



## OMB Grants Team Review

of Intent to Apply received on **03/20/2025**

<b>Grant Name</b>	Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – Hurricane Debby & Hurricane Milton/Hurricane Helene				
<b>Department</b>	Public Works	<b>Granting Agency</b>	Florida Department of Emergency Management	<b>Date</b>	4/02/2025
<b>Program Manager</b>	Gina Harvey	<b>Application Submitter</b>	Meghan Johnson	<b>Grant Type</b>	Federal Pass-Through

### Grant Information

<b>Funding Type</b>	Reimbursement
<b>Amount Requested</b>	\$8,229,000.00
<b>Anticipated Match</b>	\$2,743,000.00
<b>Match Type</b>	Cash & In-kind
<b>Match Funding Source</b>	1001.436082.5640001.2204.006200A
<b>Is Match in Current Budget?</b>	Yes
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	\$10,972,000.00
<b>Impacted Fiscal Year(s)</b>	FY26, FY27, FY28 & FY29

### Review & Comments

The OMB Grants Team has conducted a review of the **Public Works** intent to apply for the **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)** for **Hurricane Debby** and for **Hurricane Milton/ Hurricane Helene** funded by **The Department of Homeland Security (FEMA)** passing through **Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM)**.

#### Project Scope of Work

Pinellas County Public Works proposes to leverage Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding to offset the costs associated with two projects; hardening 5 Mast Arms and modifying 35 traffic signal cabinets. Hardening of traffic signal infrastructure involves the replacement of 5 existing span wire supported traffic signals with mast arm traffic signals along hurricane evacuation routes. Mast arms provide a stronger infrastructure that is less likely to go out of service in future storm events. This will help to ensure hurricane evacuation routes remain open post-storm to emergency personnel while mitigating future repair and maintenance costs. Modifications to the traffic control boxes will increase resiliency and mitigate flood impacts during storms.

#### Benefit Summary

Mast arm structures for traffic signals provide protection against 150 MPH winds resulting in better resilience in storm events than the current span-wire traffic signal structures. The proposed modification to the traffic signal cabinets will mitigate future flood impacts to the traffic signal cabinets. Locations for the proposed traffic signal control cabinet modifications are in low lying areas and extremely vulnerable to flood damage. The cabinets house sensitive electronic equipment to operate the traffic signals and include an uninterruptable power supply to maintain signal operations in a power outage. The proposed modifications will reduce the costs associated with equipment replacement and traffic disruptions while also providing a shorter response and recovery time.

#### Anticipated Impact to the County Budget

This is a **multi-year** grant potentially affecting **FY26-FY29**. Each application request is for \$8,229,000.00 with a \$2,743,000.00 cost share requirement. Funding for the cost share requirement is in the current FY25 budget. The total project budget is \$10,972,000.00.

#### Grant Review Comments

- If grant funding is awarded, the fiscal impact will be in FY26, and an analysis of the total project budget will be made at that time. One application to be submitted for each grant advertisement with the possibility of only one award.
- The grant application will require Board approval for submission.
- The OMB Grants Team has no objection to submittal of this grant application.
- **Pursuant to Rule 27P-22, Florida Admin. Code, all project applications must go through the Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group (LMSWG) of the county where the project will take place. Project application submission requires a separate and unique endorsement letter from either the Chair or Vice-Chair of an LMSWG. This project is currently awaiting review by the LMSWG for determination of the priority ranking for submittal to FDEM.**