

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

Date: June 20, 2024

Name of Responsible Entity: City of Cottdale

Address: 2659 Front Street

P. O. Box 398

Cottdale, 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 Cottdale.

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about July 9, 2024, the City of Cottdale will submit a request to Florida Department of Commerce (FloridaCommerce) 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 #1 – Northwest Sanitary Sewer Lines Hardening Project**

The City of Cottdale has been awarded One Million Four Hundred Ninety-Nine Two Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars and Zero Cents (\$1,499,228.00) for the Northwest Sanitary Sewer Lines Hardening Project CDBG-DR #M0165. During Hurricane Michael, the sanitary sewer lines, manholes and lift station comprising the Northwest Cottdale sanitary sewer collection system suffered direct damage and in combination with the age of the infrastructure, resulted in significant inflow and infiltration (I & I). The significant amount of rainfall resulting from Hurricane Michael saturated the ground surrounding these sanitary sewer lines resulting in pipe joint damage and pipe joint degradation, resulting in ground water, sand, and debris to leak into the system and wastewater/sewage to leak out. One lift station in the area was forced to greatly exceed its pumping capacity, due to the infiltration from the excessive rainfall and the presence of sand and other debris, and now is prematurely at the end of its useful life.

The City of Cottdale's proposed project will replace 3,550 LF of existing sanitary sewer lines, rehabilitate 1,500 LF of existing sanitary sewer lines, rehabilitate one (1) existing sanitary sewer lift station, including the installation of one (1) emergency electrical generator. The project additionally will replace 16 existing sanitary sewer manholes, rehabilitate six (6) existing sanitary sewer manholes, reconnect laterals, and replace approximately 6,650 square yards of existing paving along West Street, Front Street, McKinnon Street, McClain Street, North Street, and Adams Street in the Northwest section of the City of Cottdale.

The proposed project area is located in the northwest section of the City and is bound on the east by West Street, on the south by Front Street, on the north by North Street and on the west by Parrish Street.

A portion of the construction may be carried out within approximately 2.65 acres of land located within a Flood Zone A floodplain and is not within a wetland.

<b>Activity:</b>	Construction
<b>CDBG Amount:</b>	\$1,130,272.00
<b>Local Match:</b>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	\$1,130,272.00

<b>Activity:</b>	21A Administration
<b>CDBG Amount:</b>	\$ 74,961.00
<b>Local Match:</b>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	\$ 74,961.00

<b>Activity:</b>	016 Engineering
<b>CDBG Amount:</b>	\$ 293,995.00
<b>Local Match:</b>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	\$ 293,995.00

<b>Total CDBG:</b>	\$1,499,228.00
<b>Total Local Match:</b>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
<b>Total CDBG and Local Match:</b>	\$1,499,228.00

#### **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 from 7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. CT Monday through Friday.

#### **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 8, 2024. 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 Florida Commerce 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 Cottondale to use the CDBG funds.

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

FloridaCommerce will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Cottondale 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 Cottondale; (b) the City of Cottondale 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 Florida Commerce, CDBG Program, MSC-400, 107 East Madison Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-6508. Potential objectors should contact the City of Cottondale to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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