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PRESS RELEASE

Cmr. George P. Bush announces more than \$4.6 million to improve streets as well as public facilities in Nueces County

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AUSTIN — Today Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush announced the Texas General Land Office (GLO) approved \$4,644,430.59 in Hurricane Harvey disaster recovery grants to improve streets as well as public facilities in Nueces County.

"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, Nueces County will be able to make street improvements as well as install a new Emergency Notification marquee sign designed to withstand strong winds and heavy rains. The marquee will be located at the Nueces County Keach Family Library at the corner of Terry Shamsie Boulevard and Highway 77.

The road improvements will take place in the following locations:

- CR 67 - FM 665 to 3.2 miles south
- CR 69 - CR 48 to CR 52
- Bauer Project - CR 44 to State Highway 44
- CR 77 - FM 2826 to CR 30

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>.