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Cmr. George P. Bush Announces Awards of 2016 Floods and Storms State Housing and

Infrastructure Funds

Jasper County and City of Jasper to receive \$4 million in awards

AUSTIN - Today Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush announced awarding \$4 million in U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds to the Jasper County and City of Jasper through the 2016 Floods and Storms State Housing and Infrastructure Competition.

The \$4 million will fund:

- \$2 million to Jasper County for street improvements in Precincts 3 and 4.
- \$2 million to the city of Jasper for drainage system improvements and the creation of two retention ponds in the Sandy Creek area.

"Texas has faced more than its fair share of natural disasters and the floods of 2016 are no exception," said Commissioner Bush. "The GLO continues to partner with local communities to administer long-term recovery funds for both housing and infrastructure. Projects to be funded have been prioritized by local leaders in affected communities to help address ongoing housing needs and harden infrastructure to mitigate against future flooding events."

The Texas General Land Office (GLO) encouraged 2016 disaster-impacted communities to submit applications for long-term recovery projects for funding consideration. The awards were based on scoring and ranking of submitted project applications from eligible entities in 66 Texas counties during the 120-day application period. Eligible entities included cities, counties and local housing authorities.

Background

HUD awarded Texas \$238.9 million in disaster recovery funds for 2016 in three separate allocations appropriated by Congress in September and December of 2016 and May of 2017. Of those funds, HUD designated that 80 percent, or \$160.8 million, must be awarded to the HUD declared "most impacted counties" of Brazoria, Fort Bend, Harris, Montgomery and Newton. This \$40.2 million was awarded for projects in the remaining counties not designated by HUD as most-impacted. For more information regarding eligibility and application process, please visit Recovery.Texas.Gov.