

**COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF
NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE
ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE TO
PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR
RELEASE OF FUNDS**

DATE OF PUBLICATION: August 25,
2006

GRANTEE NAME & PROJECT
NUMBER: Ellis County 2007 CDBG
Urgent Need Application

ADDRESS OF GRANTEE: 1204 Fort
Street, Hays, KS 67601

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES,
GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about 15 days after this
publication, the above-named County
will request the Kansas Department of
Commerce (KDOC) to release Federal
funds under Title I of the Housing and
Community Development Act of 1974
(P.L. 93-383) for the following project:

PROJECT, TITLE OR NAME: 2007
CDBG Urgent Need Application

PURPOSE OR NATURE OF
PROJECT: The project consist of
replacing a substandard bridge located
14 miles north and 9 miles east of
Hays over the Saline River in Ellis
County.

LOCATION-CITY, COUNTY, STATE
OF PROJECT: Ellis County, Kansas

ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT:
\$735,000

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ENVIRONMENT**

It has been determined that such
request for release of funds will not
constitute an action significantly
affecting the quality of the human
environment and, accordingly, the
above-named County has decided not
to prepare an Environmental Impact
Statement under the national
Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L.
91-190).

The reasons for such decision not to
prepare such Statement are as
follows:

The implementation of this project will
not adversely affect the environment.

An Environmental Review Record
respecting the within project has been
made by the above-named County
which documents the environmental
review of the project and more fully
sets forth the reasons why such
Statement is not required. This
Environmental Review Record is on
file at the above address and is
available for public examination and
copying, upon written request, at Ellis
County, 1204 Fort Street, Hays, KS
67601.

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

All interested agencies, groups and
persons disagreeing with this decision
are invited to submit written comments
for consideration by the County to the
office of the Chairman. Such written
comments should be received at Ellis
County, 1204 Fort Street, Hays, KS
67601 on or before 15 days after date
of this Notice. All such comments so
received will be considered and the
County will not request the release of
Federal funds or take any
administrative action on the within
project prior to the date specified in the
preceding sentence.

**NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST
FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

Ellis County will undertake the project
described above with Block Grant
funds from the Kansas Department of
Commerce (KDOC), under Title I of
the Housing and Community
Development Act of 1974. Ellis County
is certifying to KDOC that the County
and Christopher Channell his official
capacity as Chairman, consent to
accept the jurisdiction of the Federal
Courts if an action is brought to
enforce responsibilities in relation to
environmental reviews, decision
making, and action; and that these
responsibilities have been satisfied.
The legal effect of the certification is
that upon its approval, Ellis County
may use the Block Grant Funds and
KDOC will have satisfied its
responsibilities under the National
Environmental Policy Act of 1969.
KDOC will accept an objection to its
approval of the release of funds and
acceptance of the certification only if it
is on one of the following basis: (a)
that the certification was not in fact
executed by the chief executive officer
or other officer of applicant approved
by KDOC; or (b) that applicant's
Environmental Review Record for the
project indicates omission of a
required decision, finding, or step
applicable to the project in the
environmental review process.
Objections must be prepared and
submitted in accordance with the
required procedure (24 CFR part 58),
and may be addressed to the Kansas
Department of Commerce, Small
Cities CDBG Program, 1000 SW
Jackson Street, Suite 100, Topeka, KS
66612-1354. Objections to the release
of funds on basis other than those
stated above will not be considered by
KDOC. Objections must be submitted
within 15 days following receipt of the
request for Release of Funds by
KDOC.

Date: August 25, 2006

Chief Executive Officer:

Christopher Channell

Address: 1204 Fort Street

City: Hays State: Kansas

Zip: 67601