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PRESS RELEASE

Cmr. Dawn Buckingham announces more than \$43 million combined for infrastructure projects in counties impacted by 2019 Disasters

Funds to improve street, water and drainage facilities approved in Cameron, Chambers, Harris, Hidalgo, Jefferson, Liberty, Montgomery, Orange, San Jacinto, and Willacy Counties

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AUSTIN — Today Texas Land Commissioner Dawn Buckingham, M.D., announced the Texas General Land Office (GLO) awarded \$43,144,626 in disaster recovery funds for 44 federally eligible infrastructure projects to help communities recover from the 2019 South Texas Floods as well as Tropical Storm Imelda. The funds will be used to improve streets as well as water and drainage facilities in Cameron, Chambers, Hidalgo, and Orange Counties, as well as the cities of Beaumont, China, Combes, Daisetta, La Feria, La Villa, Laguna Vista, Liberty, Mercedes, Mission, Nome, Old River-Winfree, Orange, Palmview, Pasadena, Pine Forest, Pinehurst, Plum Grove, Port Arthur, Port Isabel, Primera, Rio Hondo, Santa Rosa, Splendora, Vidor, West Orange, and Woodloch.

“Consecutive disasters have devastated communities in the Lower Rio Grande Valley and Southeast Texas, but the Texas General Land Office is here to help,” said Commissioner Buckingham. “These critical infrastructure awards will divert floodwaters away from homes, increase the resiliency of communities to respond to natural disasters, and restore peace of mind when the next storm hits.”

Applicant	Project Title
Deep East Texas Council of Governments (DETCOG)	
San Jacinto County	Lee Turner Road Drainage Improvements
Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC)	
Chambers County	Mayhaw Bayou Improvement Project
Old River-Winfree	Old River-Winfree Road Repair and Drainage Improvements
Pasadena	City of Pasadena 2019 WWTP Project
Daisetta	Citywide Street Improvements
Liberty	Minglewood Infrastructure Improvements
Plum Grove	City of Plum Grove Orange Branch Creek Drainage
Splendora	Pinewood Lift Station Generator & Drainage Improvements
Woodloch	North Woodloch Street Drainage Improvements
Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC)	
Cameron County	Cameron County Adams Garden Drainage Project
Combes	City of Combes Sewer System Lift Station Improvements
La Feria	City of La Feria Drainage Improvements (Install 60" RC)
Laguna Vista	Town of Laguna Vista Drainage Improvements, Palm Bl
Port Isabel	Pennsylvania Avenue Drainage Improvements
Primera	City of Primera Sewer System Improvements (2019)
Rio Hondo	City of Rio Hondo Catherine Drainage Project
Santa Rosa	Ovalle Lateral Drainage Improvements
Santa Rosa	South West Ditch Drainage Improvements
Hidalgo County	Palmview Lateral Expansion Project - Phase 2
La Villa	Delta Drainage Project - City of La Villa East Lateral Nor
La Villa	La Villa 2019 Flooding Drainage Project
Mercedes	Drainage Improvements Near the Mercedes Emergency
Mission	City of Mission Astroland Drainage Project (2019)
Palmview	City of Palmview Ramirez Drainage Project
Raymondville	City of Raymondville North Drainage System Improvements
Raymondville	City of Raymondville South Drainage System Improvements
Willacy County	Willacy County San Perlita Drainage System Improvements
Willacy County	Willacy County Sebastian Drainage System Improvements
South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC)	

Texas GLO 2019 Disasters Recovery Funds:

The Texas General Land Office (GLO) is administering \$227,510,000 million in Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for long-term disaster recovery from 2019 flooding in the Lower Rio Grande Valley and Tropical Storm Imelda in Southeast Texas. The GLO allocated \$61,430,000 million in disaster recovery funds for infrastructure projects to provide disaster relief, long-term recovery, and restoration of infrastructure for local communities. The GLO announced the opening of the application for eligible counties and cities on March 15, 2022, and applications closed on August 1, 2022. Each applicant was eligible to submit a total of two applications. All activities had to contribute to the long-term recovery and restoration of infrastructure. The GLO recognizes that as part of a comprehensive long-term recovery program, the repair and enhancements of local infrastructure are crucial components. Infrastructure activities are vital not only for the long-term recovery and restoration of housing but for the long-term recovery and viability of communities.

To learn more, visit <https://recovery.texas.gov/2018-floods-2019-disasters/programs/2019-disasters-infrastructure-competition/index.html>.