

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: November 19th, 2025
SUBJECT: Hurricane Helene Update
PRESENTER: Jimmy Brissie, Public Safety Director
ATTACHMENTS: Presentation

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The attached is current information pertaining to Hurricane Helene in Henderson County.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

No specific Board Action is requested; this item is for informational purposes only.

Suggested Motion:

No motion suggested.

Hurricane Helene Update

NOVEMBER 19TH, 2025

Key Updates

- ▶ FEMA has obligated two new projects for the County and one for a local Fire Department. Staff are working through the process to draw down the obligated funds. Several additional projects are now in the “CRC application review phase”.
- ▶ NCEM engineers are working with County Staff to coordinate site visits for 12 properties who have requested elevation of their structures under the homeowner hazard mitigation program.
- ▶ The County received several additional applications for homeowner hazard mitigation projects prior to the October deadline; these have been forwarded to NCEM for consideration.

Financial Summary to Date

Revenues:

FEMA Funding Received	\$16,532,644.16
Cash Flow Loan Net Proceeds	\$ 8,046,192.57
Donations, Unassigned	\$ 104,628.30
Insurance Proceeds	\$ 538,876.21
Interest Earned	\$ 55,690.13
Grants	\$ 25,000.00
Reimbursements	\$ 5,384.00
	\$ 25,308,415.37

Expenditures:

Personnel	\$3,911,510.55
Debris Management/Monitoring	\$ 20,205,722.07
Debris Mgt/Monitoring (open invoices)	\$ 34,178,466.63
Other Disaster Response	\$2,780,524.92
	\$61,076,224.17

Net

\$-35,767,808.80

(Net does not reflect \$16,471,742.58 in new obligations still pending reimbursement)

Data through 11/10/25

FEMA Projects Summary - Obligated

Title	Process Step	Total Cost
Expedited Funding	Obligated, Payment Received, <u>Cost Amendment Pending</u>	\$15,224,300.00
United Way	Obligated, Payment Received	\$91,277.00
Private Property Debris Removal (100% costs)	Obligated, Payment Received	\$78,048.30
Private Property Debris Removal (90% costs)	Obligated, <u>pending reimbursement</u>	\$1,787,472.50
Waterway Debris (90% costs)	Obligated, <u>pending reimbursement</u>	\$14,684,270.08
Total		\$31,865,367.88

