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TO: Brian Matteson, Director, Fiscal Research Division
Chairs, Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government
Chairs, Joint Legislative Emergency Management Oversight Committee

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SUBJECT: Required Report on Helene Local Government Grants

Per SL 2025-26, Section 2B.1(f), OSBM shall submit a report to the chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government and the Joint Legislative Emergency Management Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Research Division no later than six months after the application period for this Program opens, and every six months thereafter until all funds are expended. The report must include, at a minimum, the following:

- 1) The number of grants disbursed and to which eligible recipients.
- 2) The proposed uses for each grant.
- 3) The average and median amounts of the grants disbursed under the Program.

Please see below and the attached spreadsheet outlining requested information related to the Helene Local Government Capital Grant program.

In the year since the legislation passed authorizing this new competitive grant program, OSBM worked closely with the NC Association for County Commissioners, the NC League of Municipalities, the Regional Council of Governments, GROWNC, Emergency Management and other critical partners to design, promote, and launch this grant program. Based on additional \$65M for this program with expanded requirements in the 2026 Appropriations Act, OSBM is planning to open the new phase of funding on September 25, 2026.

In the first round, OSBM received 170 applications for this grant program. Using a prioritization standard outlined in the statute, OSBM awarded 80 local government infrastructure projects, 75 of which have already received grant funds. The remaining 5 grantees are still working to get their legislatively required documentation submitted before receiving their funds.

The average grant disbursed is \$621,875, and the median is \$339,964.61. The original statute for this program contained a special provision allowing OSBM to use non-recurring funding to support the time-limited administration of the program. However, the staff funding does not adequately fund administrative needs the entirety of the program – which will include grant reporting, monitoring, and auditing through June 30, 2030. OSBM recommends additional staff support for the administration of this specific Helene Recovery Local Government Infrastructure grant program.

Please contact Brigid Lindley, brigid.lindley@osbm.nc.gov, should you have questions or concerns.

Grant Recipients	Total Grant Amount	Grant Amount Disbursed - Payment One	Grant Amount Disbursed Date - Payment One	Grant Amount Disbursed - Payment Two	Grant Amount Disbursed Date - Payment Two	Proposed Use - Project Name	Proposed Use
City of Gastonia	\$241,948.03	\$120,974.02	3/12/2026			Highland Branch Greenway Repair and Erosion Control	The project will restore full, safe public access to the Highland Branch Greenway by repairing storm-related damage and stabilizing the trail corridor. Reconstructed trail surfaces, improved drainage systems, and reinforced embankments will reduce future erosion and protect the greenway from similar storm impacts.
City of Gastonia	\$1,935,584.70	\$967,792.35	3/12/2026			Linwood Springs Park Streambank and Pond Restoration	This project will address damages caused by Hurricane Helene and reduce ongoing erosion that threatens public infrastructure and ecological health.
Town of Canton	\$500,000.00	\$250,000.00	3/12/2026			Canton Armory Community Facility	Hurricane Helene caused widespread damage and devastation in Canton. Some places in the town limits were submerged in 28 feet of water due to river rise. The Canton Armory received severe impacts with 18 feet of water rising past the first floor of the two-story building. The OSBM grant will help to meet unmet needs for the building's restoration, including windows, flooring heat and air utilities and sheet rock and wall repair.
Town of Lake Lure	\$562,500.00	\$281,250.00	4/21/2026			Sanitary Sewer Replacement Phase 1 Project	Hurricane Helene caused widespread damage to the wastewater collection and treatment facilities, including damage to lift stations and access roads, all components of the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP), and severance of the main gravity-fed sewer line as manholes were inundated with surface flooding and silt and sedimentation. Helene Capital Grant Program funds will be used to help support a portion of the design and construction of phase one of the replacement and relocation of Lake Lure's sanitary sewer system.
Town of North Wilkesboro	\$1,936,412.60	\$968,206.30	3/12/2026			North Wilkesboro Yadkin River Greenway Slope Stabilization	The Town of North Wilkesboro plans to use this funding to repair and restore the North Wilkesboro sections of the Yadkin River Greenway. The Town intends to accomplish this goal by clearing the damaged river bank, grading the sites, installing Gabion Baskets, and reseeding the riverbank to ensure its future stability.
Town of Rutherfordton	\$125,000.00	\$62,500.00	2/12/2026	\$62,500.00	8/11/2026	Woodrow Jones Building Roof Replacement	This project involves full replacement of the Woodrow Jones Building roof system to restore structural integrity, prevent further water damage, and enhance disaster resiliency.
Town of Rutherfordton	\$170,000.00	\$85,000.00	2/12/2026	\$85,000.00	5/28/2026	Norris Library Basement Flood Mitigation and Restoration	This project involves the repair and mitigation of basement flooding at the Norris Library. Work will include water removal, structural repairs, restoration of affected historic materials, and installation of permanent flood mitigation measures to prevent future storm-related water intrusion. The project preserves the building's historic character while ensuring continued safe operation as a public library.
Town of Rutherfordton	\$705,000.00	\$352,500.00	2/12/2026	\$352,500.00	9/1/2026	Crestview Park Ball Field Lights Replacement / Upgrade	This project involves the replacement of damaged ball field light fixtures at Crestview Park. Upon evaluating repair options with the vendor, it was determined that the original fixture type is no longer available. The most cost-effective solution for restoring safe and reliable lighting is to upgrade the facility to LED fixtures.
Town of Spindale	\$1,156,634.00	\$578,317.00	2/19/2026			Highway 74 Lift Station Relocation	The Town proposes relocating and replacing the Highway 74 Lift Station at a safe, elevated site outside the floodplain. The project includes construction of a modern wastewater lift station and replacement of all pumps, controls, conduits, power systems, valves, and structural components with equipment that meets current engineering standards. Because the existing access route crosses a creek and washed-out during Helene, the project also includes construction of a new, reliable access alignment on higher ground to ensure operational and emergency access.

