



April 3, 2018

Dear Citizens,

The Texas General Land Office has awarded six grants to cities in Navarro County through the 2015 Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery program.

Corsicana received three grants totaling \$4,000,000. Two of the grants will bring \$1 million each in storm sewer, drainage ditch, and culverts to the northeastern and southeastern quadrants of the City, where flooding occurred along Post Oak and Town Branch Creeks in 2015.

The City's third grant will provide \$2 million to assist the Corsicana Housing Authority rebuild units at the Eastside Apartments. The rebuilt units will help replace those demolished due to failing foundations, helping to maintain the region's affordable housing stock for years to come. At the time of application submittal the Housing Authority had 61 households on its waiting list.

"The City of Corsicana is very pleased to receive the grants from the General Land Office," said Mayor Don Denbow. "These projects represent investments in two of the City's major areas of concern, drainage and housing. The housing grant will help the City, in partnership with the Housing Authority, offer an alternative to citizens to obtain safe, comfortable, and affordable housing. The drainage projects will address areas that have long been problematic during heavy rainfall events." The Mayor added "this long-term investment in infrastructure will prevent property damage and enhance public safety."

The City of Dawson received a \$996,500 grant from the GLO to replace drainage culverts throughout the city. The City of Rice received two grants from the GLO totaling \$606,500 to provide street and drainage improvements along Crockett, West Gilmer, Boston, and Jefferson Streets.

GrantWorks, Inc. provided application services and will administer the grants awarded to Corsicana, Dawson, and Rice. The cities applied to the GLO for the Disaster Recovery funds in the fall of 2017 to address flooding damage and related impacts that occurred in 2015. The funds were provided by Congress to the State of Texas through the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery program.

Sincerely,

Don Denbow, Mayor