



MEMORANDUM

To: Kelli Hammer Levy, Director, Public Works

From: Meghan Johnson, Grants Management Coordinator

SUBJECT: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – DR-4828 (Helene) and DR-4834 (Milton)
Public Works – Capital Projects
Intent to Apply - Director Approval

DATE: May 27, 2025

The Public Works Department would like to apply for the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) to seek funding to support stormwater mitigation efforts to minimize flood losses in unincorporated Pinellas County.

- 1) Cross Bayou Phase 1 - \$5,493,334.00 Total Project Costs
- 2) 34th St Box Culvert (Joe's Creek) - \$17,820,000.00 Total Project Costs
- 3) Baypointe Stormwater Conservation Area - \$21,690,591.00 Total Project Costs

FDEM's HMGP has announced a notice of funding availability (NOFA) for HMGP funding allocated to eligible applicants throughout Pinellas County in the amount of \$416,248,206.00 for DR-4828 and DR-4834 associated with impacts from Hurricanes Helene and Milton. The total estimated costs to implement the stormwater projects is \$45,003,925.00. HMGP funding requires a 25% non-federal cost share for awarded projects. Public Works proposes to request \$33,752,943.75 in HMGP funds for all three (3) projects. Cost share from eligible sources in the amount of \$11,250,981.25 are budgeted with Penny for Pinellas funds, Resilient Florida funds, and EPA Appropriations. Communication has occurred to ensure other funders are agreeable to leveraging their funds for HMGP cost share

The grant application deadline is July 25, 2025, for electronic submission to FDEM via the DEMES portal. Requirements for application include approval of the project by the Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group (LMSWG) and inclusion on Pinellas' Prioritize Project List (PPL). Deadline for submission to the LMSWG was May 16, 2025. Per OMB guidance, submission to the LMSWG does not require internal processing. The grant application processing is due through Legistar for submission to FDEM. Authority to approve this grant application submission resides with the Board of County Commissioners. Decisions made by the LMSWG may not be made until June 18th or later. The Board meeting for approval of this submission is July 22, 2025.

Approved:

Kelli Hammer Levy

Kelli Hammer Levy, Director, Pinellas County Public Works

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