

Environmental Review Main Form

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Once approved by TDA, please print this entire page using the Print Document function and retain in the local Environmental Review Record files as evidence of the Authority to Use Grant Funds.

Basic Information

Certifying Officer Name (see resolution) * Joel Rivera
Certifying Officer Title * Urban County Program Director
Environmental Review Preparer Name: * Steven De La Garza

Description of Aggregated Project (must include work to be funded by TxCDBG): *

In cooperation with North Alamo Water Supply Cooperation, install one (1) new lift station to include two (2) submersible water pumps, one thousand six hundred linear feet (1,600 LF) of four-inch (4 in.) force main, concrete pad, electrical, related piping, related, related fencing, related paving and all associated appurtenances. Carry out all acquisition of needed real property, easements and/or rights-of-way including the drainage easement project site in compliance with program requirements.

In addition, the project consists of reconstructing approximately three thousand one hundred fifty linear feet (3,150 lf.) of roadside ditch including nine hundred linear feet (900 lf.) of eighteen inch (18 in.) concrete pipe, sixty five linear feet (65 lf.) of twenty-four inch (24 in.) concrete pipe, street lights, related sidewalk and street repair and all associated appurtenances.

Alternative project activities if funds allow:

No alternative project activities are proposed at this time.

Location of Aggregated Project * Villareal Ave, San Carlos, Texas 78542
Estimated HUD Funding * \$1,000,000.00
Estimated Non-HUD Funding * \$0.00
Hours of Availability * Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM, excluding holidays
Address for ERR * 1916 Tesoro Street, Pharr, TX 78577
Office for Information Request * Hidalgo County Urban County Program Attn: Steven De La Garza, 1916 Tesoro Blvd., Pharr, TX 78577
Email Address for Information Request * jenny.anita@co.hidalgo.tx.us

Determination and Certification:

I certify that the following was completed: *

- ☐ Exempt Level of Review – This activity is exempt from the standard environmental review process per 24 CFR 58.34(a)
- ☐ Categorically Excluded (b), Not Subject to 58.5 – This activity is Categorically Excluded and not subject to §58.5, per 24 CFR 35(b)
- ☐ Categorically Excluded (a), Subject to 58.5, Convert to Exempt - This categorically excluded activity/project converts to **EXEMPT** Level of Review per 24 CFR 58.34(a)(12), because it does not require any mitigation for compliance with any listed statutes or authorities, nor requires any formal permit or license.
- ☐ Categorically Excluded (a), Subject to 58.5), Formal Consultation/Mitigation - This categorically excluded activity/project cannot convert to Exempt status because one or more statutes or authorities listed at 24 CFR 58.5 requires formal consultation or mitigation. Complete consultation/mitigation protocol requirements, publish NO/RRFOF and obtain "Authority to Use Grant Funds per 24 CFR 58.70 and 58.71 before committing or drawing down any funds.
- ☒ Environmental Assessment, Finding of No Significant Impact - The project will not result in a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Publish FONSI/NO/RRFOF and obtain "Authority to Use Grant Funds per Section 58.70 and 58.71 before committing or drawing down any funds.
- ☐ Environmental Assessment, No FONSI can be determined - STOP and contact TDA.

I certify that the above information is correct, the required checklists have been completed, and the required notices are ready for publication.

Environmental Review Preparer**Title****Date**

[X] Steven de la Garza

Interim Deputy Director

05/01/2026

Required Notices and Certifications

Click [HERE](#) to generate text for Notices - except for Tiered Reviews which require HUD Exchange Notices.

Method of Public Notice *	Posting - local offices and website
Date of Public Notice *	04/16/2026
Comment Period Begin *	04/17/2026
Comment Period End *	05/01/2026
Comment Period Days	
Evidence of Public Notices *	RROF Packet-CFC24-0082.pdf

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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 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.

RROF Certification (Certifying Officer
listed above)

Title**Date**

[X] Richard Cortez

County Judge

02/25/2026

--Subject Matter Expert Use Only--**Authority to Use Grant Funds**

TDA Objection Period Begin

05/07/2026

TDA Objection Period End

05/21/2026

Authority to Use Grant Funds

05/22/2026

I certify that the above information is correct

	AUGF Certification	Title	Date
[X]	Annessa Lewis	CDBG Compliance Monitor	05/22/2026

As of the date identified above as the Authority to Use Grant Funds, the Grant Recipient, upon execution of an official contract is hereby authorized, according to the terms of such contract, to use funds provided under the above State Identification Number for the above referenced contract.

According to the documents provided by Grant Recipient, all conditions requiring review under the National Environmental Policy Act for these activities have been met. If all other special conditions have been met, the Grant Recipient is authorized to use Texas Community Development Block Grant Program funds in the amount of identified above made available to the Grant Recipient by the Texas Department of Agriculture for the approved project activities.

The aggregated project described above:

- ☐ is consistent with the grant agreement Performance Statement.
- ☐ is not consistent with the grant agreement Performance Statement - this AUGF documents compliance with
- ☒ environmental review requirements and shall NOT be construed as approval for costs not described in the Performance Statement.

The Grant Recipient is advised that this release of funds is only valid for the project activities noted above and associated Environmental Review Record. If the project as described above is revised, including changes documented in a Performance Statement Amendment, a re-evaluation process or a new Environmental Review may be required under 24 CFR 58.47 as determined by TDA.

If not approved on first submission:

Date Submitted:	02/18/2026	Reason not Accepted:	Checklist, main form, and publication issues
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Review Notes:

2/18/26: Villareal Ave in location is missing on main form. Not certified by both env preparer and authorized official. Date in public notice was Jan 6 for comments, which is too short of a comment period. Additionally, the notice lacked one of the locations on the current performance statement. Proof of public notice pictures were not fully legible. Full ERR documents should not be uploaded to the checklist. Photos uploaded to the checklist need to be on the ground, current photos of each project location, clearly labeled. Source document not stated on checklist for Noise Abatement and Control, for example, the HUD partner worksheet. Corrections to checklist must be made, corrections to main form must be made then certified by the Environmental Preparer. FONSI/NOIRROF notice must be re-posted/published with all activities and locations and an appropriate deadline for comments. Adequate proof of this notice must be uploaded to the main form and the Authorized Official must certify the RROF on the main form after the comment deadline has passed. The authorized official will need to change the status to resubmit to TDA for review after the above.

4/2/26: Above comments need to be addressed prior to resending for TDA review. December 23-January 6 (the due date in the notice) is not an adequate comment period. Location is still missing from main form. Do not resubmit until all issues are addressed above.