authorizing Officer: Valerie Reed-Sweed

Title of Authorizing Officer: Director

Date:

To return form 7015.16 to the Responsible Entity, select Assign Review in the side menu. Assign the review to the RE contact as directed by your local HUD office.

You are strongly encouraged to follow up with your Responsible Entity contact by phone or email to confirm that this form was received.

# Request for Release of Funds and Certification

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Office of Community Planning and Development

OMB No. 2506-0087  
(exp. 08/31/2023)

This form is to be used by Responsible Entities and Recipients (as defined in 24 CFR 58.2) when requesting the release of funds, and requesting the authority to use such funds, for HUD programs identified by statutes that provide for the assumption of the environmental review responsibility by units of general local government and States. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 36 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. This agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless that collection displays a valid OMB control number.

## Part 1. Program Description and Request for Release of Funds (to be completed by Responsible Entity)

1. Program Title(s) CDBG	2. HUD/State Identification Number B23-UC-48-0501	3. Recipient Identification Number (optional)
4. OMB Catalog Number(s)	5. Name and address of responsible entity Hidalgo County Urban County Program 1916 Tesoro St. Pharr, TX 78577	
6. For information about this request, contact (name & phone number) Steven De La Garza, UCP Director 956-787-8127	7. Name and address of recipient (if different than responsible entity)	
8. HUD or State Agency and office unit to receive request HUD-San Antonio Office of Community Planning & Development-HF Garcia Federal Bldg/US Courthouse 615 E. Houston St. Ste. 347 San Antonio, TX 78205		

The recipient(s) of assistance under the program(s) listed above requests the release of funds and removal of environmental grant conditions governing the use of the assistance for the following

9. Program Activity(ies)/Project Name(s) 2023 Elsa Other Public Facilities Improvements (Library)	10. Location (Street address, city, county, State) Elsa City Library 711 N. Hidalgo St. Elsa, TX 78543
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### 11. Program Activity/Project Description

2023 Elsa Other Public Facilities Improvements (Library) Funding Amount:\$232,071.00

Project consist of construction for the expansion of the Elsa Public Library to include but not limited to extending roof, adding common sitting area, electrical outlets, lighting and water fixtures. Other expenditures include professional engineering services, surveying, geo-technical and material testing fees, advertisements and related appurtenances.


**Part 2. Environmental Certification (to be completed by responsible entity)**

With reference to the above Program Activity(ies)/Project(s), I, the undersigned officer of the responsible entity, certify that:

1. The responsible entity has fully carried out its responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action pertaining to the project(s) named above.
2. The responsible entity has assumed responsibility for and complied with and will continue to comply with, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the environmental procedures, permit requirements and statutory obligations of the laws cited in 24 CFR 58.5; and also agrees to comply with the authorities in 24 CFR 58.6 and applicable State and local laws.
3. The responsible entity has assumed responsibility for and complied with and will continue to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and its implementing regulations 36 CFR 800, including consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer, Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations, and the public.
4. After considering the type and degree of environmental effects identified by the environmental review completed for the proposed project described in Part 1 of this request, I have found that the proposal did  did not  require the preparation and dissemination of an environmental impact statement.
5. The responsible entity has disseminated and/or published in the manner prescribed by 24 CFR 58.43 and 58.55 a notice to the public in accordance with 24 CFR 58.70 and as evidenced by the attached copy (copies) or evidence of posting and mailing procedure.
6. The dates for all statutory and regulatory time periods for review, comment or other action are in compliance with procedures and requirements of 24 CFR Part 58.
7. In accordance with 24 CFR 58.71(b), the responsible entity will advise the recipient (if different from the responsible entity) of any special environmental conditions that must be adhered to in carrying out the project.

As the duly designated certifying official of the responsible entity, I also certify that:

8. I am authorized to and do consent to assume the status of Federal official under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and each provision of law designated in the 24 CFR 58.5 list of NEPA-related authorities insofar as the provisions of these laws apply to the HUD responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action that have been assumed by the responsible entity.
9. I am authorized to and do accept, on behalf of the recipient personally, the jurisdiction of the Federal courts for the enforcement of all these responsibilities, in my capacity as certifying officer of the responsible entity.

Signature of Certifying Officer of the Responsible Entity  X 	Title of Certifying Officer Steven De La Garza UCP Director
	Date signed 10-18-2023
Address of Certifying Officer 1916 Tesoro St. Pharr, TX 78577	

**Part 3. To be completed when the Recipient is not the Responsible Entity**

The recipient requests the release of funds for the programs and activities identified in Part 1 and agrees to abide by the special conditions, procedures and requirements of the environmental review and to advise the responsible entity of any proposed change in the scope of the project or any change in environmental conditions in accordance with 24 CFR 58.71(b).

Signature of Authorized Officer of the Recipient  X	Title of Authorized Officer Steven De La Garza UCP Director
	Date signed

Warning: HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil penalties. (18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802)