

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

Date of Notice: October 31, 2025

111 W Collins St., Leonard, Fannin County, 75452, (903) 587-3334

**These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities
to be
undertaken by the city of Leonard, Fannin County, TX.**

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about November 18, 2025, the city of Leonard 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 city of Leonard Housing Reconstruction Project for the purpose of assisting between 1 and 50 single-family owner-occupied homeowners if funding becomes available. This is a tiered review and is based on multi-year releases of HOME funds, and approximately \$175,000 per home based on number of bedrooms. This tiered review covers Reservation 2024-0007 and Contracts 1003560-HRA, 1003561-PWD, and 1003562-DR, as well as any additional HOME funds awarded in the next 5-year period in subsequent reservations and contracts, to include 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029 and 2030 under this same scope of work. A broad review has been completed for the city of Leonard and as addresses are identified for assistance a site-specific review will be completed and submitted for environmental clearance from TDHCA for the following elements: Flood Insurance, Contamination and Toxic Substances, Floodplain Management, Historic Preservation, and Noise Abatement and Control.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The city of Leonard 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 Leonard City Hall, 111 W. Collin Street, Leonard, Texas 75452, 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 Melissa Verde, City Secretary, citysec@cityofleonard.net, (903) 587-3334.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the city of Leonard. Comments may also be submitted to Melissa Verde, City Secretary, citysec@cityofleonard.net, (903) 587-3334. All comments received by November 17, 2025 will be considered by the city of Leonard prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The city of Leonard certifies to TDHCA that George Evanko, in his capacity as City Administrator, 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's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the city of Leonard to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

TDHCA will accept objections to its release of funds and the city of Leonard'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 Leonard (b) the city of Leonard 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 TDHCA; 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 TDHCA, Program Services, Environmental at P.O. Box 13941, Austin, Texas 78711-3941 or via email at environmental@tdhca.state.tx.us. Potential objectors should contact TDHCA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Certifying Officer: George Evanko, City Administrator
City of Leonard, Fannin County, TX