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**	6/2/2025
Program Manager	Christine Bruno	**Application Submitter**	Emily Magyar	**Grant Type**	Federal Pass-Through

Grant Information

Funding Type	Reimbursement
Amount Requested	$3,225,000.00
Anticipated Match	$1,075,000.00
Match Type	Cash
Match Funding Source	4052.431470.560001.2421.006502A
Is Match in Current Budget?	Yes
Total Project Cost	$4,300,000.00
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

This project is a strategic resilience initiative by Pinellas County Utilities to modernize and harden its Water Quality laboratory infrastructure. The upgrades will enhance the resilience, safety, and functionality of the facility in accordance with applicable building codes and engineering standards. This will be achieved by replacing the roof, removing and replacing all windows, doors, and fenestrations with hurricane-rated assemblies, hardening exterior walls, removing and replacing existing glass block curtain walls with impact-resistant systems, and adding new structural supports to accommodate a new chiller tower installation.

Benefit Summary

Operated by the County's Water Quality Division, the Logan Lab is a full-service, NELAP-accredited facility that performs over 50,000 tests annually, analyzing drinking water, wastewater, surface water, groundwater, and biosolids. This critical testing ensures that all water and wastewater treatment facilities in the county meet or exceed state and federal standards, safeguarding public health and environmental quality. The primary objective of the project is to upgrade the existing building structure to meet wind resistance standards consistent with a Category 3 hurricane, in line with the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale, thereby increasing the resilience of the utility system and the residents it serves. These enhancements will significantly increase the facility's resilience, safety, and functionality in accordance with current building codes and engineering best practices. By fortifying the lab against severe weather and ensuring continuity of operations, the project will provide a safe, secure space for county staff and first responders, as well as maintain essential testing capabilities during and after emergencies. This is crucial for supporting emergency response, protecting the community's drinking water supply, and ensuring the environmental integrity of wastewater treatment processes. In doing so, the project strengthens community resilience and reduces the long-term impacts of hazards on vital public health infrastructure.

Anticipated Impact to the County Budget

This is a **multi-year** grant potentially affecting **FY26-FY29**. Each application request is for $3,225,000.00 with a $1,075,000.00 cost share requirement. The total project budget is $4,300,000.00.

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 County Administrator 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.**

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