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Town of Spruce Pine	\$266,517.86	\$133,258.93	2/5/2026			Pine Branch Lift Station Line	The Town of Spruce Pine endured catastrophic damages during tropical storm Helene. The Toe River is a primary river and the Town's primary raw water intake. During the County's waterways cleanup, administered through the USACE, and after the FEMA PA deadlines, cleanup crews noted a 4 force main sewer line torn loose. After debate with the company in charge of the cleanup, repairs to the piping have been denied and said to have been damaged by the storm and not the cleanup crews equipment.
Town of Spruce Pine	\$1,000,000.00	\$500,000.00	6/18/2026			Spruce Pine Water Tank Replacements	The Town is seeking funds to construct two new 500,000-gallon water tanks along the Highway 226 corridor. One will replace an existing tank on its current site, while a second will be constructed at a new site. The existing water tank, off of Rogers Street near Town Hall, is not properly elevated.
Town of Spruce Pine	\$1,220,982.15	\$610,491.08	2/26/2026			Spruce Pine Public Services Facility	The Public Works Building was a ~6,000 square foot pre-engineered metal building with metal siding and metal roofing and a slab on grade floor. As a result of the flooding, the facility was completely washed away and destroyed beyond repair. Consequently, a complete replacement facility is required as a direct result of the presidentially declared disaster incident.
Town of Crossnore	\$179,463.90	\$89,731.95	2/26/2026	N/A	N/A	Crossnore Maintenance Shed Relocation	The project will build a new metal maintenance shed building behind the Crossnore Park pavilion. This area is nearby the existing building footprint, but is higher in elevation and outside of the flood zone. Crossnore's maintenance building was submerged in approximately four feet of water during Helene. The building is a 728 square foot wood structure, concrete slab on grade, with a corrugated metal roof. The structure is a complete loss including all structural and electrical components, along with contents.
Town of Crossnore	\$210,000.00	\$105,000.00	3/12/2026			Crossnore Town Hall Restoration	High winds, wind driven rain, and flooding from Helene caused exterior and interior damage to Crossnore Town Hall. Damaged building features included roof shingles, plumbing, siding, windows, doors, the foundation, insulation, HVAC equipment, electrical wiring and components, carpet and padding, drywall, vinyl flooring, baseboards, water heater, and trim. The project will repair Crossnore Town Hall and mitigate against future flood events.
City of Marion	\$1,243,750.00	\$621,875.00	2/26/2026			City of Marion Wastewater Treatment Plant Repairs	The City of Marion wastewater treatment plant was significantly damaged during Helene and the collection system. This project is for the repair and replacement of the following at the wastewater treatment facility: Misc. Valve & Gate Replacements Aeration Basin Improvements Headworks Improvements Existing Aerobic Digester Improvements RAS/WAS Pump Station Improvements Chemical Improvements Secondary Clarifier Rehab Septage Receiving Station Primary Clarifier Demolition
City of Marion	\$1,243,750.00	\$621,875.00	3/12/2026			Marion Sewer Aerial Crossing Elimination	Hurricane Helene destroyed the City's sewer aerial line over the Catawba River near Resistoflex Road in Marion, North Carolina. The flooding completely destroyed the sewer line, which consisted of 60 linear feet of aerial 8-inch flange ductile iron sewer piping. The project will involve the removal of the emergency repair line. It will then require the installation of 800 feet of sewer line bored under the river and approximately 1200 feet of buried line.

