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Commissioner Dawn Buckingham Announces More Than \$102 Million in Newly Approved Regional Mitigation Program Projects

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Austin — Historic funds to improve streets, water and sewer systems, and build community resource centers approved in Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Kleberg, Leon, Newton, Polk, Robertson, Tyler, and Washington Counties

Austin — Today Texas Land Commissioner Dawn Buckingham, M.D., announced the Texas General Land Office (GLO) approved \$102,326,416 in regional mitigation funds improve streets, water and sewer systems, and build community resource centers. Through the Regional Mitigation Program, the GLO enabled local prioritization, which will have a tremendous impact across multiple regions.

“The Texas General Land Office is proud to help communities grow knowing that the projects we fund will help protect local infrastructure, businesses, and the homes of those who live here,” Commissioner Buckingham said. “Federal funds can be complicated to administer, but the GLO is helping communities across Texas cut red tape and turn funds promised into projects delivered. These projects were prioritized at the local level by those who live in the communities that will ultimately benefit from the improvements. We care about helping move these projects forward for the benefit of these communities.”

Newly Approved Grant Awards:

Grantee	County	Project Description	Grant Amount
Deep East Texas Council of Governments			
Newton County	Newton	Newton County community center and shelter	\$13,627,000

Onalaska	Polk	Street improvements	\$679,000
Livingston	Polk	Street improvements	\$2,541,000
City of Newton	Newton	Water and sewer improvements	\$2,558,000
Polk County	Polk	Water facilities, street, and drainage systems Improvements	\$15,510,000
Polk County	Polk	Road and water control systems improvements at three plants	\$1,588,000
Tyler County	Tyler	Drainage improvements	\$2,672,000
Tyler County	Tyler	Water and street improvements and Colmesneil area emergency generator	\$9,388,000
Houston-Galveston Area Council			
City of Santa Fe	Galveston	Street improvements	\$2,743,700
Sugar Land	Fort Bend	Evacuation route erosion repair	\$4,063,600
Fort Bend County	Fort Bend	Evacuation route erosion repair	\$38,492,516
City of Angleton	Brazoria	Lift station #8 sewer rehabilitation	\$1,792,900

Coastal Bend Council of Governments			
Kleberg County	Kleberg	Three Mitigation, Assistance, Resiliency, and Recovery Centers (MARCC)	\$5,076,900
Brazos Valley Council of Governments			
Leon County	Leon	Street improvements	\$500,000
Franklin	Robertson	Street improvements	\$500,000
City of Burton	Washington	Water Well #5 construction	\$593,800
Total New Awards Approved: \$102,326,416			

Texas GLO Regional Mitigation Program Council of Government Method of Distribution (COG MOD):

The Texas General Land Office (GLO) allocated \$1,166,997,000 in Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Regional Mitigation Program to reduce the risks and impacts of future natural disasters. Each Council of Government (COG) with HUD-designated eligible counties developed a method of distribution (MOD) for allocation of funds to units of local governments. Each COG developed their MOD through extensive public participation.

HUD defines mitigation as activities that increase resilience to disasters and reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship, by lessening the impact of future disasters. HUD requires that at least 50% of total funds must be used for activities benefiting low- to moderate-income (LMI) persons. For more information, please visit recovery.texas.gov/mitigation.

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