# Appendix A

## Required Format - Public Hearing Notice

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

COUNTY OF [COUNTY NAME] TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

In accordance with Texas Administrative Code, Title 4, Part 1, Section 30.7, [County Name] will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on November 4, 2022, at (XYZ) County Courthouse regarding the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for one or more Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) grants for Program Year 2024. [County Name] may be eligible to participate in the Colonia Fund Construction Program and other Colonia Fund programs. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities, and the use of past TxCDBG funds. [County Name] encourages citizens to participate in the development of TxCDBG application(s) and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to [Name, Title] at [XXX-XXX-XXXX] at the County Courthouse. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact the County Courthouse to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the County Courthouse at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Para más información en español, comuníquese con [Name] al XXX-XXX-XXXX.

## Sample Public Hearing Script

Thank you for joining me for this public hearing to discuss our community’s housing and community development needs.

Before we discuss our own community needs, let me provide some background on the funding opportunities through the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG). The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) administers this federal block grant funding allocated from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to the State of Texas. TDA offers competitive grant programs to distribute the funding to small and rural communities across the state. Our community [has/not] received TxCDBG funding in the past [list previously funded projects]. The community needs identified in this hearing will be used to guide our own application(s) for TxCDBG funding, and to provide valuable information to TDA for the future of the program.

The first topic is affordable housing. In our community, [information on current supply of affordable housing and past efforts to increase supply]. Are there any comments about affordable housing?

The next topic is social services. In our community, the following social services are available to our residents: [list services and providers]. Are there any comments about these services, additional services that are needed, or populations that remain underserved by social services?

The third topic is public infrastructure. In our community, [information on current condition of public infrastructure]. We have addressed these needs in the past by [identify local efforts, including grants, local bonds, annual budget expenditures, etc.]. Are there any comments about our local infrastructure needs?

Finally, the fourth topic is economic development. In our community, [information on current efforts to promote economic development]. Are there any comments about economic development needs or opportunities?

Now that we have outlined many of the needs that we have in our community, let’s discuss the specific funding opportunity available. In 2024, TDA is accepting applications for the Colonia Fund: Construction Program and the County intends to submit an application. We will apply for $1,000,000. If our initial application is successful, TDA will invite the County to identify a project and develop a full application that must primarily benefit low- to moderate-income persons who reside in colonia communities. We do not anticipate that any project we identify will result in displacement of residents or businesses; however, if this does occur, we will minimize the impact of such displacement and assist displaced persons, as required by the program. I have a copy of the Community Application Guide that includes a list of eligible activities for this funding competition, which I can share with you as well.

If you have any additional comments, concerns, or community needs to include after this hearing concludes, please send them to: [name and contact information]

## Required Format - Application Resolution

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF COUNTY OF [COUNTY NAME], TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE COLONIA FUND: CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of the County of [County Name] desires to develop a viable community, including decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low-to-moderate income; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and in the best interests of the County of [County Name] to apply for funding under the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF [COUNTY NAME], TEXAS,

1. That a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program application for the Colonia Fund: Construction Program is hereby authorized to be filed on behalf of the County with the Texas Department of Agriculture, and to be placed in competition for funding under the Colonia Fund: Construction Program.
2. That the County of [County Name] commits to dedicating no less than 51% of grant funds for water system improvements, sewer system improvements, and/or housing rehabilitation activities.
3. That all funds will be used in accordance with all applicable federal, state, local and programmatic requirements including but not limited to procurement, environmental review, labor standards, real property acquisition, and civil rights requirements.
4. That the County of [County Name] is committing to provide [$xx,xxx.00] in matching funds toward the application’s activities, with the specific usage and funding source to be determined prior to any award of grant funding.

Passed and approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

[Name Title]

 County of [County Name], Texas

[Name, Title]

 County of [County Name], Texas