

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

Date: June 15, 2023

Name of Responsible Entity: City of Cottondale

Address: 2659 Front Street

P. O. Box 398

Cottondale, Florida 32431

Contact: Sherri McBride, City Clerk

Telephone Number: (850) 352-4361

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

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about July 4, 2023, the City of Cottondale will submit a request to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development (HCD) Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project to make the following improvements:

**Activities:**

**Service Area (SA) #1 – Caney Pond Drainage Service Area:**

**03I Flood and Drainage:** The Caney Pond Drainage Basin Service Area is a natural drainage basin. The project includes expanding the capacity of the Caney Stormwater Pond by deepening the pond, the installation of stormwater piping to carry the stormwater collected in the Caney Stormwater Pond Drainage Basin into Caney Pond, and the expansion of a discharge channel to carry the excess stormwater from Caney Pond into the DOT Stormwater Collection System along Highway 231. Caney Pond is located between Elliot Drive on the east, Caney Landing Road on the west, Broad Street on the north and Gilbert Lane on the south. Caney Pond is a naturally formed pond.

The Recipient will utilize \$4,347,351.00 in CDBG-DR assistance to construct approximately 890 Linear Feet (LF) of storm drain piping and 60 LF of steel encased storm drainpipe to be installed under the railway and will include the installation of 28 headwalls and two storm drainage piping junction boxes. Additionally, the project will excavate approximately 110,000 cubic yards from Caney Pond and approximately 31,200 cubic yards from existing channels to increase capacity of the storm water systems retention areas, which currently do not adequately provide storm water drainage during significant rain events. During significant rain events, the Caney Pond storm water drainage basin floods on a regular basis.

The Caney Pond Drainage Basin Service Area is bound by Miss Mae Lane, Hickory Street, and Pippin Drive on the North, Railroad Street on the south, the eastern end of Buttercup Lane on the east, and the rear property line of the homes on the west side of Parrish Street and Purvis Street on the west. Stormwater drainage piping improvements would be constructed along all of West Street, portions of Front Street, under the existing railroad and along existing drainage easement between Front Street to Highway 231. Between Highway 231 and Magnolia Street the stormwater would pass through an existing drainageway maintained by the Florida Department of Transportation (DOT). The stormwater would continue flowing down the existing drainageway between Magnolia Street until it entered Caney Pond. An overflow structure will be constructed at the northeast corner of Caney Pond and the overflow will continue northward through an existing drainage channel which will be expanded, terminating in the DOT stormwater drainage piping system located within the Highway 231 right-of-way. The entire Caney Pond Drainage Basin Service Area is located in Jackson County, a HUD designated most impacted and distressed County.

A portion of the activities in Service Area #1 may be carried out within a floodplain and/or wetland. Approximately 17.65 acres of land located within a 100-year floodplain and/or wetland may be included in the construction area.

<b><u>Activity</u></b>	<b><u>CDBG Cost</u></b>	<b><u>Local Match</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
03I Flood and Drainage:	\$ 3,666,106.45	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,666,106.45
03I Engineering	\$ 463,877.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 463,877.00
21A Administration	<u>\$ 217,367.55</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 217,367.55</u>
<b>Totals:</b>	\$ 4,347,351.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,347,351.00

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The City of Cottondale 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 2659 Front Street, Cottondale, Florida, 32431 and may be examined or copied weekdays 7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Sherri McBride, City Clerk, City of Cottondale, P. O. Box 398, Cottondale, Florida 32431. Comments may also be submitted via email at [cityclerk@cityofcottondale.net](mailto:cityclerk@cityofcottondale.net). All comments must be received by July 3, 2023. Comments will be considered prior to the City of Cottondale requesting a release of funds. Comments should specify which notice they are addressing.

**RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The City of Cottondale certifies to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and HUD that James Elmore 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. The State's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Cottdale to use the CDBG funds.

#### **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

DEO will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Cottdale 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 Cottdale; (b) the City of Cottdale 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 has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the State; 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 at 24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76 and shall be addressed to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, CDBG Program, MSC-400, 107 East Madison Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-6508. Potential objectors should contact the City of Cottdale to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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