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Mission:

To enhance the quality of life for rural Texans

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TDRA Budget Overview

TDRA appreciates the work and partnership of LBB and HAC to maintain the agency's core functions and service to rural Texas.

The base bill reductions for TDRA save Texas taxpayers approximately \$6.34 million per year.

For the biennium, TDRA's budget is reduced by \$12,679,738 in GR and GR-Dedicated Funding and \$13,576,644 in all funds (a 69 percent reduction in GR and GR match for federal funds).

The targeted GR that remains in the base bill will allow TDRA to draw down much needed federal funds for rural community development, rural economic development, rural healthcare, and rural housing support.

TDRA is not seeking any substitutions or modifications.

TDRA Budget Overview (cont.)

Currently, both House and Senate versions of the base bill are identical for TDRA.

GR that is not used to draw down federal matching funds has been decreased by 93 percent.

Overall, GR and GR used to match federal funds has decreased by 69 percent in the base bill.

The base bill provides \$5.6 million in GR for TDRA. \$4.5 million (80 percent) of that \$5.6 million is used as match to draw down federal funds.

These matching funds enable TDRA to draw down nearly \$80 million in federal funds for the benefit of Texas' rural communities.



TDRA Program Overview

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

State Office of Rural Health (SORH)

Emergency Services Districts & Rural Volunteer Fire
Department Programs (ESD & RVFD)

Disaster Recovery (DR)

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

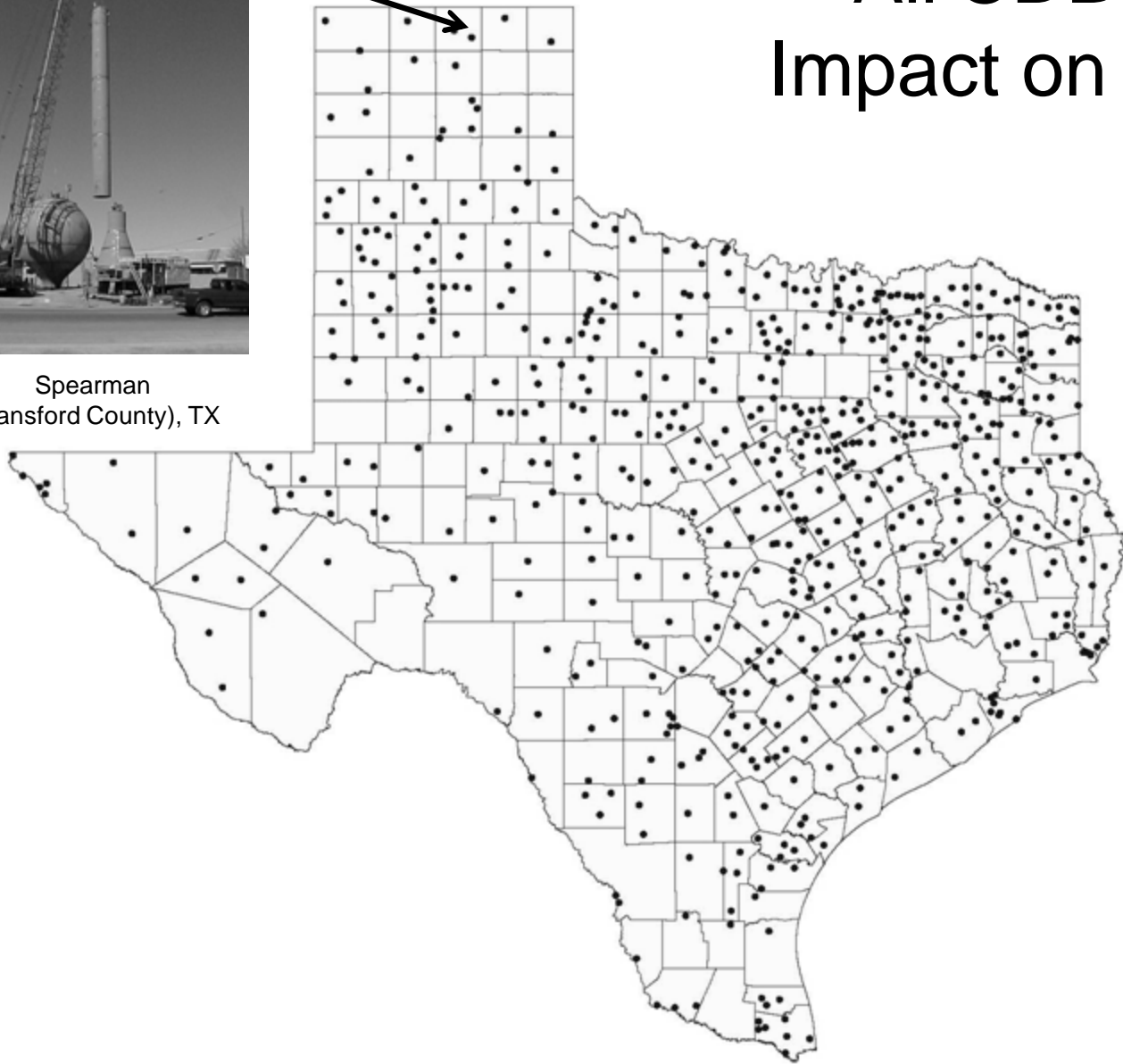


\$3.6 million in general revenue leverages \$158.8 million in federal funds for the biennium.

