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PRESS RELEASE

Commissioner Bush encourages communities affected by recent flooding to participate in survey

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AUSTIN — Today, Commissioner George P. Bush announced additional Hurricane Harvey outreach efforts to gather local and regional input for the \$137 million Community Development Block Grants for Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds available for local, regional and state planning. The outreach by the Texas General Land Office (GLO) will include a survey requesting input and encouraging regional planning coordination to help mitigate and lessen the impact of future disasters.

"The GLO is dedicated to assisting Texans in rebuilding after disasters and helping communities to protect against future catastrophes," said Commissioner Bush.

"Through this outreach survey, the GLO will be gathering valuable information to guide effective local and regional planning decisions. I believe that local input is vital for both the hurricane recovery process and determining the most effective priorities for mitigation project funding."

The survey will be distributed to citizens, local officials, councils of government and river authorities to request input for planning topics including, but not limited to:

- Flood control
- Drainage improvements
- Resilient housing solutions
- Economic development
- Infrastructure improvements

The GLO dedicated \$137 million in U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) CDBG-DR funds to conduct planning studies in the impacted areas with the purpose of promoting sound long term recovery. This allocation is part of the \$5.024 State Action Plan recently approved by HUD.

To participate in the survey please visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HPYP5TM>.

About GLO Community Development and Revitalization (CDR)

In addition to short-term housing in partnership with Federal Emergency Management Agency, the CDR division of the Texas General Land Office administers the Housing and Urban Development CDBG-DR funds 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. For more information, please visit [TexasRebuilds.org](https://www.texasrebuilds.org).

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