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TO: Senator Phil Berger
President Pro Tempore

Representative Destin Hall
Speaker of the House

FROM: Mark Bondo 
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SUBJECT: Disaster Grant Award Report for Department of Environmental Quality

Pursuant to Session Law 2024-51, Sec 6.2 the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) submits the attached Notification of Grant Awards for the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (Department), Division of Waste Management. The Grants, including the Hazardous Waste Management State Program and the Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Corrective Action Program, are awarded by the United States Environmental Protection Agency in the amount of \$61,006,486 and \$14,250,000 respectively. Under the authority of G.S. 113-8, the Department is using the Hazardous Waste Management State Program to address the impacts of Hurricane Helene on hazardous and solid waste management. Additionally, the Department is using the LUST Corrective Action Program to investigate suspected petroleum releases and implement necessary corrective actions related to Hurricane Helene.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Budget Analyst Sherese Bonner at sherese.bonner@osbm.nc.gov or Mark Bondo at mark.bondo@osbm.nc.gov.

Thank You.

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Notification of Grant Application/Award, FY 2025-26

Office of State Budget and Management 984-236-0600.

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Please indicate if Notification is for a GRANT APPLICATION or GRANT AWARD

☐ Application

☒ Grant Award

- 1 Department
- 2 Division (except in DHHS).....
DHHS only, choose division from drop down list.....
- 3 Contact person (name)
- 4 Phone number
- 5 E-mail
- 6 Funding Entity (grantor)
- 7 CFDA number.....
- 8 Grant title
- 9 Grant application deadline (MM/DD/YY)
- 10 Start date of grant (MM/DD/YY)
- 11 End date of grant (MM/DD/YY)
- 12 Application type
- 13 Is this grant already in agency's base budget?
- 14 Budget Code the grant will be expended in (XXXXX).....
- 15 Budget Fund (XXXXXX or NA)
- 16 Is there a state matching requirement?
- 17 If yes, what is the matching requirement?
- 18 If yes, what is the source of state funds being used to match grant funds.
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- 20 If yes, what is the MOE?
- 21 Is an additional General Fund appropriation required to meet the state match requirement?
- 22 Will any of these funds be passed through to local governments or non-state entities?
- 23 If yes, identify affected entities by type
- 24 Will additional state funds be required to continue the program if grant expires or is reduced?
- 25 If yes, is this a requirement of the grant?
- 26 Are new FTEs funded through the grant?.....

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66.801
Hazardous Waste Management State Program Support American Relief Act of 2025
10/01/25
New
14300
102206
No
No
No
Yes
local govt AND private non-profit AND other state agency
No
Yes

- 27 If yes, give the number by type for each year: *Permanent*
Time-Limited

28 Amount of grants funds **applied** for in each year

29 Amount of grants funds **awarded** in each year

SFY 2024-25 Actual	For 2025-26 Complete <u>either</u> Authorized or Proposed		SFY 2026-27 Proposed	SFY 2027-28 Proposed	SFY 2028-29 Proposed
	SFY 2025-26 Authorized	SFY 2025-26 Proposed			
	4.500				
	\$61,006,486.00				
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30 Purpose of grant or amendment	<p>This action approves an award in the amount of \$61,006,486 to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) to support funding under the 2025 American Relief Act for hazardous waste financial assistance grants program and other solid waste management activities for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Helene. The purpose is to assist NCDEQ (and impacted counties) to address the consequences of Hurricane Helene, as it relates to hazardous and solid waste management. This award will help accomplish that purpose, as called for in the 2025 American Relief Act.</p> <p>The activities to be performed include recycling infrastructure and equipment; waste pesticide collection; debris removal; conduct infrastructure and disaster management workshops; and attendance hazardous training. Additionally, purchase sampling supplies needed for testing of hazardous waste; purchase equipment needed for solid waste and debris management; community outreach events; phase I & II assessments; community feasibility studies, and develop lessons learned report.Deliverables include: Workshops conducted, subawards funded, tonnages collected (pesticides, debris, etc.), equipment and supplies purchased, trainings attended, number of hazards complaints received/resolved, phase I & II assessments conducted, and more. Some outcomes: contamination (debris, yard waste, pesticides, propane tanks, etc.) removed from the environment to ensure clean water, land and air for every American; enhanced communication and cooperation with State and local partners for emergency response; Improved disaster preparation efficiency for DWM and coordination with local governments, other state agencies, and federal partners.</p>
31 Comments	<p>Lastly, the reuse of properties (to contribute economically) that were abandoned or stifled as a result of the natural disaster and protection of future occupants of the sites from environmental contaminants that may be present. The beneficiaries include residents of North Carolina.Separate subawards (almost \$50M total) to:</p> <p>1) Local governments to clear Hurricane Helene solid and/or hazardous waste debris (includes collection, storage, reduction & disposal)</p> <p>2) Community groups/NGOs to clear debris (similar to above)</p> <p>3) Local gov'ts to replace equipment and/or recycling-related infrastructure that was damaged or impacted by Hurricane Helene.</p> <p>4) NC Dept of Agriculture to collect/dispose of waste pesticides</p> <p>9/30/2030.</p> <p>type is still unknown.</p> <p>16GW000202</p> <p>Grant Expires 4.5 FTE for 5 years. Position 102206-1607613-Multiple NCFS Program Codes -</p>

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66.805
LUST Provision of the ARA, 2025
04/01/25
New
14300
102187
Yes
10% match using Receipted funds
Special or Trust Fund
No
No
No
No
No

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	\$14,250,000.00				
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30 Purpose of grant or amendment	<p>This action approves an award in the amount of \$14,250,000 to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality's (NCDEQ) Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Program. Specifically, this agreement provides funding for its LUST corrective action program, which includes assessment, remediation, and enforcement related activities. The main objectives of the LUST corrective program are to investigate suspected petroleum releases and to perform corrective action on these releases. Sites affected by Hurricane Helene will be assessed and based upon their condition NCDEQ will cleanup the Underground Storage Tank (UST) releases and/or provide oversight of corrective action, site-specific corrective action, and enforcement.</p> <p>Major activities include investigating suspected petroleum releases, overseeing and enforcing corrective action by owners or operators, and performing direct corrective action activities when those owners or operators are unknown, unwilling, or unable to perform those activities themselves. Activities/outputs performed include but are not limited to assessing sites for hurricane damage, implementing corrective actions to determine source and extent of contamination at UST sites. The anticipated deliverable is the state cleanup data that is entered into the LUST4 system and semiannual narratives. Expected outcomes/results include but are not limited to controlling the risks to human health and the environment at contaminated sites by mitigating the impacts of accidental or intentional releases, and by cleaning up, stabilizing or other action, and restoring contaminated sites to appropriate levels to make land ready for reuse. The primary beneficiary is the state corrective action program. No subawards are included in this assistance agreement.</p>
31 Comments	<div>Grant Expires 3/31/2030102187-160HH25-0000000 - 16GW000304</div>

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