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County Judge

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## CAMERON COUNTY AND AREA MUNICIPALITIES RECEIVE A COMBINED TOTAL OF NEARLY \$9 MILLION FROM THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE (GLO) FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AND RECOVERY EFFORTS POST 2019 FLOODING DISASTERS

On March 21, 2023, Cameron County and the municipalities of Combes, La Feria, Laguna Vista, Port Isabel, Primera, Rio Hondo, Santa Rosa were awarded a combined total of nearly \$9 million for recovery, improvement, and infrastructure projects as a result of the 2019 flooding disasters.

The Texas General Land Office (GLO) announced \$43,144,626 in disaster recovery funds for 44 federally eligible infrastructure projects to help communities recover from the 2019 South Texas Floods as well as Tropical Storm Imelda. The awarded funding will be used for critical quality of life improvement projects such as street, water, and drainage facility improvements.

The following local projects were selected and awarded funding by the GLO:

- Cameron County:
  - o Cameron County Adams Garden Drainage Project: \$1,000,000.00
- Combes:
  - o City of Combes Sewer System Lift Station Improvements (2019): \$1,000,000.00
- La Feria:
  - o City of La Feria Drainage Improvements (Install 60" RCP): \$1,000,000.00
- Laguna Vista:
  - o Town of Laguna Vista Drainage Improvements, Palm Blvd. Area: \$975,174.00
- Port Isabel:
  - o Pennsylvania Avenue Drainage Improvements: \$1,000,000.00
- Primera:
  - o City of Primera Sewer System Improvements (2019): \$1,000,000.00
- Rio Hondo:
  - o City of Rio Hondo Catherine Drainage Project: \$1,000,000.00
- Santa Rosa:
  - o Ovalle Lateral Drainage Improvements: \$995,484.05
  - o South West Ditch Drainage Improvements: \$991,195.60

"I want to thank Texas Land Commissioner Dawn Buckingham, M.D., for these awards made yesterday at the LRGVDC headquarters, which included multiple critical infrastructure and improvement projects from our area and in particular, Cameron County. We're ready to initiate these projects which will help mitigate severe floodwaters to our flood-prone areas, and provide an avenue for prompt water diversion. Thank you to Commissioner Buckingham and to the GLO for the continued great partnership with Cameron County," stated Cameron County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr.

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