



“We work to rebuild communities, put Texans back in their homes, and help businesses recover after the trauma of disaster.”

- *Commissioner George P. Bush*

► **REBUILDING TEXAS**

The GLO provides long-term recovery assistance to the people of Texas as they rebuild after disasters by administering more than **\$9 billion** in Community Development Block Grant for Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds allocated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Additionally, the GLO is the lead state agency in partnership with FEMA for the administration of short-term housing recovery program.

CDBG-DR funds may be used for a broad range of long-term recovery projects involving housing, infrastructure, mitigation, planning, and economic development, to help communities that otherwise might not recover due to limited resources.

► **WHAT WE DO**

**Recovery Role of the GLO:**

- **Rebuild** Texas through community revitalization
- **Facilitate** recovery by empowering local governments
- **Reduce** risk thereby protecting taxpayers
- **Minimize** need for federal oversight
- **Focus** on customer service
- **Oversee** building standards for quality construction
- **Create** efficient government through savings
- **Mitigation** for building more resilient communities

**FACTS**

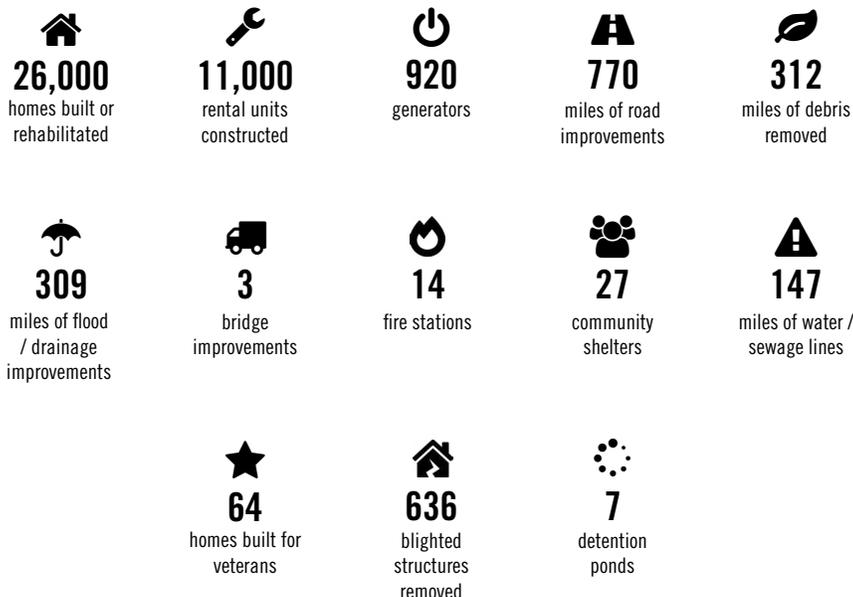
Since 2005, 222 of the 254 counties in Texas have received at least one federal disaster declaration.

Hurricane Harvey is projected to be a \$180 billion event with an unmet need of at least \$100 billion. To date, HUD has allocated \$9.75 billion in CDBG-DR funds as a result of Hurricane Harvey.

The GLO is awaiting guidance from HUD on \$4.074 billion for mitigation activities.

► **GLO RECOVERY ACCOMPLISHMENTS PRIOR TO HURRICANE HARVEY**

Recovery accomplishments following Hurricanes Rita, Dolly, and Ike, and the 2011 wildfires include the following:



► **Resiliency and Preparedness**

The GLO has helped communities improve emergency response capabilities all over Texas by:

- Building, rehabilitating, and hardening 14 fire stations.
- Providing improved, enlarged, and safer community shelters for 20 communities.
- Adding communication systems for counties that will function when other means of communication, such as land lines and cell phones, fail.

GLO projects have proven to be as strong as Texas in weathering the storms:

- Coopers Gully Pump Station in Orange County moved 400,000 gallons of water during a storm, providing critical additional time for residents to evacuate.
- In Bastrop County, the Smithville Recreation Center was activated to serve as an emergency shelter for displaced residents during Hurricane Harvey.
- A berm restoration at McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge in Jefferson County has helped slow shoreline retreat, reduce saltwater inundation to sensitive interior wetlands and habitat, facilitate restoration of the beach, and protect homes, businesses and schools from destructive storm surges.



▶ **Planning**

Mitigation policies developed from planning studies assist communities with investment savings. It is estimated that for every dollar spent on mitigation, a community saves \$6 in future disaster losses.

**Storm Surge Suppression Study**

In 2013, the GLO entered into an agreement with the Gulf Coast Community Protection and Recovery District to develop a storm surge suppression study in accordance with the standards of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The study area consists of the coastal areas around Brazoria, Chambers, Galveston, Harris, Jefferson, and Orange counties that could be impacted by future storm surges similar to those from Hurricane Ike. The study investigates options for reducing the vulnerability of the upper Texas coast to hurricane surge and flood damages.

**Start Date: 2013**

**Completion Date: June 2016**

**Texas Coastal Resiliency Master Plan**

The Texas Coastal Resiliency Study includes data gathering, analysis, and a summary recommendation for implementation for the GLO regarding the resiliency of the Texas coast. The study identifies physical elements including infrastructure and natural resources which will identify and determine the effectiveness of past recovery projects along the Texas Coast. The study included a list of recommended projects, with an emphasis on CDBG-DR eligibility, that would best improve overall resiliency of the Texas Coast.

**Start Date: October 2013**

**Completion Date: March 2017**

▶ **POTENTIALLY ELIGIBLE CDBG-DR ACTIVITIES FOR FEDERAL RECOVERY PROGRAMS INCLUDE:**

▶ **Homeowner Assistance Program & Reimbursement**

The CDBG-DR program allows the GLO to work with local leadership on long-term housing that not only helps to rebuild a community, but lessen the cost and impact of future disasters and reimburses homeowners for repairs already completed.



Rehabilitation



Reconstruction



Hazard Mitigation



Elevation



Relocation Assistance

▶ **Multi-Family Affordable Rental Property Program**

This program provides funds for the rehabilitation, reconstruction and new construction of affordable multi-family housing units in areas impacted by a disaster.

▶ **Local Buyout and Acquisition Program**

The local buyout and acquisition program will remove homes from harm's way.

▶ **Local Infrastructure Program**

The GLO local infrastructure program will fund projects that rebuild damaged infrastructure, increase resiliency, and promote long-term housing recovery.

▶ **ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES FOR INFRASTRUCTURE INCLUDE:**



water facilities



street improvements



fire protection



FEMA match



sewer facilities



flood and drainage



public utilities



clearance demolition