



RESILIENT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

Texas General Land Office
Community Development & Revitalization

1. Purpose

- Tonight, we're informing Council about the **Texas General Land Office (GLO) Resilient Communities Program**, known as the RCP.
- This program provides planning-level grants to help cities strengthen hazard mitigation, flood resilience, and community preparedness.
- We're not asking for approval to spend funds tonight—only to make Council aware of the opportunity and approve Resolution 2025-037.

2. Program Overview

- **Funded through CDBG-MIT** (Community Development Block Grant–Mitigation) funds.
- The GLO has made approximately \$100 million available statewide for planning activities.
- **Maximum award:** up to \$300,000 per applicant.
- **Deadline:** 12/31/2025. Our target date is 12/22/2025.

3. Eligible Activities

Bandera could use the funding for forward-looking resilience and hazard mitigation planning, such as:

- Updating or adopting a Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance (requiring structures to build above base flood elevation).
- Reviewing and updating building codes to meet or exceed modern standards follow IRC 2018 & NEC 2017).
- Developing or updating land-use or comprehensive plans that integrate hazard mitigation principles.
- Conducting flood risk assessments or mapping studies to identify local vulnerabilities.
- Providing public education or outreach to support these planning efforts.

4. Why It Matters for Bandera

- Strengthens our ability to plan before we build—reducing long-term disaster costs.
- Improves competitiveness for future infrastructure or FEMA mitigation grants.
- Potential to improve Community Rating System (CRS) scores and reduce flood insurance premiums.
- Low financial risk—these are planning funds, not construction projects.
- Supports our commitment to protect life, property, and community character as Bandera grows.
- Over the last 40 years Texas has experienced the most natural disasters in the country.
 - Droughts are the 2nd most deadly of all natural hazards and the 3rd most common hazard in Texas.
 - A single inch of water in an average home can cause \$26,000 in damages.
 - Texas ranked 2nd in the number of wildfires last year.

5. Proposed Focus for Our Application

- If Council supports moving forward, staff proposes:
 - Updating the City's Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.
 - a. 62% of Bandera is in a Flood Zone.
 - Conducting limited floodplain mapping and vulnerability analysis.
 - Incorporating hazard mitigation into the Comprehensive Plan.
 - Reviewing and modernizing building and zoning codes for resilience.
 - Hosting community workshops to raise awareness of new standards and flood preparedness.

6. Grant Administration Notes

- Reimbursement-based program: costs are reimbursed after expenses are incurred and approved.
 - City must follow federal procurement and documentation rules.
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7. Considerations

- Planning projects must clearly tie to mitigation and resilience objectives.
 - Eligibility will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are exhausted.
 - Ensure readiness to adopt any updated codes or ordinances.
 - As with all grants, administrative oversight is essential for compliance and timely reimbursement.
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8. Recommended Next Steps

- Because time is limited, RFPs have already been sent to pre-approved TxCDBG Administrative Services vendors and ads placed in the Bulletin so an Award Resolution can be presented for approval at the 12/09/25 CC Meeting.
 - Staff recommends Council consider:
 - Approving Resolution 2025-037 on tonight's agenda.
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9. Closing

- This is a valuable opportunity to position Bandera for stronger long-term resilience.
- Planning now through the RCP helps us reduce risk, protect residents, and prepare for larger funding opportunities later.
- Staff requests Council's direction to continue with pre-application activities.