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Town of Banner Elk	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	3/17/2026	N/A	N/A	Tate-Evans Park Pavilion	This project will relocate and rebuild the Pavilion shelter at Tate-Evans Park. It would relocate the Pavilion out of the floodway in an area across the creek from the existing location. The project would include site prep, installation of a new concrete pad, and construction of a new shelter.
Town of Banner Elk	\$353,500.00	\$176,750.00	3/5/2026			Banner Elk Wastewater Treatment Plant UV System Replacement	This project will replace the obsolete UV disinfection system at Banner Elk's Wastewater Treatment Plant. The current system is no longer supported by the manufacturer and is considered obsolete. The proposed project will install a new UV disinfection system that still has manufacturer support.
Town of Black Mountain	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	9/15/2026	N/A	N/A	Cragmont Road Repair	The extreme volume and velocity of floodwaters coming down from Lake Tomahawk overwhelmed and severely damaged the culvert and roadway at this Site. Severe erosion has occurred to the channel and banks on the upstream side of the culvert crossing. As this should be mostly funded through FHWA's ER program, the Town is only asking for the remaining 20% that FHWA will not cover.
Town of Black Mountain	\$350,000.00					Veteran's Park Concession Stand and Restrooms	The Town proposes to demolish and reconstruct the existing concession and restroom buildings at Veteran's Park to ensure long-term safety, compliance, and resilience. Both structures are currently located within the floodplain and the concession stand is partially in the floodway
Town of Black Mountain	\$1,000,000.00					Golf Maintenance Building	The Golf maintenance building sustained extensive damage during the historic flooding event, with floodwaters overtopping the foundation and inundating the entire structure, damaging electrical systems and contents, and peeling off siding. Due to the extensive damage sustained and the continued flooding risk associated with its location within the Special Flood Hazard Area, the Town is obligated under local floodplain ordinances to relocate the facility to a safer site.
Town of Black Mountain	\$1,072,000.00	\$536,000.00	6/18/2026			Public Safety Building	At a minimum, the building will require stabilization to protect the safety of police, fire, and EMS personnel. The building may require replacement at a location with more stable soil composition; however, this will take 3-4 years from design to move in. The unmet needs funding will support the Town's effort to protect personnel and maintain critical operations and may extend the useful life of the building.
Town of Boiling Springs	\$1,050,081.09	\$525,040.55	2/5/2026			Boiling Springs Intersection and Stormwater Project	We are only asking for funding for the portions of our project that qualify under the current legislation. Those project elements include the engineering, construction administration, installation/repair of damaged sidewalks, the expansion of the stormwater intake basin, the relocation of overhead electrical and telecommunication lines, and the improvements to curb and gutter around NC-150.
Town of Boiling Springs	\$1,064,571.58	\$532,285.79	2/5/2026			Boiling Springs Sidewalk Repair and Stormwater Control Project	The Sidewalk Repair and Stormwater Control Project will assist in the structural rebuilding, repair, and recovery work that our downtown community faced through the effects of Hurricane Helene. Specifically, repairing a damaged sidewalk along South Main Street.
Town of Burnsville	\$467,819.97					Bakers Creek Pump Station Repair & Mitigation	The project will remove and replace the pump station's electric panel, including controls, sensors, gauges, switches, and breakers; remove and replace the backup diesel generator; remove and replace 144 linear feet of perimeter chain-link fencing; and remove and replace two chain-link gates to restore the facility to pre-disaster conditions. To mitigate against future flood damage, the project will also install an elevated steel platform on which the generator and electrical equipment will sit to be above flood elevation.