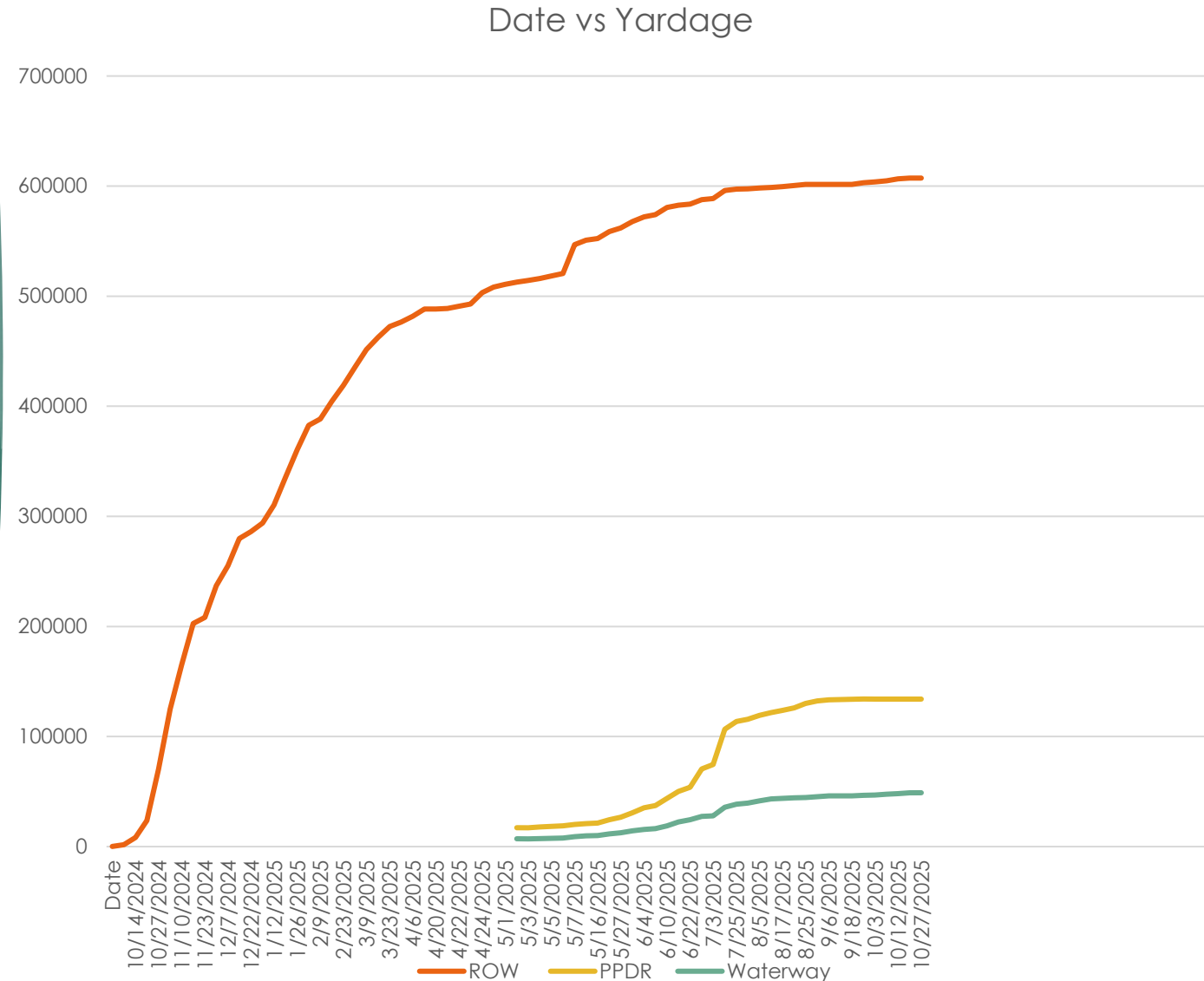
FEMA Projects



Project	Title	Total Cost	Project Step
799711	Henderson County Expedited Category A (First 180 Days)	\$ 15,224,300.00	Pending Amendment Request
799295	Category B Streamlined Project Application	\$ 1,139,018.50	Closeout
950669	United Way CAT B	\$ 91,277.36	Obligated
951934	PPDR - 100% Cost Share	\$ 78,048.30	Obligated
810829	PPDR SPA CAT A	\$ 1,787,472.50	Obligated
953288	CAT A Waterway Debris 90%	\$ 14,684,270.08	Obligated
953275	CAT A Waterway Debris 100%	\$ 1,657,450.00	Phase 2 of 5
953570	CAT B Labor External Funding	\$ Cost pending	Phase 2 of 5
825082	CAT B FA Labor SPA	\$ 3,442,559.68	Phase 2 of 5
813885	CAT B Temp Leases SPA	\$ 930,000.00	Phase 2 of 5
953973	CAT B Temp Leases 90% SPA	\$ Cost pending	Phase 2 of 5
950665	Food Supply Rental Generator	\$ 233,531.74	Phase 2 of 5
949115	Henderson County Emergency Management Category B	\$ Cost pending	Phase 2 of 5
956982	ROW 90% (Companion to 799711)	\$ Cost pending	Phase 2 of 5
816451	Jackson Park Field and Light Damage	\$ 250,000.00	Phase 2 of 5
816467	Radio Tower Access Roads	\$ 152,761.17	Phase 4 of 5
816470	Mill Pond Creek Educational Drainage Project	\$ 486,404.93	Phase 2 of 5
826621	Libraries, Activities and Community Center	\$ 40,500.00	Phase 2 of 5
826623	Dana, Etowah, Edneyville and Flat Rock Parks	\$ 35,500.00	Phase 2 of 5
826624	Edneyville Station and Jackson Park Culverts	\$ 15,000.00	Phase 2 of 5
826625	Etowah Sewer	\$ 6,200.00	Phase 2 of 5
949199	Vehicles and Equipment	\$ 6,661.35	Phase 2 of 5
957722	Creeks & Streams Gauges	\$ 100,000.00	Phase 2 of 5
960122	Henderson County Emergency Management Response Cat B 90%	\$ Cost pending	Phase 2 of 5
960693	Demolition of Private Property	\$ 500,000.00	Phase 2 of 5
962582	PPDR 90% Companion # 810829 (I)	\$ Cost pending	Phase 2 of 5
962588	Waterway 90% Companion # 953288 (I)	\$ Cost pending	Phase 2 of 5

Debris Collection

- ▶ Debris removal operations continue under the NCEM SMART Agreement.
- ▶ The State of NC has concluded Right of Way (ROW) debris removal. Staff continue to advocate on small “hotspot” areas which remain.
- ▶ HCEM and NCSMART continue to collaborate on open PPDR projects.
- ▶ Approximately 1,157 waterway debris sites have been identified by County staff and are awaiting FEMA approval.



Hazard Mitigation Updates

- ▶ A total of 78 properties have been submitted to FEMA for consideration for buyouts or elevations. All these projects remain within the FEMA review phase.
 - ▶ The County received several additional applications for homeowner hazard mitigation projects prior to the October deadline; these have been forwarded to NCEM for consideration.
- ▶ In Henderson County 12 properties applied for an elevation of their structure. These properties are under evaluation by the State's contracted engineering firm.
- ▶ The County has submitted two advanced assistance applications for landslide evaluation and engineering under the hazard mitigation program. If awarded these funds would help conduct mitigation studies of landslides on HOA or private properties.