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PRESS RELEASE

Commissioner Dawn Buckingham announces more than \$125 million in Regional Mitigation Program projects

Funds to improve street, water and drainage facilities approved in Austin, Bee, Chambers, Galveston, Jasper, Newton, Nueces, Polk, Refugio, Sabine, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Tyler, and Wharton Counties

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AUSTIN — Today, Texas Land Commissioner Dawn Buckingham, M.D. announced the Texas General Land Office (GLO) approved \$125,504,800 in regional mitigation funds for 16 federally eligible infrastructure projects to improve streets as well as water and drainage facilities in the cities of Aransas Pass, Beeville, El Campo, Friendswood, Gregory, Hemphill, Ivanhoe, Mathis, Refugio, and Woodville and the counties of Austin, Chambers, Jasper, Sabine and Wharton in addition to the Deep East Texas Council of Government (DETCOG). Through the Regional Mitigation Program, the GLO enabled local prioritization, which will have a tremendous impact across multiple regions.

"The General Land Office is helping to empower communities to move forward projects that will protect the homes and businesses of those who live there," Commissioner Buckingham said. "Locally led prioritization of mitigation projects is important because it strengthens critical infrastructure and protects communities against the impacts of natural disasters. I am proud of the work being done at the Texas General Land Office to not only helping those in need but support our communities as they grow."

[Download a PDF of the data in the table below.](#)

Applicant	Project Title	County	Amount Awarded
Coastal Bend Council of Governments (CBCOG)			
City of Aransas Pass	City of Aransas Pass Stormwater Pump Station # 3 Euclid	Nueces	\$5,086,700

City of Beeville	City of Beeville Water Improvements	Bee	\$2,663,500
City of Gregory	Wastewater Treatment Plan Improvements	San Patricio	\$3,946,700
Town of Refugio	Street and drainage improvements	Refugio	\$2,813,300
City of Mathis	Water and wastewater improvements	San Patricio	\$3,330,600
Deep East Texas Council of Government (DETCOG)			
DETCOG	Broad and interoperable radio communications infrastructure	Newton, Polk, Jasper, Tyler, San Jacinto	\$42,694,000
City of Hemphill	Street improvements	Sabine	\$924,000
City of Ivanhoe	Street improvements	Tyler	\$1,933,000
Jasper County	Construct Community Resource Centers, reconstruct roadways, and install elevated water storage tanks	Jasper	\$13,254,000
Sabine County	Street improvements	Sabine	\$5,912,000

City of Woodville	Street improvements	Tyler	\$3,325,000
Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC)			
Austin County	Street and drainage improvements	Austin	\$6,750,100
Chambers County	Drainage improvements	Chambers	\$14,923,200
City of El Campo	Drainage and storm sewer improvements	Wharton	\$1,554,100
City of Friendswood	Ground Water Storage Tank at Ground Water Plant 4 and Annalea Neighborhood Improvements	Galveston	\$4,636,100
Wharton County	Drainage improvements	Wharton	\$11,758,500
Total			\$125,504,800

[Click here for the project summaries.](#)

*Aransas Pass project [approved](#) in June, being celebrated with a check presentation today.

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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