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Commissioner Dawn Buckingham Announces Nearly \$32 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 \$31,832,572 in regional mitigation funds to improve communications, streets, drainage and sewer systems in the cities of Hallettsville, Hearne, Madisonville, Conroe, and La Grange as well as Robertson, Colorado, Sabine and San Augustine counties. Through the Regional Mitigation Program, the GLO enabled local prioritization, which will have a tremendous impact across multiple regions.



"The GLO is proud to work with communities to improve vital services such as drainage, communications, and water systems to benefit the lives of Texans every day," said Commissioner Buckingham. "As recent storms have demonstrated, improving drainage and communications systems is vital to protecting lives, homes and businesses. While federal funding is complicated, the GLO is dedicated to helping local leaders cut bureaucratic red tape to deliver these resources to make Texas communities more resilient against future disasters."

Grantee	County	Project Description
Golden Crescent Regi	onal Planning Commissio	on (GCRPC)
Hallettsville	Lavaca County	Water Well Replacen
Brazos Valley Council	of Governments (BVCOG	G)
Robertson County	Robertson County	Street Improvements
Hearne	Robertson County	San Antonio Water P Rehabilitation
Madisonville	Madison County	Street Improvements
Houston-Galveston A	rea Council (H-GAC)	-0.
Conroe	Montgomery County	Sanitary Sewer Rehal
Colorado County	Colorado County	Water Systems Comm
Capital Area Council	of Governments (CAPCO	G)
La Grange	Fayette	Citywide Drainage
Deep East Texas Cour	ncil of Governments (DET	cog)
Deep East Texas Council of Governments	Sabine County and San Augustine County	Broadband and Intere
Total New Awards Ap	proved:	*

Some checks in graph represent previously approved grants.

For more detailed project descriptions, please <u>click here</u>.

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.