

PRESS RELEASE

Cmr. George P. Bush announces \$757,502 to improve streets as well as water and sewer facilities in Tyler County

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AUSTIN — Today Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush announced the Texas General Land Office (GLO) approved \$757,502 in Hurricane Harvey disaster recovery grants to improve streets as well as water and sewer facilities in Tyler County.

"Hurricane Harvey devastated communities across the Texas Coast," said Commissioner Bush. "These recovery funds are critical to improving local infrastructure that will protect lives, homes and businesses from future storms. We continue to work with our partners in communities across the region to leverage these resources efficiently and effectively to benefit Texans affected by Hurricane Harvey."

With these funds, Tyler County will be able to install new generators and make system modifications at the Hwy 190 Pumping Station and Industrial Park Water Well and rehabilitate sanitary sewer lines and manholes along W. Live Oak Street, S. Reid Street, and along Johnson Street. Additionally, Tyler County will construct an interconnecting water main at FM 256 from CR 3660 to CR 3300 and CR 3300 to Rockland water well.

Finally, Tyler County will make street improvements in the following locations:

- 16th Street - 17th Street to Lake Camelot
- 17th Street - 22nd Street to Lakeview Circle
- 19th Street - 22nd Street to Lakeview Circle
- Lakeview Circle - Lake Camelot Circle to 17th Street

Texas GLO Hurricane Harvey Recovery Funds:

Commissioner George P. Bush and the Texas General Land Office was appointed by Governor Greg Abbott to lead the historic Hurricane Harvey housing recovery efforts funded by \$5.676 billion in Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The GLO allocated \$413 million of the allocation for infrastructure projects to protect communities affected by the storm. The GLO allocated the funds to regional Council of Governments' (COGs) based on a HUD approved needs assessment. The locally-led COGs then conducted methods of distribution (MODs) for determining infrastructure and buyout and acquisition amounts for cities and counties within each jurisdiction. COG boards are comprised of officials from the impacted communities elected in part to prioritize funds allocated for recovery programs. The MOD process requires public

engagement and the GLO reviewed each MOD for compliance with federal rules and requirements before approving each plan.

To review the approved MODs, please visit <https://recovery.texas.gov/action-plans/hurricane-harvey/index.html>.