



TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE
COMMISSIONER DAWN BUCKINGHAM, M.D.

May 6, 2026

Via Electronic Mail

Dear Coastal Local Government Partners:

Enclosed is the Application for the Beach Maintenance Reimbursement Program (BMR) for Fiscal Year 2027. The Application Checklist instruction sheet details what is needed and explains how to submit the required attachments with the application for state assistance.

The beach maintenance you provide must be consistent with your community's Beach Access and Dune Protection Plan that has been certified by the General Land Office (GLO). BMR Program rules specify the Texas Department of Transportation area rates be used as the agency's source for determining reasonable equipment rates. FEMA rates are also acceptable. Your equipment rates should be a reflection of your incurred costs, and you should be prepared to provide justification for the GLO to approve your equipment rates.

Additionally, if your community collects a Beach User Fee, your participation in the BMR Program is contingent upon adherence to the rules of the Beach User Fee Program. If this applies, please remember to include with your application a written statement acknowledging adherence to the regulations governing fees collected from beach users as found in 31 TAC § 15.8.

Please submit your application packet no later than **June 30, 2026** by mail or email to begin the review process. Send applications to meiling.valdes@glo.texas.gov. The mailing address is Texas General Land Office, Coastal Resources, Attn: Mei ling Valdes, P.O. Box 12873, Austin, TX 78711-2873.

Please contact me by email at michelle.leslie@glo.texas.gov or by phone at (512) 463-1278 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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