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Cmr. George P. Bush announces GLO amendment reallocating $19 million for flood mitigation projects for communities most impacted by 2016 floods

State action plan amendment to be posted for 14-day public comment period

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AUSTIN — Today Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush announced the fourth amendment to the state action plan for the 2016 flood events has been posted for public comment. This amendment reallocates $19 million from the planning activities to instead be used to fund acquisition and/or demolition of real property along with flood and drainage improvements. Entities eligible to compete for project funds will be the five counties designated "most impacted" by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which are Brazoria, Fort Bend, Harris, Montgomery, and Newton counties.

The competition criteria is outlined in subsection IV.D.2 of the action plan. The total allocation amount for the 2016 flooding events is $239 million.

This fourth amendment will be posted for public review and comment on the GLO's website for 14 days. All comments should be submitted to cdr@recovery.texas.gov by 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 19, 2019, to be considered. The GLO will respond to all public comments received before the amendment is sent to HUD for final approval.

About GLO Community Development and Revitalization (CDR)

In addition to short-term housing in partnership with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Community Development and Revitalization division of the Texas General Land Office administers Community Development Block Grants for Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) allocations on behalf of the state of Texas. More than $9 billion has been allocated for recovery following Hurricanes Rita, Dolly, and Ike, the 2011 wildfires, the 2015 and 2016 floods and Hurricane Harvey. These grants can be used for a wide variety of activities including housing redevelopment, infrastructure repair and long-term planning. An additional $4 billion in mitigation funds is expected following the release of official guidance from HUD. For more information, please visit recovery.texas.gov.