



# Texas General Land Office

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

*Commissioner Dawn Buckingham, M.D.*

## **NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

February 26, 2026

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

### **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about March 6, 2026, the Texas General Land Office (GLO) will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on behalf of the Galveston Housing Authority for the release of Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG - DR) funds appropriated under the Disaster Relief and Recovery Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 (Pub. L. 110-329), as amended, to undertake a project known as the Oaks I Rehabilitation project. The Galveston Housing Authority in cooperation with the GLO proposes rehabilitation of 10 single family homes that will include the demolition of existing subfloor, joist repair, installation of vapor barrier below joists, floor installation, subfloor decking, and the installation of luxury vinyl tiles (LVT) flooring, installation of hearing/vision devices, and completion of all associated appurtenances as necessary. The proposed improvements will take place at ten residential properties located at 4324 Sealy Ave, Galveston, TX 77550, in Buildings A through J.

To request a map of the project area, contact Justin Thornton, Environmental Protection Specialist, at the address, phone number, or email address below. The Galveston Housing Authority has been awarded \$6,957,024.00 in grant funds and shall contribute \$695,703.00 in match funds. Total project cost is \$7,652,727.00.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the Texas General Land Office, 1700 N. Congress Ave., Austin, TX 78701 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The ERR will also be made available to the public for review electronically and can be requested at [env.reviews@recovery.texas.gov](mailto:env.reviews@recovery.texas.gov).

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the GLO's Community Development & Revitalization (CDR) Division, located at 1700 Congress Ave., Austin TX 78701-1495. All comments received by March 5, 2026 will be considered by the GLO prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.



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## **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The GLO, on behalf of the Galveston Housing Authority, certifies to HUD that Jet Hays in his capacity as Deputy Director for Integration 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. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Galveston Housing Authority to use Program funds.

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the GLO'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 GLO (b) the GLO 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 project have committed funds, incurred costs, or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; 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 HUD Disaster Recovery and Special Issues Division at: 451 7th Street SW, Room 7272, Washington, DC 20410 or by email at [disasterrecovery@hud.gov](mailto:disasterrecovery@hud.gov). Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Jet Hays, Deputy Director for Integration, Community Development and Revitalization at Texas General Land Office