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Town of Burnsville	\$892,080.00	\$446,040.00	3/17/2026			197 South Raw Water Line Relocation Project	NC DOT is completely rebuilding State Hwy 197 South and has requested the Town allow them to include in their progressive design build project the replacement, and relocation to a safer place within their right of way, 7600 linear feet of the Town's raw water transmission lines. The lines need to be upsized from an 8 inch line to a 12 inch ductile iron. The increased dimensions along with other fortifications will allow for less water hammer and pressure on the lines and lessen the likelihood of catastrophic breaks or washouts during future flooding events.
Town of Hayesville	\$2,188,530.43	\$1,094,265.22	3/17/2026			Clay County Emergency Management Complex	This shovel-ready project seeks to permanently relocate EMS station 5 to elevated, county-owned property outside the TVA Chatuge Dam inundation zone. This move ensures continuous EMS operations during flood events and provides temporary high-ground refuge for Fire Station 1 personnel and apparatuses. The proposed hardened facility will feature clinical, administrative, training spaces, residential spaces for first responders, bays for vehicles and equipment, and will function as an Emergency Shelter, Triage Center and Emergency Operations Center as needed.
Town of Waco	\$4,399.06	\$4,399.06	2/26/2026			Phillips Dr. roadside verge repairs, grading and erosion abatement	Helene's excessive rainfall caused a massive amount of street flooding which resulted in the erosion of an embankment along Phillips Dr. in Waco. The erosion of the embankment resulted in the undermining of the road surface.
City of Asheville	\$2,487,500.00	\$1,243,750.00	2/5/2026			Recreation Park Reconstruction	Tropical Storm Helene caused severe flooding and significant damage to much of the lower terraces of the park. FEMA-PA funding is anticipated to cover damages to the lower terraces of the park. This OSMB grant application is focused on those elements of the park that were indirectly impacted by the storm and will have to be relocated due to the park reconstruction.
Town of Beech Mountain	\$1,370,813.00					Town Wide Utility Improvements	The Town will engage in various inspection operations to update current inventory and document in-situ conditions. New technologies (CCTV etc.) will be used to inspect and report hidden conditions at buried utility networks. Visual inspection of bridge crossings and other ancillary structures (supporting spans, crossings etc.) will complete the documentation. Initial efforts will complete the upgrade of sanitary sewer pipes (8" & 10") from PVC Truss to ductile iron (current standard) pipes.
Town of Clyde	\$19,210.66	\$19,210.66	4/2/2026	N/A	N/A	Hyder Mtn. Rd. Shop Inventory loss	The Town of Clyde suffered loss of inventory at the Hyder Mtn. Rd. Shop Building which included several contents plus a 1992 F-700 Ford Dump Truck heavy duty vehicle. This damage was due to rising floodwaters from Hurricane Helene. FEMA PA only reimbursed the town for a portion of this loss. This application is for the remaining amount that was not reimbursed.
Town of Clyde	\$36,411.01	\$36,411.01	4/2/2026	N/A	N/A	HYDER MTN. RD. SHOP BUILDING	The Hyder Mtn. Rd. Shop Building will be demolished and relocated to a new, joined facility, with the town shop. NOTE: Total award amount decreased due to FEMA changes after award was made, funds returned to OSBM Grant Program.
Town of Clyde	\$111,516.77	\$55,758.38	3/24/2026	\$55,758.38	8/18/2026	Mulberry Street (Town Shop) Inventory loss	FEMA rejected the full reimbursement amount because this facility was not covered by flood insurance, therefore they gave a \$111,516.77 reduction.
Town of Clyde	\$151,006.19	\$113,505.16	4/2/2026			TOWN SHOP - MULBERRY STREET	The town shop will be demolished and relocated to a new, joined facility, with the Hyder Mtn. Rd. Shop Building. NOTE: Total award amount decreased due to FEMA changes after award was made, funds returned to OSBM Grant Program.
Town of Forest City	\$167,000.00	\$83,500.00	2/12/2026			Pump truck replacement	The town would purchase a replacement pump truck for the current 2004 truck to be used for pump and haul emergencies and to clean out collection tanks during power outages.
Town of Forest City	\$265,000.00	\$132,500.00	2/12/2026			Electric Line Truck Replacement	The town needs to replace the older electric line truck. Altec will not certify or repair vehicles 25 years and older for safety reasons. This equipment is crucial to guaranteeing prompt service restoration for residents and businesses.

