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Cmr. George P. Bush announces more than \$1.4 million for City of Yoakum infrastructure priorities

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AUSTIN — Today Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush announced the Texas General Land Office (GLO) approved \$1,416,383 in Hurricane Harvey disaster recovery funds for the City of Yoakum to improve drainage, street, sewer, water, electric, and public facilities.

"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, Yoakum will improve streets and install a concrete-lined ditch on Dunn Street near the Yoakum City Park. Sewer improvements will take place near the Yoakum Sewer Treatment Plant and east of the city near Highway 111 and FM 318 East. A monitoring system will be installed to ensure the distribution of potable water at locations throughout the city, including Yoakum City Hall, Yoakum Municipal Airport, Yoakum Municipal Park Water Plant, and the Brushy Creek Water Treatment Plant.

Additionally, Yoakum will install a generator at the fire station and replace power poles throughout the city.

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 and \$275 million for local buyout and acquisitions 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>.