

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: August 20, 2025

SUBJECT: Hurricane Helene Updates

PRESENTER: Natalia Santana-Pollard, Response and Recovery Director

ATTACHMENTS: (1) Hurricane Helene Update Presentation

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The presentation attached reviews the following topics:

- FEMA Public Assistance Program Delivery Process – A high level reminder of how the Public Assistance process works with FEMA, North Carolina Emergency Management and Henderson County and common concerns for the Board of Commissioners to consider.
- Financial Status Update – Including the county's financial summary from the period ranging from September 2024 – August 14, 2025.
- Debris and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Updates – This section discusses the status of the debris removals undertaken between October 2024 – August 2025, the NC SMART debris program and the Hazard Mitigation Buy-Out Program.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

No Board Action is requested, this item is for information only.

Suggested Motion:

No motion suggested.

Hurricane Helene Update

AUGUST 20, 2025

Topics

- ▶ Financial Status
- ▶ Debris Update
- ▶ Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

Financial Status Update

RECOVERY
THROUGH THE
NUMBERS.

Financial Summary to Date

Revenues:

FEMA Funding Received	\$16,363,318.50
Cash Flow Loan Net Proceeds	\$ 2,770,048.35
Donations, Unassigned	\$ 104,628.30
Insurance Proceeds	\$ 538,876.21
Interest Earned	\$ 55,690.13
Grants	\$ 25,000.00
Reimbursements	\$ 5,384.00
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	\$ 19,862,945.49

Expenditures:

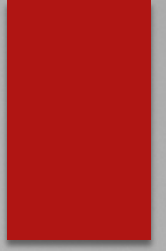
Personnel	\$3,551,765.38
Debris Management/Monitoring	\$ 20,205,722.07
Other Disaster Response	2,757,159.97
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	\$ 26,514,647.42

Net **\$ -6,651,701.93**

FEMA Projects Summary – Phase 2

Title	Process Step	Total Cost
Radio Tower Access Roads	Pending PDMG Scope & Cost Routing	\$20,000
Mill Pond Creek Educational Drainage Project	Pending DDD Completion	\$400,000
Waterway Debris Removal – 100%	Pending PDMG Scope and Costing	\$0
Personal Property Debris Removal – CAT A	Pending Recipient Application Review	\$22,735,164.35
Right of Way Debris Removal – 90%	Pending Application Completion	\$0
Personnel costs thru Dec 2024 – External	Pending Application Completion	\$0
Leases – DRC and Warehouse	Pending Application Completion	\$930,000
Personnel Costs thru Dec 2024	Pending Application Completion	\$3,442,559.68
Emergency Management – CAT B	Pending Application Completion	\$0
Food Supply Rental Generator	Pending Application Completion	\$0

FEMA Projects Summary – Phase 2



Title	Process Step	Total Cost
Jackson Park Field and Lighting	Pending Initial Project Development	\$250,000
Libraries, Activities and Community Center	Pending Initial Project Development	\$40,500
Dana, Etowah, Edneyville and Flat Rock Parks	Pending Initial Project Development	\$35,500
Bearwallow Mountain Tower	Pending Initial Project Development	\$25,000
Etowah Sewer	Pending Initial Project Development	\$46,200
Vehicles and Equipment	Pending Initial Project Development	\$76,661
Creeks & Stream Gauges	Pending Initial Project Development	\$100,000



FEMA Projects Summary – Phase 4

Title	Process Step	Total Cost
Waterway Debris Removal – 90%	Pending EHP Review	\$31,484,242.37

FEMA Projects Summary - Obligated

Title	Process Step	Total Cost
Expedited Funding	Obligated, Payment Received	\$15,224,300
United Way	Obligated, Awaiting Payment	\$91,277
Private Property Debris Removal		\$78,048.30
Total		\$15,393,625.30