All CDBG Awards Impact on Rural Texas



Spearman
(Hansford County), TX



Community Development

Colonia Fund

**Disaster Relief / Urgent Need
Fund**

**Small Towns Environmental
Program**

**Planning and Capacity Building
Fund**

Renewable Energy Pilot Program

State Office of Rural Health (SORH)



Rural Healthcare Facility Support

Rural Healthcare Workforce Recruitment & Retention



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Capital Improvement Loan Fund (CILF)

Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (SHIP)

Critical Access Hospital Programs (CAH)



Healthcare Workforce Recruitment & Retention

Rural Community Healthcare Investment Program

Outstanding Rural Scholar Recognition & Loan Program

Texas Health Service Corps Program

Medically Underserved Community State Matching
Incentive Program

Physician Assistant Loan Repayment Program

Emergency Services District Program



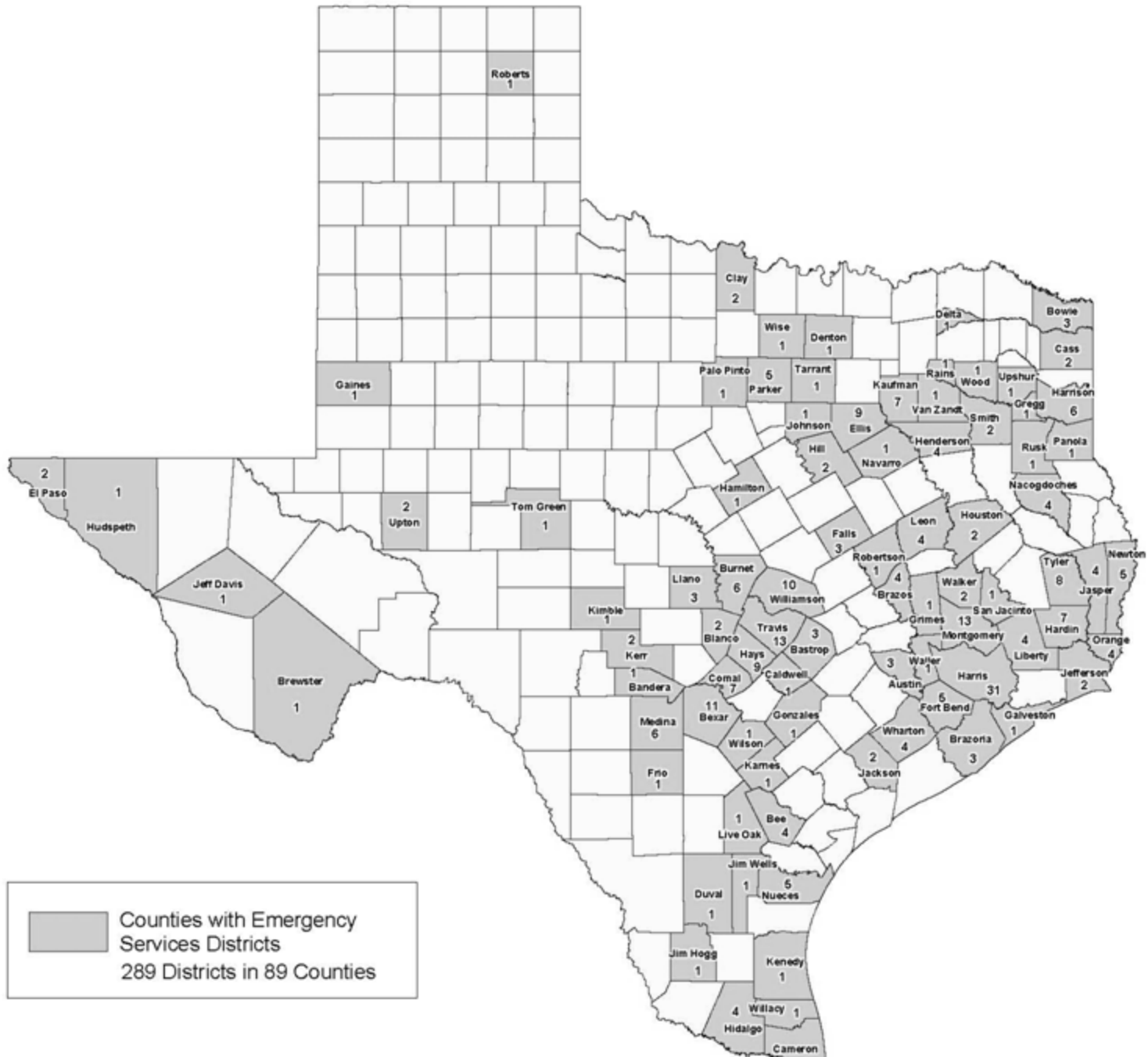
TDRA assists rural communities interested in establishing an Emergency Services District (ESD).

TDRA provides technical assistance to any of Texas' 289 existing ESDs.

TDRA has developed an educational training manual and provides training to ESD boards.

TDRA maintains a database of ESD information.

Emergency Services Districts



Rural Volunteer Fire Department (RVFD) Program

A statewide program that started in 39 East Texas counties, RVFD provides assessments of RVFDs with the goal of improving Public Protection Classification (PPC) ratings and reducing homeowners insurance costs.

- A public / private partnership.
- Funded in part with a Meadows Foundation grant.
- Funded and assisted by partnering Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Areas.
- Helps communities to lower their Insurance Service Office (ISO) rating.
- So far, 42 departments have lowered their ISO-PPC rating an average of 2, with 4 VFDs improving by at least 5.



Success Story

The community of Appleby in Nacogdoches County lowered its ISO rating from a 10 to a 4 resulting in a significant decrease in homeowners insurance costs for its citizens (200 households).

Disaster Recovery



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