

# Request for Release of Funds and Certification

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

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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 Edcouch Water & Sewer Improvement	10. Location (Street address, city, county, State) Santa Arieanna/FM 1015 & Mile 16 Edcouch, TX 78539	

### 11. Program Activity/Project Description

2023 Edcouch Water & Sewer Improvement      Funding Amount: \$265,071.00

Project consists of the reconstruction of an existing lift station within the City of Edcouch to include but not limited to the adjacent/abutting sewer lines and man holes within the same general vicinity and related appurtenances. Other expenditures include professional engineering service fees, geo-technical and construction material testing fees, etc.


**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
	Date signed 11/14/23
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
	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)

# THE MONITOR

**PUBLISHER'S AFFIDAVIT**  
**State of Texas**  
**County of Hidalgo**

Norma I. Barras being duly sworn on her oath states that she is the Legal Account Representative of THE MONITOR, a daily newspaper in Hidalgo County, and that the attached notice did appear in the following issues:

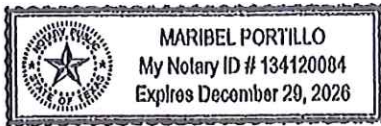
October 14, 2023

*Norma I. Barras*

*Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 31st day of October A.D. 2023*

*Maribel Portillo*

**Notary Public, Hidalgo County**



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

Publication date: October 14, 2023.

**HIDALGO COUNTY - URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM  
1916 Tesoro Street, Pharr, Texas 78777 • 956-787-8127**

**TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS:**  
These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Hidalgo County Urban County Program.

**REQUEST OF RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about November 2, 2023, the Hidalgo County - Urban County Program will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of federal funds under Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development of the Act of 1974, to undertake the following projects:

**Project #1 Title:** 2023 Alamo Water/Sewer Improvements  
**Purpose:** This project will allow the residents to have access to faster water flow and assist with the Fire Department for the fire safety of the community of The City of Alamo, Texas.  
**Location:** Alamo roughly South Estates SO Alamo, Texas  
**Project Description:** Project consists of water line construction to include the purchase and installation of 8" PVC C900 waterlines and fire hydrants for Morningstar South Estates SO, to include but not limited to gas valves, any technical and related permits as well as related to include education and abating stress within the same general vicinity. Other expenditures include professional engineering services fees, geo tech, construction material testing fees, advertisement and related appearances.  
**Project Issues:** An Environmental assessment was completed in compliance with 24 CFR Part 55.  
**Mitigation Measures (if any):** There is no instance in which any type of mitigation, additional consultation and/or special permitting is required.  
**Conditions/Permits (if any):**  
**Estimated Project Cost:** Total estimated HUD funds: \$265,071.00  
Total project cost (HUD and non-HUD funds): \$265,071.00

**Project #2 Title:** 2023 Pottas Parks, Recreational Facilities Improvements  
**Purpose:** This project will allow the residents to have an upgraded walking trail for their city park.  
**Location:** City of Pottas Park 1111 S. Main St., Pottas, TX 76570  
**Project Description:** Project consists of the reconstruction of a walking trail at the existing city park. Other expenditures include professional engineering services fees, surveying, geo technical and construction material testing fees and advertisements and related appearances.  
**Project Issues:** An Environmental assessment was completed in compliance with 24 CFR Part 55.  
**Mitigation Measures (if any):** There is no instance in which any type of mitigation, additional consultation and/or special permitting is required.  
**Conditions/Permits (if any):**  
**Estimated Project Cost:** Total estimated HUD funds: \$91,515.00  
Total project cost (HUD and non-HUD funds): \$91,515.00

**Project #3 Title:** 2023 Edocouch Water/Sewer Improvements  
**Purpose:** This project will be reconstruction of an existing lift station that will upgrade the sewer system to improve sewer flow for residents of the City of Edocouch.  
**Location:** Santa Ana area RM 1015 & M/A 16, Edocouch, TX 76539  
**Project Description:** Project consists of the reconstruction of an existing lift station with the City of Edocouch to include but not limited to the sewerizing sewer lines and manholes within the same general vicinity and related appearances. Other expenditures include professional engineering services fees, geo technical and construction material testing fees, etc.  
**Project Issues:** An Environmental assessment was completed in compliance with 24 CFR Part 55.  
**Mitigation Measures (if any):** There is no instance in which any type of mitigation, additional consultation and/or special permitting is required.  
**Conditions/Permits (if any):**  
**Estimated Project Cost:** Total estimated HUD funds: \$265,071.00  
Total project cost (HUD and non-HUD funds): \$265,071.00

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

Hidalgo County Urban County Program has determined that the projects 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. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) is what documents the environmental determination for these projects and is on file at Hidalgo County Urban County Program located at 1916 Tesoro Street, Pharr, TX 78777 and can be examined or copied via letter 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. or by calling the UCP office at 956-787-8127. No further environmental reviews of said projects are proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of federal funds.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR by mail to the County at Hidalgo County Program at 1916 Tesoro Street, Pharr, Texas 78777 or via email to us@hidalgo.org. All comments received by October 23, 2023 will be considered by the Hidalgo County Urban County Program prior to submitting a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which notice they are addressing.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The Hidalgo County Urban County Program certifies to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that Richard F. Cortez, in his capacity as Hidalgo 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 those responsibilities have been satisfied. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development approval of the certification is required under NEPA and related laws and authorities and affirms the Hidalgo County Urban County Program to use Program funds.

**OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will accept objections to its release of funds and the Hidalgo County 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 in writing and submitted to HUD by the following methods: (a) in person at the HUD office of the certifying officer of the Hidalgo County, or (b) the Hidalgo County has submitted a letter to HUD, (c) 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 via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 15, Section 5.76) and shall be addressed to the HUD San Antonio Field Office at: CPRODPROS@HUD.gov. Potential objections should contact the HUD office via email to verify the actual last day of an objection period.

Steve de la Garza UCP Director Richard F. Cortez Hidalgo County Judge

**AVISO COMBINADO AL PÚBLICO  
AVISO DE LA CONCLUSIÓN DE IMPACTO NO SIGNIFICATIVO  
Y AVISO DE INTENCIÓN DE SOLICITAR LA  
LIBERACIÓN DE FONDOS**

Fecha de publicación: 14 de octubre de 2023.

**HIDALGO COUNTY - URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM  
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**A TODAS LAS AGENCIAS, GRUPOS Y PERSONAS INTERESADAS:**  
Este aviso cumple con dos requisitos procedimentales separados pero relacionados para las actividades que serán a cargo del Programa Urbano del Condado de Hidalgo.

**SOLICITUD DE LIBERACIÓN DE FONDOS**

En o alrededor del 2 de noviembre de 2023, el Programa Urbano del Condado de Hidalgo presentará una solicitud al Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos para la liberación de fondos federales bajo el Programa de Subvenciones para el Desarrollo Comunitario (Community Development Block Grant) bajo el Título I de la Ley de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario de 1974, para llevar a cabo los siguientes proyectos:

**Título del Proyecto #1:** Mejoras de Agua y Alcantarillado de Alamo 2023  
**Propósito:** Este proyecto permitirá a los residentes tener acceso a un flujo de agua más rápido y colaborará con el Departamento de Bomberos para mejorar la seguridad contra incendios en la comunidad de la Ciudad de Alamo, Texas.  
**Ubicación:** Morningstar South Estates SO Alamo, Texas  
**Descripción del Proyecto:** El proyecto consiste en la construcción de líneas de agua, que incluye la compra e instalación de tuberías de agua de PVC C900 de 8 pulgadas y locas de incendio para el desarrollo Morningstar South Estates SO. Esto incluye, entre otros aspectos, las válvulas de compuerta, cualquier corte incidental y la reposición de cualquier tubería necesaria, así como las pruebas de caudal y cualquier otra prueba en la misma área general. Otros gastos incluyen honorarios por servicios de ingeniería profesional, pruebas geotécnicas, tarifas por pruebas de materiales de construcción, publicidad y accesorios relacionados.  
**Problemas del Proyecto:** Se completó una Evaluación Ambiental en cumplimiento con el Título 24 del Código de Regulaciones Federales (24 CFR) Parte 55.  
**Medidas de Mitigación (si las hay):** No existe ninguna instancia en la que sea necesario aplicar algún tipo de mitigación.  
**Condiciones/Permisos (si los hay):** consulta adicional y/o permisos especiales (en caso de existir).  
**Costo Estimado del Proyecto:** Total estimado de fondos de HUD: \$265,071.00  
Costo Total del Proyecto (Fondos de HUD y Fondos No relacionados con HUD): \$265,071.00

**Título del Proyecto #2:** Mejoras en Parques e Instalaciones Recreativas de Pottas 2023  
**Propósito:** Este proyecto permitirá a los residentes correr con un sendero peatonal mejorado en su parque municipal.  
**Ubicación:** City of Pottas Park 1111 S. Main St., Pottas, TX 76570  
**Descripción del Proyecto:** El proyecto consiste en la reconstrucción de un sendero peatonal en el parque municipal existente de la ciudad. Otros gastos incluyen honorarios por servicios de ingeniería profesional, honorarios de topografía, tarifas por pruebas geotécnicas y de materiales de construcción, así como gastos de publicidad y accesorios relacionados.  
**Problemas del Proyecto:** Se completó una Evaluación Ambiental en cumplimiento con la Parte 55 del Título 24 del Código de Regulaciones Federales (24 CFR).  
**Medidas de Mitigación (si las hay):** Se completó una Evaluación Ambiental en cumplimiento con la Parte 55 del Título 24 del Código de Regulaciones Federales (24 CFR).  
**Costo Estimado del Proyecto:** Total estimado de fondos de HUD: \$91,515.00  
Costo Total del Proyecto (Fondos de HUD y Fondos No relacionados con HUD): \$91,515.00

