



## OMB Grants Team Review

of Intent to Apply received on **5/27/2025**

<b>Grant Name</b>	Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – Hurricane Milton/Hurricane Helene				
<b>Department</b>	Utilities	<b>Granting Agency</b>	Florida Division of Emergency Management	<b>Date</b>	6/2/2025
<b>Program Manager</b>	Noralvys Hancock	<b>Application Submitter</b>	Emily Magyar	<b>Grant Type</b>	Federal Pass-Through

### Grant Information

<b>Funding Type</b>	Reimbursement
<b>Amount Requested</b>	\$26,250,000.00
<b>Anticipated Match</b>	\$8,750,000.00
<b>Match Type</b>	Cash
<b>Match Funding Source</b>	4052.431471.5600000.2421.005222A.0000000
<b>Is Match in Current Budget?</b>	No
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	\$35,000,000.00
<b>Impacted Fiscal Year(s)</b>	FY26, FY27, FY28 & FY29

### Review & Comments

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

#### Project Scope of Work

Construct a safe room Cat 5 building to house Utilities emergency mgmt. team and first response field staff during storms. The proposed Pinellas County Utilities (PCU) safe room structure would be 12,000 square feet of 1-story space within a structure designed to withstand category 5 hurricane winds. The structure would be built on land already owned by Pinellas County Utilities in a non-flood zone, at 69 feet of elevation above sea level. The structure would include a full-building backup generator, direct connection to a 10-million gallon water booster tank on-site, and emergency camp toilets.

#### Benefit Summary

The structure would house PCU emergency operations command staff, section chiefs, and support for technology and procurement during a storm. Utilities staff does not currently have a Cat 5 facility in which to shelter and stay safe during hurricane events. As a result, there is difficulty having staff ready to respond to water and sewer emergencies caused by the hurricanes. The emergencies are typically pipeline breaks, pipeline clogs causing wastewater spills, pump station failures, generator placements to overcome power outages at pumping facilities, valve closures to combat potable water leaks.

#### Anticipated Impact to the County Budget

This is a **multi-year** grant potentially affecting **FY26-FY29**. The application request is for \$26,250,000.00 with a \$8,750,000.00 cost share requirement. The total project budget is \$35,000,000.00.

#### 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. \$3,993,000 is available in the current budget for the anticipated cost share requirement, however remaining cost share can be made available prior to an award approval/acceptance.
- 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.**