



Pinellas County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Working Group
Intent to Apply: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Application for [Hurricane Helene \(DR-4828\)](#)

| Applicant Name | Project Name* | LMS Goal Project Addresses | LMS Objective Project Addresses | Estimated Total Project Cost | HMGP Funds Requested** | Is 25% Match Currently Funded? | Is project currently listed in the LMS? |
|---------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Pinellas County Utilities | Hardening of Logan Utilities Operations Center Building (Safe Room) | Become a More Disaster Resilient Community | Prevention | \$35,000,000 | \$26,250,000 | Yes | No |

Project Description (Include how the project will address the Goal and Objective identified above.)

Scope: 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, emergency camp toilets.

The structure would house:

- PCU emergency operations command staff, section chiefs, and support for technology and procurement (24 day, 9 night)
- Plant operations staff to remotely operate our 3 plants from the safe room (6 day, 3 night)
- Pump station repair/maintenance staff ready to mobilize post-storm to begin repairs (6 day)
- Pipeline and valve repair/ maintenance staff ready to mobilize post-storm to begin repairs (6 day)
- Repair and maintenance dispatch staff to receive calls for service and schedule repair work, ready to mobilize post-storm to begin repairs (2 day, 2 night)
- Utilities call center staff to answer urgent customer calls from a protected structure (6 day, 2 night)
- Highly protected server room for SCADA systems
- Kitchen and eating space
- Showers for male and female staff housed
- Sleeping quarters for male and female staff (50 night, 28 day)
- Space for data comms, electrical, mechanical, janitorial, storage for emergency supplies
- Main meeting space for emergency operations
- Secondary space for dispatch and call center staff
- Small room for break-out meetings

Problem solved: Utilities staff does not 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. **Total number of people that would benefit is 616,000. Documentation to support this is attached (see "PCU population served 4-1-24 BEBR).**

***If the project is already listed in the LMS, please use the same project name as what is shown in Table D-1 Mitigation Initiatives.**

Please fill out a scoring sheet for each project even if the project is already listed in the Table D-1.

****Note that applicants can only request a maximum of 75% of the total project cost unless seeking a Global Match (Global Match process is explained in the Notice of Funding Availability - Page 4).**