



## OMB Grants Team Review

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

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|------------------------|---|------------------------------|--|-------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Grant Name</b>      | Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – Hurricane Milton/Hurricane Helene |                              |  |                   |                      |
| <b>Department</b>      | Public Works  | <b>Granting Agency</b>       | Florida Department of Emergency Management | <b>Date</b>       | 5/29/2025            |
| <b>Program Manager</b> | Amber Hauser  | <b>Application Submitter</b> | Meghan Johnson                             | <b>Grant Type</b> | Federal Pass-Through |

### Grant Information

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| <b>Funding Type</b>                | Reimbursement  |
| <b>Amount Requested</b>            | \$33,752,943.75  |
| <b>Anticipated Match</b>           | \$11,250,982.00  |
| <b>Match Type</b>                  | Cash & In-kind   |
| <b>Match Funding Source</b>        | 3001.413100.5600001.3012.002124A, 3001.413100. 5600001.3012.004116A, and 3001.413100. 5600001.3014.003435A |
| <b>Is Match in Current Budget?</b> | Yes  |
| <b>Total Project Cost</b>          | \$45,003,925.00  |
| <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 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 HMGP funding to offset the costs associated with three (3) Capital projects for stormwater management projects to assist in reducing flooding and enhancing resiliency. The projects for proposal are: Cross Bayou Phase 1, 34th St Box Culvert (Joe's Creek), and Baypointe Stormwater Conservation Area.

#### Benefit Summary

Public Works identified the proposed projects to align with the Local Mitigation Strategy's Goal to minimize riverine or inland flooding losses in the 25, 50, and 100-year flood zones. This further meets the strategy's objective of property protection. Cross Bayou Phase 1 is a watershed project to improve conveyance through Cross Bayou Canal, which has a history of significant and widespread flooding. The project is intended to alleviate some of the flooding and reduce the duration in Cross Bayou and the contributing tributaries. 34th St Box Culvert (Joe's Creek) is for construction/structural retrofit of the existing box culvert under 34th St (US Highway 19) located within the Joe's Creek watershed, specifically within the Lealman Community Redevelopment Area. This project was identified by the watershed management plan for watershed wide flood reduction and will reduce erosion control/stabilization needs. Baypointe Stormwater Conservation Area project is a regional project that consists of a proposed 40+ acre stormwater management facility which will provide stormwater storage, flood protection and reduction, attenuation, and mitigation for considerable offsite drainage (202 acres). The project will also expand the acreage of wetlands and prevent a significant amount of nitrogen from being discharged into coastal received waters annually. HMGP funding will assist in offsetting the costs of these capital projects, while adding to flood mitigation efforts to reduce flood damage, increase resiliency, and reduce long-term costs associated with flood damage and recovery.

#### Anticipated Impact to the County Budget

This is a **multi-year** grant potentially affecting **FY26-FY29**. The application request is for \$33,752,943.75 with a \$11,250,982.00 cost share requirement. Funding for the cost share requirement is in the current FY25 budget. The total project budget is \$45,003,925.00.

#### 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.