Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) – Helene and Milton





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HMGP Background

Federal Post-Disaster Mitigation Grant

- Available after a Presidential Disaster Declaration
- Reimbursement based
- 25% Local match requirement
- Allocation must be shared among eligible entities

Types of eligible projects

- Flood risk reduction
- Hardening (buildings and infrastructure)
- Wind retrofit
- Generators for critical facilities





and Mitigation Strategy

Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Plan

HMGP Eligibility

- Countywide multijurisdictional hazard mitigation plan.
- Required for eligibility to apply for HMGP grants
- Each participating municipality has to adopt the LMS Plan
- HMGP projects need to be on the approved LMS Plan

Section 322 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act) enacted under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000

LMS Working Group

- Broad membership local governments, private non-profits (e.g., hospitals), special districts and regional partners
- Approves the prioritized HMGP project list
- Develops and updates the LMS Plan
- Develops and provide to the State, a prioritized list of projects for HMGP grants

Pursuant to Rule 27P-22, Florida Administrative Code, all project applications must go through the LMS Working Group (LMSWG) of the county where the project will take place.





- State releases Notice of Funding Availability; announces allocations per County
- **Each eligible entity** submits individual applications and is responsible for administering the project once approved
- Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Working Group reviews project descriptions and prepares a ranked Prioritized Project List based on specific criteria
- **State –** reviews project eligibility; makes recommendations to FEMA
- Project Completion generally 48 months from application submission to FEMA
- **Project Funding –** based on priority outlined in the Prioritized Project List

HMGP Process



HMGP Tier I and Tier II Allocation



Tier I

- Initial allocation to counties listed on the relevant disaster declaration
- Eligible projects are funded in the order of priority until allocation is exhausted

Tier II

- Reallocation of any unused funds from Tier I to those counties on the relevant disaster declaration
- If funding available in Tier II, eligible projects are funded in the order of priority

HMGP Allocations – Helene & Milton



Pinellas County Tier I – \$233 million* combined allocation

- \$146 million Helene
- \$87 million Milton

Allocation must be shared among eligible entities

- Pinellas County
- Municipalities
- Private non-profits (e.g., hospitals and universities)
- Special districts (e.g., fire districts)

Application deadline: July 25, 2025

*Total allocation is based on 6-month estimates





HMGP Helene - Total Allocation \$146 Million*

HELENE	COUNTYWIDE	UNINCORPORATED PINELLAS	
Number of projects	45 projects	5 projects	Two Public Works; Three Utilities
Total requested	\$206 million	\$41 million	
Total local match required	\$70 million	\$13.9 million	3 Hardening projects1 Stormwater1 Safe Room

*Total allocation is based on 6-month estimates





HMGP Milton - Total Allocation \$87 Million*

HELENE	COUNTYWIDE	UNINCORPORATED PINELLAS	
Number of projects	26 projects	6 projects	Two Public Works; Four Utilities
Total requested	\$208 million	\$39.9 million	
Total local match required	\$71 million	\$13.3 million	3 Hardening projects2 Stormwater1 Generator

*Total allocation is based on 6-month estimates.

HMGP Countywide Project Impact





Helene: 45 Projects Total Request: \$206 M

Milton: 26 Projects Total Request: \$208 M

HMGP Projects – Pinellas County



HMGP Helene

	PROJECTS	DEPARTMENT
1	Cross Bayou Phase 1	PUBLIC WORKS
2	Signal Modifications on The Barrier Islands	PUBLIC WORKS
3	Hardening and Improvements of Logan Laboratories Building	UTILITIES
4	Hardening of Logan Utilities Operations Center Building (Safe Room)	UTILITIES
5	Sanitary Sewer Pump Station Electrical Improvements	UTILITIES

HMGP Milton

	PROJECTS	DEPARTMENT
1	Baypointe Stormwater Conservation Area	PUBLIC WORKS
2	34th St Box Culvert	PUBLIC WORKS
3	North Booster Station Rehab and Hardening	UTILITIES
4	Keller Regional Treatment Facility Hardening and Improvements	UTILITIES
5	William E. Dunn Advanced Water Reclamation Facility Backup Power and Pumping Enhancements	UTILITIES
6	W.E. Dunn Water Reclamation Facility Operations Building Roof Replacement	UTILITIES

LMS Working Group Next Steps



- LMS Working Group Meeting on July 16th to discuss the final draft of the Prioritized Projects List for HMGP Helene and HMGP Milton
- LMS Working Group Meeting on July 21st to finalize the countywide Prioritized Project Lists from all applicants.
- Applicants submit application by the State's deadline July 25th



Questions