



OMB Grants Team Review

of Intent to Apply received on **04/29/2025**

Grant Name	Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – Hurricane Debby & Hurricane Milton/Hurricane Helene				
Department	Utilities	Granting Agency	Florida Division of Emergency Management	Date	5/01/2025
Program Manager	John Spickler	Application Submitter	Emily Magyar	Grant Type	Federal Pass-Through

Grant Information

Funding Type	Reimbursement
Amount Requested	\$2,250,000.00
Anticipated Match	\$750,000.00
Match Type	Cash & In-kind
Match Funding Source	4052.431471.2421.003762A.0000000
Is Match in Current Budget?	Yes
Total Project Cost	\$3,000,000.00
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 Debby** and 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

The County is planning to install additional power backup systems at critical sewer pump stations to provide sewer collection services during power outages events.

Benefit Summary

Replacing the existing generators, which have reached the end of their useful life, reduces the likelihood of failure when power is unavailable. The advantage of having wastewater pump stations on generators is that they also address power grid vulnerability due to lightning from frequent storms. The installation of backup emergency generators at critical pump station locations is essential to mitigate the effects of natural hazards impacting Pinellas. Generators ensure continuity in the power supply during localized hazards. Wastewater services are vital for the public, and maintaining these systems operational is crucial, as failures could lead to sanitary sewer overflows. The release of untreated sewage poses a threat to public health and the surrounding environment.

Anticipated Impact to the County Budget

This is a **multi-year** grant potentially affecting **FY26-FY29**. Each application request is for \$2,250,000.00 with a \$750,000.00 cost share requirement. Funding for the cost share requirement is in the current FY25 budget. The total project budget is \$3,000,000.00.

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. One application to be submitted for each grant advertisement with the possibility of only one award.
- 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.**