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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Commissioner Dawn Buckingham Announces More Than \$72.5 Million in Newly Approved Regional Mitigation Program Projects**

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AUSTIN — Today Texas Land Commissioner Dawn Buckingham, M.D., announced the Texas General Land Office (GLO) approved \$72,560,600 in regional mitigation funds to improve streets, drainage and sewer systems in the cities of Bédias, Bremond, Galveston, Liberty, Midway and San Augustine,

as well as Hardin County and a partial award of a larger project to be administered by the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) in Fort Bend County. Through the Regional Mitigation Program, the GLO enabled local prioritization, which will have a tremendous impact across multiple regions.

"Every day the GLO works with communities to ensure federal funding is administered effectively and efficiently as the federal process allows," said Commissioner Buckingham. "Our efforts to streamline federal funding procedures helps protect communities and the homes, businesses, and local government infrastructure that make Texas a wonderful place to live. These Regional Mitigation Program projects were prioritized at the local level by the Texans who will directly benefit. The GLO is proud to work with our local partners on cutting bureaucratic red tape to make Texas communities more resilient against future disasters."

DETCOG		
City of San Augustine - Citywide sewer system improvements	San Augustine County	\$1,694,000
Regional Subtotal		\$1,694,000

H-GAC		
City of Galveston - New water storage tank and system improvements	Galveston County	\$15,761,400
City of Liberty - New water treatment plant and system improvements	Liberty County	\$2,684,300
H-GAC - Partial award for Fort Bend County Brazos River erosion protection for Simonton Pinch Point	Fort Bend County	\$25,825,900
Regional Subtotal		\$44,271,600
BVCOG		
City of Bedias - Drainage improvements	Grimes County	\$1,217,700
City of Bremond - Generators for lift stations and water wells	Robertson County	\$500,000
City of Midway - Water and drainage improvements plus emergency notification system	Madison County	\$982,800
Regional Subtotal		\$2,700,500
SETRPC		
Hardin County - Drainage, detention, and roadway improvements.	Hardin County	\$23,894,500
Regional Subtotal		\$23,894,500

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[For more detailed project descriptions, please click here.](#)

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](https://recovery.texas.gov/mitigation).

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