

Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (NOI/RROF)

The language below is the recommended wording of the Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds. This Notice is used to request the environmental release of funds for Categorically Excluded projects (24 CFR Part 58, §58.35(a)) or for projects for which a Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact was previously issued. Words in bold type are required language. Words in italics are to be replaced by language appropriate to the particular project and Responsible Entity.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

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Town of Black Oak

205 South Main Street Black Oak, AR. 72414 870-486-5675

On or after 1/12/26 the City/County of Black Oak will submit a request to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission for the release of ACEDP funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 amended, to undertake the following project:

Project Title: Black Oak Wastewater System

Purpose: The project will include construction of wastewater system.

Location: 205 South Main Street Black Oak, AR. 72414

Project Description: The Town of Black Oak currently has no wastewater collection system. All wastewater is treated by individual septic systems at each residence. This project will consist of the construction of a new wastewater system.

Project Issues: None

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any): None

Estimated Project Cost: \$3,116,000.00

The activities proposed project: A Finding of No Significant Impact on the environment for this project was published on JUNE 5, 2018. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at East Arkansas Planning & Development District 2905 King St. Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the East Arkansas Planning & Development District 2905 King St. Jonesboro, AR. 72401. All comments received by 1/12/26 will be considered by the Town of Black Oak prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City/County of Black Oak certifies to Arkansas Economic Development Commission that its Chief Executive Officer, as Certifying Officer 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. Arkansas Economic Development Commission's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Town of Black Oak to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

Arkansas Economic Development Commission will accept objections to its release of fund and the Town of Black Oak'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 Town of Black Oak;

(b) The Town of Black Oak 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 Arkansas Economic Development Commission; 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 Grants Management Division, Arkansas Economic Development Commission, 900 West Capitol, Suite 400, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201. Potential objectors should contact Grants Management Division, Arkansas Economic Development Commission to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Mayor Henry Dunigan
Certifying Officer
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