



OMB Grants Team Review

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

Grant Name	Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – Hurricane Milton/Hurricane Helene				
Department	Utilities	Granting Agency	Florida Division of Emergency Management	Date	5/30/2025
Program Manager	Royce Rarick	Application Submitter	Emily Magyar	Grant Type	Federal Pass-Through

Grant Information

Funding Type	Reimbursement
Amount Requested	\$8,625,000.00
Anticipated Match	\$2,875,000.00
Match Type	Cash
Match Funding Source	4034.431470.5600001.2321.005218A
Is Match in Current Budget?	Yes
Total Project Cost	\$11,500,000.00
Impacted Fiscal Year(s)	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

Hardening the North Water Booster Station against Category 5 storm winds. The recommendation is to encapsulate the building with a new structure that includes hardened openings (entry doors, windows, roll up garage door, etc.).

Benefit Summary

The North County Water Booster Station provides potable water to approximately 420,000 Pinellas County residents in Northern Pinellas County. The benefits of this water booster station include distributing water pressure to higher elevations in order to provide adequate water for domestic use and fire flow. Hardening the water booster station will mitigate against wind, flooding, and power outages during a storm.

Anticipated Impact to the County Budget

This is a **multi-year** grant potentially affecting **FY26-FY29**. Each application request is for \$8,625,000.00 with a \$2,875,000.00 cost share requirement. The total project budget is \$11,500,000.00.

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.
- 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.**