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Cmr. George P. Bush announces \$19 million in disaster recovery funds for Patton Village

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AUSTIN — Today Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush announced the Texas General Land Office (GLO) approved \$19 million in reallocated Community Development Block Grants for Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the city of Patton Village. The funds will provide for the deepening of five detention lakes and ponds to promote sustainable long-term recovery and responsible flood-plain management.

"Flooding has been a tremendous issue for many Texas communities, including the residents of Patton Village who faced repetitive damage over the past few years," said Commissioner Bush. "The GLO continues to partner with local communities to administer long-term recovery funds to improve infrastructure, mitigating against future flooding events and protect both the homes and lives of local residents."

The community was overwhelmed by flooding events in 2016 as heavy rainfall caused flooding of streets and homes, threatening public health, safety and welfare. Montgomery County was deemed by HUD to be a most-impacted and distressed area for both the 2016 Floods and Hurricane Harvey. It was deemed a state most-impacted area following the 2015 floods.

The city of Patton Village developed the project to align with the goals of the regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The funds will provide for the deepening of five detention lakes and ponds to promote sustainable long-term recovery and responsible flood-plain management.

About GLO Community Development and Revitalization (CDR)

In addition to short-term housing in partnership with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the CDR division of the Texas General Land Office was appointed by Texas Governor Greg Abbott to administer both Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) and Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) on behalf of the state of Texas. More than \$13 billion have been allocated for recovery and mitigation 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 recovery.texas.gov.