**Título del Proyecto #3:** Mejoras de Agua y Alcantarillado de Edocouch 2023  
**Propósito:** Este proyecto será la reconstrucción de una estación de vida existente que mejorará el sistema de alcantarillado para mejorar el flujo de alcantarillado para los residentes de la Ciudad de Edocouch.  
**Ubicación:** Santa Ana area RM 1015 & M/A 16, Edocouch, TX 76539  
**Descripción del Proyecto:** El proyecto consistirá en la reconstrucción de una estación de bombeo existente dentro de la ciudad de Edocouch para incluir, entre otros, las líneas de alcantarillado adyacentes a las tuberías y los pozos de acceso dentro de la misma vecindad general y procesos relacionados. Otros gastos incluyen honorarios de servicios profesionales de topografía, reconstrucción de pruebas geotécnicas y de materiales de construcción, etc.  
**Problemas del Proyecto:** Se completó una Evaluación Ambiental en cumplimiento con el Título 24 del Código de Regulaciones Federales (24 CFR) Parte 55.  
**Medidas de Mitigación (si las hay):** No existe ninguna instancia en la que sea necesario aplicar algún tipo de mitigación.  
**Condiciones/Permisos (si los hay):** consulta adicional y/o permisos especiales (en caso de existir).  
**Costo Estimado del Proyecto:** Total estimado de fondos de HUD: \$265,071.00  
Costo Total del Proyecto (Fondos de HUD y Fondos No relacionados con HUD): \$265,071.00

**DETERMINACIÓN DE LA AUSENCIA DE UN IMPACTO SIGNIFICATIVO**

El Programa Urbano del Condado de Hidalgo ha determinado que los proyectos no tendrán un impacto significativo en el entorno humano. Por lo tanto, no se requiere una Declaración de Impacto Ambiental conforme a la Ley de Política Ambiental Nacional de 1969 (NEPA). Un Plan de Acción Ambiental (ERR) es el documento que documenta las determinaciones ambientales para estos proyectos y se encuentra archivado en el Programa Urbano del Condado de Hidalgo, ubicado en 1916 Tesoro Street, Pharr, TX 78777, y puede ser examinado o copiado de lunes a viernes de 8:00 A.M. a 12:00 P.M. y de 1:00 P.M. a 5:00 P.M., llamando a la oficina de UCP al 956-787-8127. No se propone realizar revisiones ambientales adicionales de dichos proyectos antes de la solicitud de liberación de fondos federales.

**COMENTARIOS PÚBLICOS**

Cualquier individuo, grupo o entidad puede enviar comentarios por escrito sobre el ERR por correo al Programa Urbano del Condado de Hidalgo, en la dirección 1916 Tesoro Street, Pharr, Texas 78777, o por correo electrónico a us@hidalgo.org. Todos los comentarios recibidos antes del 23 de octubre de 2023 serán considerados por el Programa Urbano del Condado de Hidalgo antes de solicitar la liberación de fondos. Los comentarios deben especificar a qué Aviso están haciendo referencia.

**CERTIFICACIÓN AMBIENTAL**

El Programa Urbano del Condado de Hidalgo certifica ante el Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos que Richard F. Cortez, en su capacidad de Jefe del Condado de Hidalgo, da su consentimiento para aceptar la jurisdicción de los Tribunales Federales en caso de que se presente una acción para hacer cumplir las responsabilidades relacionadas con el proceso de certificación ambiental que resulta imperiosa de las leyes federales de la aprobación de fondos bajo NEPA y las leyes y autoridades relacionadas, y permite al Programa Urbano del Condado de Hidalgo utilizar los fondos del programa.

**OBJECIONES A LA LIBERACIÓN DE FONDOS**

El Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos (HUD) aceptará objeciones a la liberación de fondos y la certificación del Condado de Hidalgo durante un período de quince días después de la fecha de publicación de esta notificación de intención de liberación de fondos (que comienza cuando se publica en el sitio web de HUD) o si el Condado de Hidalgo ha emitido un paso o no ha tomado una decisión o ha adoptado un plan de acción en cumplimiento con 24 CFR Parte 1504. Las objeciones deben ser preparadas y enviadas por correo electrónico a HUD por correo electrónico a HUD en San Antonio a HUD@HUD.gov o por correo electrónico a HUD en San Antonio a HUD@HUD.gov. Las objeciones deben ser preparadas y enviadas por correo electrónico a HUD por correo electrónico a HUD en San Antonio a HUD@HUD.gov o por correo electrónico a HUD en San Antonio a HUD@HUD.gov. Las objeciones deben ser preparadas y enviadas por correo electrónico a HUD por correo electrónico a HUD en San Antonio a HUD@HUD.gov o por correo electrónico a HUD en San Antonio a HUD@HUD.gov.

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