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Town of Forest City	\$273,000.00	\$136,500.00	2/12/2026			Wastewater Treatment Plant Generator Replacement	The town needs to replace the main aeration basin generator that operates the front half of the wastewater treatment plant. Adding a trailer mounted generator capable of operating 3 to 7 aerators for emergency situations and power outages. The current system failed and could not support the load needed during Helene.
Town of Forest City	\$400,000.00	\$200,000.00	2/19/2026			Pryor Street drainage and sewer line replacement project	The town needs to replace the existing stormwater drainage piping system which conveys stormwater from Pryor Street and under the Thermal Belt Rail Trail to Park Street. Also included in the project is the replacement of an existing 8 sanitary sewer line.
Town of Forest City	\$702,000.00	\$351,000.00	2/12/2026			Non-CDL Leaf Trucks and Grapple Truck Replacement	During Helene recovery efforts, the town's grapple truck and leaf collection trucks were used heavily and could not perform under the required load needed for storm cleanup.
Town of Hot Springs	\$10,428.92	\$10,428.92	4/14/2026	N/A	N/A	Maintenance Shop Restoration	This project involves the repair and restoration of the Maintenance Shop, which sustained significant flood damage as a result of Hurricane Helene. The facility's electrical systems, garage doors, plumbing, HVAC units, flooring, and exterior were damaged, and essential maintenance equipment was directly impacted. The proposed work includes repairing and replacing building systems, equipment, and critical infrastructure necessary to restore full public works operations for the Town.
Town of Hot Springs	\$2,398,000.00	\$1,199,000.00	4/14/2026			Hot Springs WWTP Land Acquisition for Relocation	This project will acquire land necessary to relocate the Hot Springs wastewater treatment plant, which was critically damaged during Hurricane Helene. The existing WWTP, located inside the regulated floodway at approximately 35.8955°N, 82.8341°W, experienced severe flooding that destabilized the site, compromised infrastructure, and presented ongoing health and compliance risks. Relocation to a safer site outside the floodway is required for long-term public health protection and operational resilience. The grant will fund property purchase, appraisal, survey, closing, legal, and related costs—all needed before design and construction of a replacement facility.
Town of Lattimore	\$21,710.42	\$21,710.42	2/19/2026	N/A	N/A	West Lee Pump Station Generator	The Town needs to replace a generator at the Westlee North Pump Station for the sewer system. Repair was also considered, but the age and condition of the generator has led us to believe that replacement is the most prudent option.
Town of Marshall	\$4,353.19	\$4,353.19	4/14/2026	N/A	N/A	Island Playground	The overland flooding washed away park facilities and landscaping resulting in significant damages and degradation of public use of the facility. The Town plans to replace the playground In-kind with mitigation added to ensure flood resiliency. However, landscaping is critical to the bank stabilization which ensures the walking trail around the Island is not at risk for future bank failures.
Town of Marshall	\$15,082.44	\$15,082.44	4/14/2026	N/A	N/A	Fortner Hollow Well Treatment Facility	The Town will utilize contracts to relocate the Fortner Hollow Well Treatment Facility built in 1965 at a new location outside of the SFHA (currently 100 year floodplain, expected to be floodway with new maps in 2026).
Town of Marshall	\$15,180.00	\$15,180.00	4/14/2026	N/A	N/A	Rollins Park	Repair Rollins Park to restore this facility to its pre-disaster design, function, and capacity within the existing footprint. A reduction is being made by FEMA for anticipated insurance proceeds in the amount of \$15,180.00 even though none are anticipated by the Town. Also see the Site Inspection report which removes trees, seeds, flower beds, and mulch which occurred more than 5 months after FEMA's Site Inspection, where FEMA Site Inspectors wrote down damages that are now being determined as not eligible. This necessitated restarting the project and returning back to the bottom of the queue.

