



Harvey Mitigation Competition Application

CDBG-MIT Public Notice

October 13, 2020

Project: Rural Drainage Improvements in Western Nueces County

Introduction:

Nueces County is giving notice of its intent to submit an application to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for funds through the Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) program as lead applicant, with the City of Robstown as a joint applicant. The application is for funds to construct infrastructure improvements in the Robstown area to mitigate against tropical storms, hurricanes, and severe coastal flooding in Nueces County.

The CDBG-MIT program is funded through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and administered at the state level by the Texas General Land Office (GLO). Applications are due to GLO by October 28, 2020 and awards are expected in 2021. Nueces County will receive public comments for fourteen (14) days from the date of this posting until October 27, 2020. The public is encouraged to submit comments to Maria Bedia via email at maria.bedia@nuecesco.com or at the Nueces County Courthouse, 901 Leopard Street, Corpus Christi, Texas, 78401.

All comments must be received by 5:00pm on October 27, 2020. Comments will be incorporated into the draft application documents, as appropriate. The application will prioritize the mitigation of the devastating effects of natural disasters, as well as ensure the project is in line with environmental regulations, affirmatively furthering fair housing activities, and, if applicable, minimizing displacement of persons by project activities.

Upon the expiration of this comment period, Nueces County will review and address the public comments in the proposed application. For more information, contact Maria Bedia at (361) 888-0224.

Scope:

Nueces County is located on the south-central coast of Texas and is considered one of the most disaster-prone areas of the state. According to the Composite Disaster Index created for the GLO CDBG-MIT Action Plan, Nueces County ranks in the top 10% of disaster impacted counties in Texas. Nueces County and the jurisdictions therein are susceptible to a wide range of natural hazards, including floods, hurricanes and tropical storms, drought, extreme heat, lightning, coastal erosion, hailstorms, tornados, dam and levee failure, land subsidence, expansive soils, and wildfire. These life-threatening hazards can destroy property, disrupt the economy, and lower the overall quality of life for residents. The impact of



hazards can be lessened in terms of their effect on people and property through effective hazard mitigation action planning and implementation.

In the last several years alone, the County has been battered by numerous strong hurricanes and tropical storms that have caused extensive damage within the County. The rural areas of the County are particularly more affected as many of the residents do not have the financial means to adequately prepare and recover from such disasters. Even extensive rains can cause significant damage in these areas.

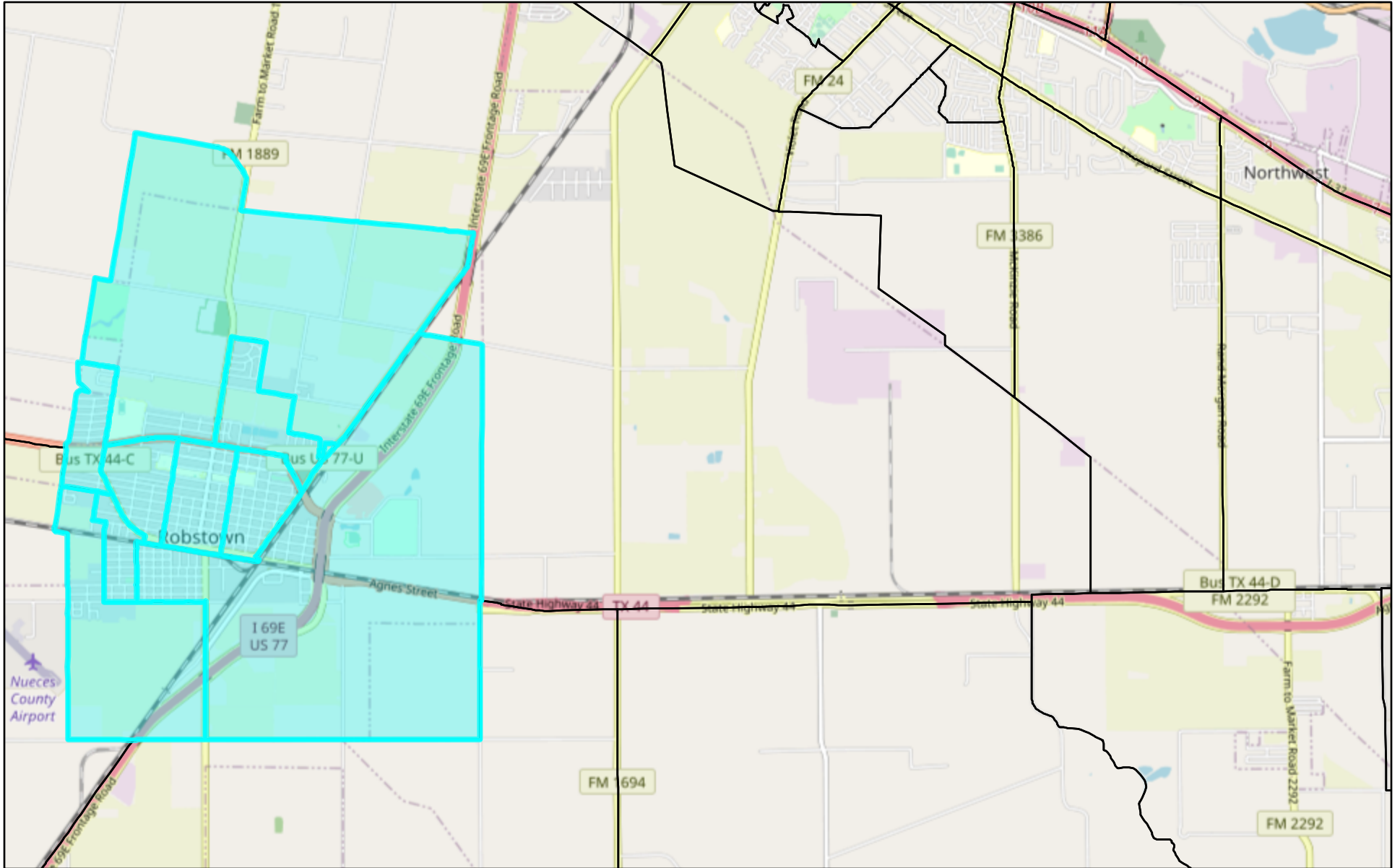
The city of Robstown and the immediate surrounding area, including the Bluebonnet subdivision, has continuous city blocks where there is insufficient stormwater drainage to convey storm events experienced in the area. The May 2015 flooding event was approximately 8" inches of rain, which equated to a 2% chance event and the May 2016 event was 4"-6" inches of rain. Both events caused enough flooding that some of the houses had water up to their porches. If the city was to experience an actual 1% chance event or if the same rain event occurs in this area that flooded Beaumont in Hurricane Harvey, most of the houses would be completely inundated. The proposed project will reduce flood risk and provide drainage solutions to alleviate flooding within the project area. Additional benefits will be improved access for emergency responders and drivable roadways for the entire city's population since, in its the current state, these roads are regularly impassible when it rains.

National Objective: This project meets the Low- and Moderate-Income Persons area benefit. According to 2015 American Community Survey data, it is estimated that 58.46% in the defined project area are low- and moderate-income persons.

Budget: \$6,955,037.65 in CDBG-MIT funding is being requested.

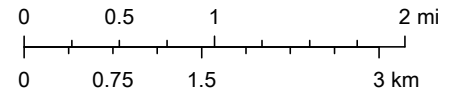
Service Area: The service area for this project is Robstown in Nueces County. A service area map is attached.

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