



Hurricane Helene Local Government Capital Grant Program

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Program Overview

- Creation
 - The Helene Local Government Capital Grant program was created in [S.L. 2025-26, Section 2B](#) and amended by [S.L. 2025-97, Section 1.2](#)
- Purpose
 - To provide local governments and federally recognized tribes in western North Carolina capital grants to repair, renovate or replace infrastructure damaged by Hurricane Helene.



Eligibility

- The grants shall be used for capital projects to repair, renovate, or replace infrastructure damaged by Hurricane Helene.
- Local government units or federally recognized tribes located on trust lands with projects *not eligible* for FEMA Public Assistance (FEMA PA) funding may apply for a grant.
- Including projects not submitted, withdrawn, or denied FEMA PA.
- OSBM must also consult with Emergency Management, to confirm each project's ineligibility for FEMA Public Assistance reimbursement.
- Not Eligible Recipients:
 - Non-Profits and Private Organizations



Grant Award Amounts

Total Grant Funds Available: **\$49,750,000.00**

Maximum grant amounts set in statute:

- **County:** (20%) to one county, including grants to units of local government within that county = \$9,950,000
- **Eligible Recipient:** (5%) per eligible recipient = \$2,487,500
- Five percent (5%) per zip code if that zip code only qualifies for FEMA Public Assistance Categories A through B = \$2,487,500



Review Process

OSBM will prioritize grants to an eligible recipient based on the following criteria set in statute:

- Local government units/tribes with a population of 300,000 or fewer based on the [2023 Certified County Population Estimates](#) from the State Demographer
- Projects that qualify in whole or in part for [FEMA Public Assistance Categories C through G](#).
- Award amounts are based on statutory caps per recipient and county. Because of this, grant applications are evaluated and grants awarded after the deadline closes, not on a rolling basis. The deadline to apply is **November 21**.



Resources



Review our [guidance on grant award amounts](#)



Review the [Pre-Application Checklist](#)



Join us for an [informational webinars](#) to learn more!



[Application Link](#)



If you have questions, we encourage applicants to contact us ***before applying*** for the grant. We are here to help! Contact us at HeleneCapitalGrants@osbm.nc.gov.



Application

Applications Due: Friday, November 21st.

Before you apply, please review the following information:

[Pre-Application Checklist](#)

Review Application: [Application Link](#)

Questions

Website: [OSBM Helene Local Government Capital Grant Program](#)

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