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Commissioner Dawn Buckingham Announces \$17 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 \$17,028,100 in regional mitigation funds to improve communications, water detention, drainage and sewer systems in Bandera and Bastrop counties as well as the cities of Brookside Village, Calvert, Elgin, Kurten, Navasota, Oakwood, Richmond, Schulenburg, Smithville and Snook. Through the Regional Mitigation Program, the GLO enabled local prioritization, which will have a tremendous impact across multiple regions.

"The GLO is proud to go the extra mile to help Texas communities large and small to be more resilient against future disasters," said Commissioner Buckingham. "Many of our communities have been repetitively devastated by storms and flooding. Federal grant funding can be hard to obtain and difficult to administer, but the GLO works side by side with local leaders to push through bureaucracy and help communities thrive. Our mission is to strengthen and build infrastructure to protect and improve lives for all Texans."

Grantee	County	Project Description
Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG)		
Bandera County	Bandera	Countywide Repeater Boxes and Console Upgrades
Brazos Valley Council of Governments (BVCOG)		
City of Calvert	Robertson	Water Improvements and Modernization Project
City of Kurten	Brazos	Broadband Installation
City of Navasota	Grimes	Water and Sewer Line Improvements
City of Oakwood	Leon	Citywide Water and Sewer System Improvements
City of Snook	Burleson	Wastewater Improvements
Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG)		
Bastrop County	Bastrop	Smithville Drainage Improvements
City of Elgin	Bastrop	Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project
City of Schulenburg	Fayette	Citywide Drainage and Wastewater Improvements
City of Smithville	Bastrop	Detention Pond Drainage Improvements
Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC)		
City of Brookside Village	Brazoria	Drainage Improvements
City of Richmond	Fort Bend	Water System Improvements
Total Funding Approved		

For more detailed project descriptions, please [click here](#).

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.