

# **\$4.2 million granted by Texas GLO for historic disaster mitigation projects in San Jacinto County**

*Funds to improve drainage and sewer infrastructure for the city of Shepherd*

AUSTIN - Today Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush, Texas Senator Robert Nichols and County Judge Fritz Faulkner announce the Texas General Land Office (GLO) approved \$4.2 million in flood mitigation projects to improve drainage and sewer infrastructure in San Jacinto County and the City of Shepherd. These infrastructure projects will directly benefit residents in a majority low-to-moderate income (LMI) area that faced repetitive storm damage in 2015, 2016, 2017 with Hurricane Harvey, and 2019.

“Texas leads the nation in disaster designations for repetitive flooding,” said Commissioner Bush.

“We must work together to help communities across Texas be more resilient against devastating storms in the future. This first round of funding represents an historic investment in protecting lives, homes, and public facilities, as well as minimizing environmental impacts of severe storms, in many of our state’s lower-income communities. The GLO is proud to play a part in addressing this tremendous need.”

“The city of Shepherd has experienced ongoing drainage issues for years, running the risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship for our residents,” said Fritz Faulkner, County Judge. “This \$4.2 million from Commissioner George P. Bush and the GLO will help us improve our citywide sewer system, including the replacement of almost nine miles of sewer lines, to reduce the impact of future disasters.”

Texas Senator Robert Nichols offered his support from the Texas Capitol saying, "It's impossible to overstate how important these flood mitigation funds are to East and Southeast Texas. Senate District 3 saw severe flooding during the 2015 floods, the 2016 floods, and again during Hurricane Harvey in 2017. These flooding events showed just how vulnerable this area of the state is and how necessary mitigation efforts are. Senate District 3 won over \$105 million in the competitive flood mitigation fund award process because the projects in our region are vital to protecting Texans from future flood events. I appreciate the professionalism of the GLO throughout this process and our local officials who worked so hard to make these projects a reality."

In May 2020, Commissioner George P. Bush announced the [kick-off of the application process](#) for the first round of more than \$2.3 billion in Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to protect Texas communities hit by Hurricane Harvey and severe flooding in 2015 and 2016. During the first round, the GLO conducted three competitive application programs from the [CDBG-MIT Action Plan](#). Those programs include:

- 2015 Floods State Mitigation Competition – GLO [awarded](#) \$31,426,781 to four grantees.
- 2016 Floods State Mitigation Competition – GLO [awarded](#) 21 grantees with \$135,462,438.
- Hurricane Harvey State Mitigation Competition Round 1 (\$1 billion of \$2,144,776,720 total).

Applications closed for the first round of funding October 28, 2020, and the GLO evaluated all 290 submitted applications in accordance with the HUD approved scoring criteria. Eligible applications with the highest scores were awarded funds. The second round of the competition will award the remaining \$1,144,776,720 in mitigation funding to Hurricane Harvey eligible entities.

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.

The State of Texas CDBG Mitigation Action Plan: Building Stronger for a Resilient Future outlines the use of funds, programs, eligible applicants, and eligibility criteria as required by HUD. The plan was sent to HUD on February 3, 2020, after an extraordinary public outreach effort including a 50-day public comment period and eight regional public hearings, far-surpassing HUD requirements. HUD approved the plan March 31, 2020. For more information, please visit [recovery.texas.gov/mitigation](http://recovery.texas.gov/mitigation).

*City of Shepherd: Citywide Sewer Infiltration and Inflow Mitigation Project - \$4,200,000*  
LMI Percentage: 65.42%

The city of Shepherd has experienced ongoing drainage issues throughout the city. The goal of this citywide sewer infiltration and inflow mitigation project is to 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, especially during flood events that occur with hurricanes, tropical storms and tropical depressions.

This goal will be achieved by meeting the following project objectives:

- 1) Replace sewer lines
- 2) Replace and/or reconstruct of sewer manholes
- 3) Raise and harden lift station

The project will encompass approximately 46,872 linear feet of sanitary sewer line replacement, trench safety, connect new main (or new manhole) to existing manhole (or existing main), main line cleanout, connect service to new main, remove existing manhole with standard manhole replacement, driveway repairs, highway and railroad bore, replace one sewer lift station, elevate and rehabilitate 18 manholes, and associated appurtenances.

These activities will take place at the following locations throughout the city:

Loc #	Street	From	To	Sewer Length
1	Dirden St	Myrtie Dr	End	2438
2	Myrtie Dr	Main St	Richey Rd	4751
3	Main St	Myrtie Dr	Hill Ave	716
4	Magnolia Ave	Hill Ave	Railroad Ave	595
5	Railroad Ave	Magnolia Ave	4760' SW	4706
6	Main St Bore	N Side	S Side	100
7	Main St N Side	E of Temple St	Spring St	2036
8	Spring St	Main St	2 <sup>nd</sup> St	491
9	Ross Ave	2 <sup>nd</sup> St	Magnolia Ave	869
10	Hill Ave	Main St	4 <sup>th</sup> St	1252
11	Hill Ave	Main St	913' SW	913
12	Spring/Hill Alley	3 <sup>rd</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> St	488

13	Ross St	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> St	456
14	4 <sup>th</sup> St	Hill Ave	Hill Alley	250
15	3 <sup>rd</sup> St	Railroad Ave	Spring St	989
16	2 <sup>nd</sup> St	Hill Ave	Spring St	301
17	Railroad Ave	3 <sup>rd</sup> St	2 <sup>nd</sup> St	344
18	Castleberry St	Burrell Ave	Seals Ave	692
19	Youngblood St	Burrell Ave	Seals Ave	353
20	Seals Ave	Youngblood St	Knighton St	984
21	Seals Ave	Castleberry St	Hall St	299
22	Burrell Ave	Finger St	2644' SW	2644
23	X-country	E of N Byrd Ave	Railroad Ave	586
24	Page Ave & X-country	Pine St	Main St	2852
25	E Side N Byrd	2 <sup>nd</sup> St	Bell St	314
26	Elys St	Page Ave	Main St	300
27	Pine St	E of N Byrd Ave	765' E	765
28	Church St	US 59	N Byrd Ave	1780
29	McKellar St/X-country	Main St	825' NE	825
30	Mimosa St	N on Church St	End	723
31	S Side Church St	Mimosa St	354' W	354
32	Smith	N Byrd Ave	529' SE	529
33	Main St	N Byrd Ave	McKellar St	779
34	1 <sup>st</sup> St	N Byrd Ave	Liberty St	236
35	1 <sup>st</sup> St/Main St Alley	Byrd Ave	Liberty St	327
36	Mary St	Byrd Ave	Liberty St	225
37	Liberty St	Mary St	1325' S	1325
38	W Side Byrd Ave	4 <sup>th</sup> St	Shepherd Apts	5213
39	N Side Main St	E Side N Byrd	W Side N Byrd	100
40	S Side Main St	Beeson Ave	S Byrd Ave	779
41	E Side Byrd Ave	N Side Main St	N of Halleluiah	5780
42	Dogwood St	S Byrd Ave	911' E	911
43	Red Bud Ln	S Byrd Ave	953' E	953
44	Martin Dr	S Byrd Ave	Post Oak Ln	951
45	Lilley Rd	S Byrd Ave	706' E	706
46	S Side Byrd Ave	Galilee St	1023' N	1235
47	Halleluiah St	S Byrd Ave	Starlight St	843
48	Galilee St	S Byrd Ave	Starlight St	620
49	Starlight St	Halleluiah St	Galilee St	375
50	Main St Lift Station			N/A

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