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Cmr. George P. Bush announces more than \$1.4 million for street improvements in Palacios

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AUSTIN — Today Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush announced the Texas General Land Office (GLO) approved \$1,414,860 in Hurricane Harvey disaster recovery grants for Palacios to make street improvements, including reconstructing the driving surface, replacing and installing culverts, and regrading roadside ditches.

"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."

The road improvements will take place in the following locations:

- Gray Street – University Avenue to McGlothlin Road
- E. Matagorda Avenue – Gray Street to E. Bayshore Drive
- Elizabeth Avenue – State Highway 35 to Ruthven Street
- Beecher Avenue – State Highway 35 to Gray Street
- E. Texas Avenue – State Highway 35 to E. Bayshore Drive
- Harrison Street – University Avenue to McGlothlin Road
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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>.