

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

12/25/2024

Choctaw County Commission
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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about 1/7/2025 the Choctaw County Commission will submit a request to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) for the release of CDBG funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (PL 93-383), to undertake a project known as Melvin Cutoff Road Improvements (CDBG Number CY-CM-PF-24-001) for the purpose of patching and repairing Melvin Cutoff Road, the estimated cost of this project is \$550,000 (\$50,000 local matching funds and \$500,000 CDBG) and the project will take place in unincorporated west central Choctaw County.

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 County Treasurer's Office, Choctaw County Courthouse, 117 S. Mulberry Street and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 AM to 3 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Chairman of the Choctaw County Commission, Jason Sturdivant. All comments received by 1/6/2025 will be considered by the Choctaw County Commission prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Choctaw County Commission certifies to ADECA that Jason Sturdivant in their capacity as Chairman 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. ADECA's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Choctaw County Commission to use Program Funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

ADECA will accept objections to its release of funds and the Choctaw County Commission certification for a period of 15-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 or the Choctaw County Commission; (b) the Choctaw County Commission 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 ADECA; 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 the State at: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, Community and Economic Development Division, PO Box 5690, Montgomery, AL 36103. Potential objectors should contact ADECA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Jason Sturdivant, Chairman Choctaw County Commission

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