

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

November 18, 2024

City of Wewahitchka

211 N Highway 71
Wewahitchka, Florida 32465

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On or about December 3, 2024 the City of Wewahitchka will submit a request to the Department of Florida Commerce administering agency for the release of Grant Number M0118 funds under CDBG-DR Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and described in the 2020 State of Florida Action Plan for Disaster Recovery to undertake a project known as The City of Wewahitchka Wastewater Infrastructure Repair Project for the purpose of repairing damaged wastewater infrastructure throughout the city limits.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the City of Wewahitchka City Hall located at 211 N. Highway 71 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 4 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Wewahitchka City Hall. All comments received by December 3, 2024 will be considered by the City of Wewahitchka prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Wewahitchka certifies to The Department of Florida Commerce that Michael Gortman in his capacity as City Manager/Certifying Officer 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. Florida Commerce's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Wewahitchka to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

Florida Commerce will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Wewahitchka 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 Wewahitchka; (b) the City of Wewahitchka 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 Florida Commerce; 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 Florida Commerce administration office at 107 East Madison Street, Caldwell Building, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-4120. Potential objectors should contact Florida Commerce to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Michael Gortman
City Manager