

**Combined Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and
Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds**

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

September 17, 2015

Colleton County
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Colleton County.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about October 9, 2015, Colleton County will submit a request to the SC Department of Commerce/Grants Administration Division for the release of CDBG funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as Colleton County Booster Pump Station Upgrade for the purpose of removing the existing concrete storage tank from service. In order to provide the fire flow and system pressure the existing concrete storage tank currently provides, several other system upgrades are necessary. These include the upgrade of the Booster Pump Station at the existing ground storage facility at Robertson Blvd. and Old Air Base Road. The existing booster station only contains a single pump with the capacity to pump 1,000 gpm and will be replaced by a duplex station of similar capacity pumps. Construction staging would be located entirely on property owned by the City of Walterboro. Best management practices would be implemented including the installation of erosion and sediment control mechanisms to minimize any adverse impacts to the environment. The grant amount requested will be \$400,000.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Colleton County 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 Colleton County Administration Office located at 109 Benson Street, Old Jail Building, 2nd Floor and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00A.M to 5:00P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Colleton County Administration. All comments received by October 8, 2015 will be considered by the County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Colleton County certifies to SC Department of Commerce/Grants Administration Division that Kevin Griffin in his capacity as County 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. The SC Department of Commerce/Grants Administration Division approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Colleton County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The SC Department of Commerce/Grants Administration Division will accept objections to its release of funds and the County'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 Colleton County; (b) Colleton County 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 the Department of Commerce/Grants Administration Division; 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 SC Department of Commerce/Grants Administration Division at 1201 Main Street, Suite 1600, Columbia, SC, 29201. Potential objectors should contact SC Department of Commerce/Grants Administration Division to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

J. Kevin Griffin, Administrator for Colleton County