

COMBINED PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Date of Posting: March 02, 2026
Responsible Entity: City of McAllen
Address: 1300 Houston Ave.
McAllen, Texas 78501
Phone Number: (956) 681-1030

These notices shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of McAllen.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about **March 27, 2026**, the City of McAllen will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as **Quinta Mazatlán Center for Urban Ecology Phase II**.

The proposed land acquisitions of a total of 3.96-acres/tract(s) will further support site expansion of the Quinta Mazatlán carbon footprint, promote the growth of a natural habitat for South Texas Wildlife and allow a for an educational opportunity for the community.

In addition, this funding will assist in the widening of Bales Road, from 10th St. to 2nd St. This action will allow the adjustment of the increased flow of traffic in the area.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of McAllen 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 file at the Grant Administration Department, 1300 Houston, Ave., McAllen, TX 78501 and may be examined or copied upon request between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please contact Julia D. Lash, Director of Grant Administration at (956)681-1030 for further information.

No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of Federal funds.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration. Such written comments should be received at the Grant Administration Department located at 1300 Houston Ave. McAllen. Texas 78501, listed above on or before **March 26, 2026**. All such comments so received will be considered and the City of McAllen will not request the release of Federal funds or take any administrative action on the proposed projects prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of McAllen certifies to HUD that Javier Villalobos 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. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of McAllen to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the *City of McAllen'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 McAllen*; (b) the *City of McAllen* 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 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 San Antonio Field Office at 615 S. Houston St., San Antonio, TX 78205 or TX_Webmanager@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Javier Villalobos, Mayor

Si necesita ayuda con la traducción con respecto a este aviso, favor de comunicarse con el al Departamento de Administración de Subsidios Comunitarios al (956) 681-1030.