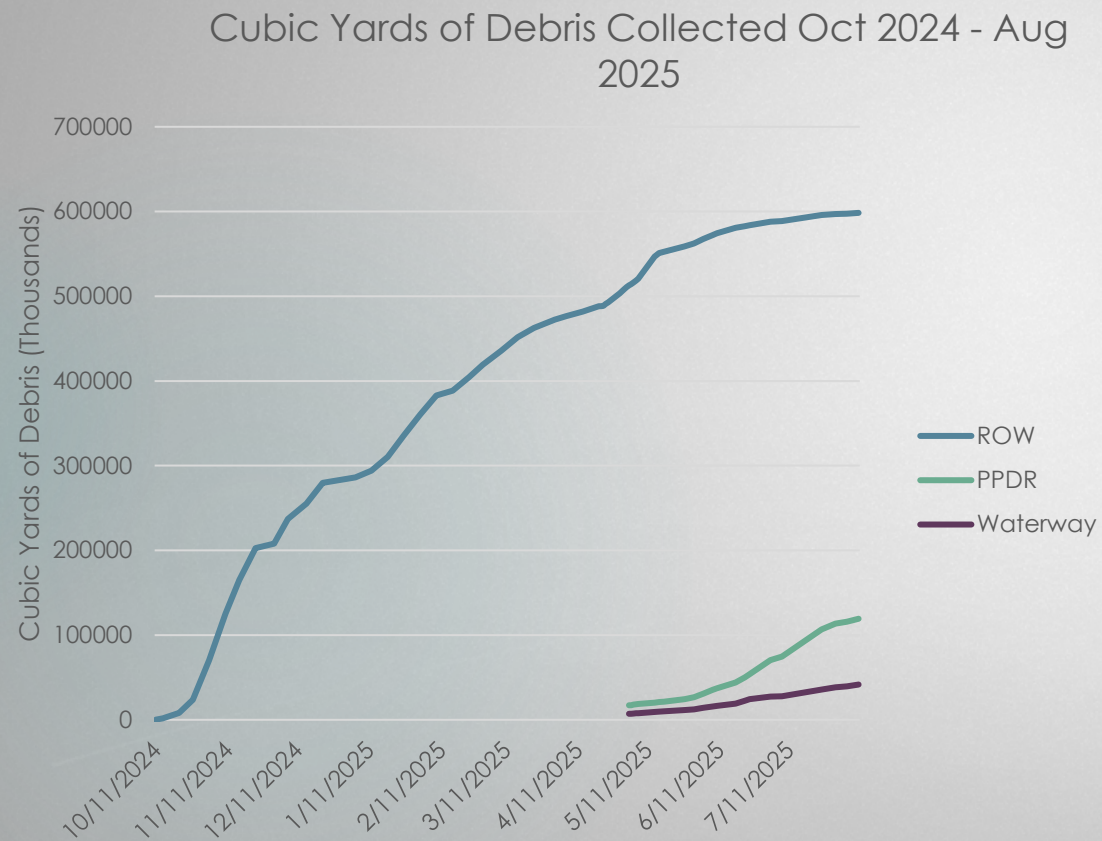
FEMA Projects Summary – Closed Out

Title	Process Step	Total Cost
Emergency Debris Removal	Project Closed Out	\$1,139,019
Total		\$1,139,019

Debris & HMGP Update

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REMOVAL,
WATERWAY DEBRIS
REMOVAL, AND NC
SMART UPDATES

Debris Collection Totals



▶ Total Cubic Yards (CY) of Debris Removed by Type:

- ▶ Vegetative – 735,000+
- ▶ C&D – 30,000+
- ▶ Waterway – 410,000+

NC SMART Debris Program

- ▶ County employees have created internal processes to ensure that no resident slips through the cracks with regards to debris.
- ▶ NCEM and NC SMART partners are working on delivering updates via newsletter, exact roll out TBD.

HMGP Buy-Out Program

- ▶ A total of 63 properties have been submitted to NCEM for participation in the buy-out program.
- ▶ NCEM and Henderson County officials are working together to create a GIS tool to allow visibility into the status of pending projects.
 - ▶ Struggles with visibility into status of submitted packages persist, we hope this alleviates the issue.