



# Texas

## Great American Outdoors Act National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund

Photo Credit: FWS

**The Great American Outdoors Act National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund (GAOA LRF) is a commitment to protecting and sustaining our public lands.**

Established on August 4, 2020, GAOA LRF allocates over \$1.6 billion annually from fiscal years (FY) 2021 through 2025 to the Department of the Interior (Interior) to address priority deferred maintenance and repair needs on public lands and Bureau of Indian Education-funded schools. With all five years of GAOA LRF funding, Interior bureaus will:

- Fund 396 projects across 50 states, the District of Columbia, and multiple territories
- Address over \$5.9 billion in deferred maintenance and repair
- Improve the condition of over 3,800 Interior assets

### GAOA LRF Impacts Across America\*



Repairing over **1,000** recreational and visitor experience assets



Improving ADA accessibility in nearly **50%** of GAOA LRF projects



Each year of GAOA LRF funding is estimated to support an average of **17,000** jobs and contribute **\$1.9 billion** to the U.S. economy



Improving facilities used by nearly **2,300** students and faculty at BIE-funded schools each year

### Deferred Maintenance and Repair in Texas

In Texas, the total deferred maintenance and repair (DM&R) backlog for the four Interior GAOA LRF bureaus is over \$581,908,000\*\*.

| Bureau                               | DM&R**        |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)     | \$0           |
| Bureau of Land Management (BLM)      | \$5,000       |
| National Park Service (NPS)          | \$460,442,000 |
| U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) | \$121,461,000 |

### GAOA LRF in Texas

With the full five years of funding, GAOA LRF will invest nearly **\$103.8 million** towards improving over **100** assets across **5** projects in Texas.



### Assets improved in Texas:



Transportation Assets



Recreational and Visitor Experience Assets



Operational Buildings

\*these numbers are estimates and include FY21 - FY25 GAOA LRF-funded projects.

\*\*DM&R estimates represent a point in time, reported as of 9/30/2023, rounded to the nearest thousand. DM&R is calculated based on asset repair needs in FRPP, which does not include assets with a status indicator of Report of Excess Submitted, Report of Excess Accepted, Determination to Dispose, Disposed, Cannot Currently be Disposed, or Surplus.



# FY21-25 Projects, Locations, and Funding in Texas

| Bureau | Unit Name   | Project Title   | Funding <sup>†</sup> as of Mar. 2024 |
|--------|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| FWS    | Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge | Consolidate and Modernize Habitat and Public Use Facilities | \$8,374,000                          |
| NPS    | Big Bend National Park                            | Rehabilitate or Replace the Chisos Mountains Lodge          | \$22,630,000                         |
| NPS    | Big Bend National Park                            | Rehabilitate Park Water Systems                             | \$54,357,000                         |
| NPS    | Lake Meredith National Recreation Area            | Repair and Preserve Roads and Parking Areas                 | \$4,200,000*                         |
| NPS    | Lyndon B Johnson National Historic Park           | Rehabilitate Texas White House                              | \$14,194,000                         |

\*total project funding includes proposed FY25 funding  
<sup>†</sup>rounded to thousands

## Consolidate and Modernize Habitat and Public Use Facilities

### *Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge*



Completed administrative and visitor center at Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge. Photo Credit: USFWS

The Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge spans 10,541 acres of habitat for one of the most endangered birds in North America—the Attwater Prairie Chicken. The Refuge offers visitors the chance to drive an auto tour or enjoy a trail walk to experience the beauty and tranquility of the tall-grass prairie. This project replaces aged and insufficient existing facilities and consolidates them into a new administrative and visitor facility and a multi-purpose maintenance building, enabling the Refuge to provide interpretive and environmental education to the public.

## Rehabilitate Texas White House

### *Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park*



Texas White House. Photo credit: NPS

The Texas White House, where former U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson spend a quarter of his presidency, is a fundamental park resource that hosted over 80,000 visitors annually before closing due to structural and environmental concerns in 2018. This project addresses structural concerns, deferred maintenance, code compliance, and deteriorating historic features in the building. The project helps ensure the long-term integrity of the historic site and will allow it to reopen to the public.