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Town of Marshall	\$250,000.00	\$125,000.00	4/14/2026			Marshall Town Hall	The Town Hall building was a structure originally built in 1970. One main story with a partial basement and partial second floor. The building was severely damaged by the flood and is only partially standing. Complete demolition is slated to begin in the next few weeks. Due to the proximity of the floodway, a new location may be utilized to rebuild the Town Hall. The Town Hall may also be combined with other projects to make costs more feasible.
Town of Marshall	\$500,000.00	\$250,000.00	4/14/2026			Marshall Town Depot	The Town Depot (community center) was totally washed away. The Town built the structure on leased railroad land. Community depot events are temporarily being held at various locations outside of Town limits. The Town would like to replace the community center (likely on a Town owned lot). The plan is to replace in kind, same size with attached deck, shed, and parking lot.
Town of Marshall	\$887,627.93	\$44,381,396.00	4/14/2026			Marshall WWTP Relocation-Land Acquisition	Marshall's existing wastewater treatment plant is entirely within the AE Floodway of the French Broad River. Necessary replacements cannot be made unless the whole WWTP facility is relocated outside of the floodway. Relocation will also reinforce the system's ability to ensure continued operations and greatly reduce the facility's vulnerability during future flood events. Through the completion of this project, full replacement and relocation of the WWTP facility will directly address the significant damage caused by Hurricane Helene, in addition to also permanently restoring wastewater treatment services for the residents of Marshall.
Town of Mills River	\$508,310.00	\$254,155.00	2/26/2026			Mills River Tennis Court Replacement	The proposed project involves replacement of the damaged facility and includes milling the court surface approximately 2 inches and replacing it in-kind. Following replacement of the court, the playing surface will be resealed using an acrylic emulsion court sealant to match the pre-disaster condition.
Town of Sawmills	\$58,683.41	\$58,683.41	2/26/2026	N/A	N/A	Sewer Scouring	We experienced scouring along approximately 1015 feet of sewer lines (dirt was washed away and pipes are exposed). In our best estimate we believe the project will require nearly 3,000 cubic yards of dirt. Restoration will result in consistent coverage of sewer lines measuring 14 feet wide and 5 feet deep. We project needing 200-300 loads of dirt depending on compaction, size of truck, moisture, etc. plus gravel (for stability) and grass (for erosion control).
Town of Waynesville	\$353,614.97	\$176,807.49	2/12/2026			Depot Street Bridge	The project addressed structural repairs to the bridge following Hurricane Helene. Interventions included restoring spalling and cracking in beams, the underside of the deck, and bents, as well as repairing damaged concrete posts, a bent top rail, deteriorated sidewalk, and corroded bearings. To stabilize the foundation and mitigate erosion, debris was removed, stream flow was diverted, and the stream bed was excavated.
Town of Weaverville	\$135,863.54	\$67,931.77	2/5/2026			Raw Water Pump Station/Reems Creek GC	Conducted repairs on the electronics within the raw water pump station. In addition, a mini excavator and 2024 CAT loader were utilized to conduct road repairs to the pump station to perform necessary repairs of the pump station equipment. Repaired antenna for the control valve at the course view tank at Reems Creek.
Town of Woodfin	\$202,586.00	\$101,293.00	2/12/2026			Riverside Park - Coffe Dam Repair	The project involved the repair and reconstruction of the cofferdam to restore its watertight integrity and structural stability to pre-storm conditions in accordance with design specifications and permit requirements. Two new waterproof geomembranes were installed between layers of compacted stone to re-establish impermeability. Due to erosion and material loss from the flood, approximately 1,600 to 2,000 tons of additional aggregate were installed to rebuild and re-armor the structure.

