

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

Date of Notice: 7/30/25

City of Cooper, 91 N. Side Square, Cooper, TX 75432, 903-395-2217

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about 8/19/25 the City of Cooper will submit a request to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA), for the release of HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds under Title II of the Cranston Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 as amended to undertake a project known as Cooper 2024-0032 - Housing Assistance, for the purpose of assisting between one to fifty, single-family owner-occupied homeowners if funding becomes available. This is a tiered review and is based on multi-year releases of HOME funds. The maximum amount to be utilized for reconstructions is approximately \$175,000 based on the number of bedrooms. This tiered review covers reservations 2024-0032 and all associated contracts as well as any additional HOME funds awarded in the next 5-year period to include 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029 under this same scope of work. A broad review has been completed for the City of Cooper and as addresses are identified for assistance a site-specific review for the following elements: Flood Insurance, Floodplain Management, Historic Preservation, and Noise Abatement will be completed and submitted for environmental clearance to TDHCA.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Cooper 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 the Cooper City Hall, 91 N. Side Square, Cooper, TX 75432, 903-395-2217, and may be examined or copied weekdays from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. A digital copy of the ERR may be obtained by contacting Emily Howse, City Secretary, ehowse@cityofcooper.org or 903-395-2217.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Office of the Mayor. Comments may also be submitted to the mayor via ehowse@cityofcooper.org. All comments received by end of business 8/18/25 will be considered by the City of Cooper prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds on or about 8/19/2025. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Cooper certifies to TDHCA that Darren Braddy in their 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. TDHCA approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Cooper to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

TDHCA will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Cooper'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 City of Cooper approved by TDHCA (b) the City of Cooper 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-ORA; 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 Jaclyn Leasure, Environmental Specialist of The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, via email at Environmental@TDHCA.state.tx.us. Potential objectors should contact TDHCA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Darren Braddy, Mayor

