



Deep East Texas Council of Governments & Economic Development District

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May 20, 2022

The Honorable Sydney Murphy  
Polk County Judge  
101 West Church Street  
Livingston, TX 77351

RE: Regional Mitigation Program - [COG] MOD Funding Notification

Dear Judge Murphy:

The Texas General Land Office (GLO) allocated \$161,542,000 to DETCOG to develop a method of distribution (MOD) for the Regional Mitigation Program as part of the State of Texas CDBG Mitigation Action Plan as amended. Through the DETCOG MOD posted for public comment, **Polk County** is included as a potential recipient of funding in the amount of **\$17,098,000\***. This funding does not require a local match. This amount is subject to change as the public participation process is completed and until final MOD approval by the GLO. Due to CDBG-MIT grant requirements, the state is required to reach a certain threshold tied to benefitting low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons, therefore **\$5,984,300\*\*** of your funding must be used for projects that benefit LMI persons in your community. The MOD is currently posted for public comment until June 2, 2022, and available here at DETCOG for review.

To accept or decline the funds allocated through the MOD, please sign and return the attached form to DETCOG as soon as possible, or no later than June 8, 2022. Once the GLO approves the final MOD, the GLO will post application information at <https://recovery.texas.gov/mitigation/programs/regional-mitigation/index.html>.

Please note that declining to participate in the COG MOD may exclude **Polk County** if there are any future allocations or reallocations of funds through the Regional Mitigation Program. It is recommended each entity officially involve their city council, county commissioners court or other governing board in the decision to accept or decline funds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lonnie Hunt".

Lonnie Hunt, Executive Director

\* This total includes \$15,510,000 for HUD MID Areas (zip codes 77351 and 77335), plus \$1,588,000 for State MID Areas (all other areas of the county).

\*\* This total includes \$5,428,500 for HUD MID Areas (zip codes 77351 and 77335), plus \$555,800 for State MID Areas (all other areas of the county).

## Accept (or Decline) Funding

I, Sydney Murphy, the designated official of  
*Print Name*

Polk County, Texas

*Print Name of Entity*

- Acknowledge and **accept funding** through the Regional Mitigation Program.
- Acknowledge and **decline funding** through the Regional Mitigation Program.

  
*Designated Official Signature*

May 24, 2022

*Date*

**YOU MAY SCAN AND EMAIL THIS FORM TO LONNIE HUNT AT [LHUNT@DETCOG.GOV](mailto:LHUNT@DETCOG.GOV) OR SEND BY MAIL TO: ATTN: LONNIE HUNT, DETCOG, 1405 KURTH DRIVE, LUFKIN TEXAS 75904. WE REQUEST FORM TO BE RETURNED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT NO LATER THAN JUNE 8, 2022. IF YOU HAVE ANY ISSUES MEETING THAT DEADLINE, OR ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT LONNIE HUNT AT [LHUNT@DETCOG.GOV](mailto:LHUNT@DETCOG.GOV) OR 936-544-6963.**