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Town of Boone	\$14,500.00	\$14,500.00	3/17/2026	N/A	N/A	Repairing Winkler Creek Streambank	Immediate stabilization of the streambank of Winkler Creek post-Tropical Storm Helene was required to ensure the continued stability of the stream itself to prevent further erosion during the winter. The stabilization of the streambank required the use of NC Class B Rip Rap and other materials. As this project has been completed, Boone requests \$14,500 in reimbursement.
Town of Boone	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	3/17/2026	N/A	N/A	Installing a New Above-Ground Fuel Tank and Repairing the Generator at the Wastewater Treatment Plant	The underground fuel tank at the wastewater treatment plant that powers the main generator is not operational. To ensure resilience in the face of future events, the Town of Boone requests \$25,000 to replace the current underground fuel tank with an above-ground tank and to repair the generator components damaged by the tainted fuel. Once completed, the wastewater treatment plant will maintain a backup power source and continue operations regardless of weather conditions.
Town of Boone	\$300,000.00	\$150,000.00	3/17/2026			Winkler's Creek Reservoir Walkway Renovation	Boone will be replacing the damaged walkway at the Winkler's Creek Reservoir with a 160-linear-foot plastic-fiber walkway. Currently, the walkway leading to the reservoir's internal controls is damaged, preventing access to the controls themselves. Replacing the walkway with a plastic-fiber walkway will enable it to withstand harsh weather, ensuring that the reservoir's internal controls remain accessible.
Alleghany County	\$1,501,957.42	\$750,978.71	2/5/2026			Alleghany County Transfer Facility Expansion and Repairs	The Alleghany County transfer facility was overrun and overwhelmed with debris, solid waste and construction material post Hurricane Helene bringing to the forefront a realization of how critical this facility is to our County's infrastructure.
Ashe County	\$106,317.94	\$53,158.97	2/5/2026			Riverview Community Center Contents	The Riverview Community Center is a vital resource for a rural, poverty-stricken area of Ashe County, providing food distribution and food assistance, as well as educational programs, recreational opportunities, and event space. Restoring the Center is essential to ensuring that these critical services can continue to support the residents who rely on them.
Avery County	\$7,857.94	\$7,857.94	3/12/2026	N/A	N/A	Schultz Park Restoration	This project will replace the lost playground safety mulch, chain-link fence and gate, and repair the damaged bathrooms. FEMA estimated the total project cost at \$28,807.80, but applied a mandatory NFIP insurance reduction of \$7,857.94. This brought the final FEMA project obligation amount down to \$20,949.86. The County is requesting \$7,857.94 from OSBM to cover the mandatory NFIP reduction.
Avery County	\$21,896.25	\$21,896.25	3/12/2026	N/A	N/A	Avery County Baseball Park Restoration	FEMA is offering the County \$297,146.17 to complete the work, but they are applying a mandatory NFIP insurance reduction of \$21,896.25. The County is requesting \$21,896.25 from OSBM to cover this mandatory reduction.
Avery County	\$23,310.18	\$23,310.18	3/12/2026	N/A	N/A	Avery County Administration Building	The project will repair or relocate the Avery County Administration Building and provide mitigation against future flood events. The County is still working with FEMA to determine the exact scope of work, project type, and mitigation. However, FEMA applied a mandatory NFIP insurance reduction to this project in the amount of \$23,310.18. The County is requesting the NFIP insurance reduction amount from OSBM.
Avery County	\$856,521.43	\$428,260.72	3/12/2026			Wes Brewer Emergency Communications Tower Restoration	This project will replace the Wes Brewer tower that was destroyed during Helene. This includes deconstruction of the fallen tower, grading and site prep, demolition of the damaged radio building, construction of a new radio building, erecting a 200 FT self-supporting tower, a 50FT x 50FT compound fence, foundation, coaxial cable lines, antennas, microwave dishes, and associated materials. The project will also clear the access road and improve it by adding 6-inch-deep ABC rock. The project will restore public safety communications capacity in the area.

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Avery County	\$970,506.45	\$485,253.23	3/12/2026			Green Valley Community Center Restoration	The project will demolish the destroyed main building, perform site repair and landscaping, repair the parking lot, rebuild the walking trail, rebuild the courts, rebuild the utility shed, and build a new larger community center building on the site outside of the flood zone.
Burke County	\$1,000,000.00	\$500,000.00	2/26/2026			Streambank Restoration	Burke County proposes this project of Streambank Restoration which is anticipated will restore roughly 1300 feet of the streambank where Tropical Storm Helene washed away the soil and there is current exposed utility line as well as exploring the installation of riprap along the streambed alone this section.
Caldwell County	\$323,163.46	\$161,581.73	2/5/2026			Convenience Site Water Line Extension	Hurricane Helene caused significant flood damage to the household trash and recycling convenience site, severely impacting its infrastructure and operations. To ensure long-term water safety and maintain operational continuity during future flood events, installing a waterline extension to the convenience site is a critical step. By connecting the site to a municipal or community water system, we can eliminate reliance on the vulnerable on-site well, which has proven susceptible to contamination during flooding.
Caldwell County	\$1,183,346.10	\$591,673.05	2/26/2026			Wilson Creek Visitor Center Multi-Use Area Repair and Renovation Project	We request consideration of Hurricane Helene Local Government Capital Grant Program funding for the comprehensive reconstruction of the overall site to include revised floodplain grading, tributary grading, installation of aluminum headwalls, a parking lot geocell system, and more, all designed to repair, reinforce and stabilize the field.
Clay County	\$8,534.13	\$8,534.13	2/26/2026	N/A	N/A	VIPER System Clay County	We would like to request funding for our primary communications repeater for Clay County EMS, which sustained significant damage during the flooding. Normally operating at 100 watts, the repeater is now functioning at 30 watts, severely limiting our coverage.
Clay County	\$1,850,067.08	\$925,033.54	2/26/2026			Clay County Emergency Management Complex	This shovel-ready project seeks to permanently relocate EMS station 5 to elevated, county-owned property outside the TVA Chatuge Dam inundation zone. This move ensures continuous EMS operations during flood events and provides temporary high-ground refuge for Fire Station 1 personnel and apparatuses. The proposed hardened facility will feature clinical, administrative, training spaces, residential spaces for first responders, bays for vehicles and equipment, and will function as an Emergency Shelter, Triage Center and Emergency Operations Center as needed.
Clay County	\$329,929.21	\$164,964.61	2/26/2026	\$164,964.61	3/24/2026	Ambulance - Clay County	High water, which causes increased friction, overheating, component damage and performance issues for the vehicle's transfer case made it unreliable and dangerous to deploy, compromising both patient and crew safety. With no hospital in the county, one ambulance can be tied up for multiple, critical minutes in transport alone (70 min average to Cherokee County and 90-120 minute to Union County, Georgia).
Haywood County	\$2,487,500.00					Relocation of Haywood County Fleet Management Facility	Heavy rainfall and rising floodwaters obstructed the facility's limited ingress and egress points, isolating the building and restricting the safe movement of county vehicles during critical periods of the storm. This isolation prevented technicians from leaving the facility to repair emergency response equipment in the field and also prevented inoperable equipment from being transported to the garage for service.
Henderson County	\$363,151.74	\$181,575.87	2/19/2026	\$181,575.87	7/28/2026	Ecusta Trail Restoration	The requested funds would restore the grant money drawn down from the Phase 2 budget related to Helene damages. By restoring these funds to the Phase 2 budget, Henderson County could complete the Ecusta Trail Phase 2 as designed with trail amenities like bike racks, repair stations, benches, and local greenery.

