

PRESS RELEASE

Cmr. George P. Bush announces \$516,432 for flood and drainage improvements for City of Simonton

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AUSTIN — Today Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush announced the Texas General Land Office (GLO) approved \$516,432 in Hurricane Harvey disaster recovery grants for the city of Simonton to make flood and drainage improvements.

"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, the city of Simonton will replace storm sewer culverts, regrade roadside ditches at the following locations:

- Pony Lane - from Cheyenne Road to Hondo Road
- Maverick Road - from Pony Lane to approximately 408 linear feet west
- Surrey Drive - Fort Bend Drive to approximately 400 linear feet south
- Lariat Road - Wagon Road to Broncho Road
- Broncho Road - Hackmore Road to approximately 450 linear feet east of Wrangler Road
- Sagebrush Road - E. Longhorn Road to Lariat Road

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>.