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Henderson County	\$2,124,348.26	\$1,062,174.13	2/19/2026			Edneyville Sewer Project	Highway 64, the main artery that serves the area, was impassable from flooding and damage to the roadway during and immediately following the storm. The rural nature of Edneyville meant that some of its most important services were interrupted or stretched to limits they were not intended for. Edneyville is currently without any centralized wastewater system. Its residents, schools and businesses rely on individual septic systems to operate safely. When Helene cut off power to the area, smaller package plants, reliant on electricity to pump wastewater away, failed, and remained inoperable for several days.
Macon County	\$137,250.55	\$68,625.28	2/5/2026			Tassee Park Shelter Creek Bank Erosion & Stream Redirecting Project	The Tassee Park Shelter Creek Bank Erosion & Stream Redirecting project aims to address urgent structural and environmental issues affecting the park's central bridge and adjacent waterway.
Macon County	\$220,884.13	\$110,442.07	2/5/2026			Cullasaja Park Infrastructure Site Recovery & Flood Resilience Improvement Project	Cullasaja Park flooded during Helene, causing damage to a portable storage room that washed downstream, a restroom with storage room, flooded electrical components and lighting, damaged football equipment that was stored in the portable storage room and restroom with storage room, was washed out a 225' by 55' gravel parking lot.
Macon County	\$309,438.41	\$154,719.21	2/5/2026			Arthur Drake Boardwalk Replacement and Greenway Infrastructure Replacement & Repair	The Arthur Drake Boardwalk Replacement and Greenway project focuses on the complete removal and replacement of the existing boardwalk and observation deck, ensuring long-term durability and enhanced safety.
Macon County	\$455,742.22	\$227,871.11	2/5/2026			Parker Meadows Drainage Infrastructure Remediation	The Parker Meadows Drainage Remediation project is a comprehensive effort to resolve persistent drainage and water management challenges at the site.
Mitchell County	\$625,000.00	\$312,500.00	2/26/2026			Emergency Management - Climate Controlled Equipment Storage Facility	Mitchell County Emergency Management is seeking funding to construct a climate-controlled equipment storage facility on County owned property. The new facility will provide secure, temperature- and humidity-regulated storage for critical assets, protecting them from environmental damage and ensuring they are properly inventoried and ready for rapid deployment during emergencies.
Mitchell County	\$1,529,000.00	\$764,500.00	2/26/2026			Emergency Management Facility - Renovation Project	Mitchell County proposes the renovation of a County-owned building to serve as the permanent home base for Emergency Management (EM) operations. Located safely outside the floodplain, the upgraded facility will enhance the County's ability to respond to emergencies from a secure, modernized location.
Rutherford County	\$185,141.84	\$92,570.92	7/9/2026			Rutherford County - Tourism Welcome Center Contents and Renovations	The Welcome Center was not covered by NFIP so only partial funding was received for the contents. Leasehold improvements fully depreciated and not eligible with FEMA.
Yancey County	\$85,000.00	\$85,000.00	8/18/2026	N/A	N/A	DSS Daycare Road Project	The road that serves the DSS daycare, IT Department, Soil and water and County Maintenance department is a drive that has a tile that is collapsed and road washed out and needs fixing so parents can get their kids to daycare. This road is 715.8 feet.