



STATE OF FLORIDA


## DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Ron DeSantis  
Governor

Kevin Guthrie  
Director

### MEMORANDUM

**To:** Local Governments, State and Regional Agencies, Indian Tribal Governments, Local Mitigation Strategy Working Groups, and Private Non-Profit Organizations Submitting Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Applications for Hurricane Helene (DR-4828) and/or Hurricane Milton (DR-4834)

**From:** Kevin Guthrie, State Coordinating Officer 

**Subject:** DR-4828 and DR-4834 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Notice of Funding Availability

**Date:** February 26, 2025

---

### Program Summary

The Florida Division of Emergency Management (Division) is pleased to announce the availability of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds as a result of the recent Presidential Disaster Declarations for both Hurricane Helene (FEMA-4828-DR-FL) and Hurricane Milton (FEMA-4834-DR-FL), which were declared on September 28, 2024, and October 11, 2024, respectively. This is a joint Notice of Funding Availability for two separate funding opportunities that will share the same application deadline. The funds from these two disasters are not combined, and eligible applicants will need to submit separate applications for either, or both, according to their need.

HMGP funding is authorized by Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief Act. This funding helps communities implement measures to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from natural hazards and their effects. The Division encourages all potential applicants to submit applications for projects that address eligible mitigation activities. The amount of HMGP funding available to the state is based on the total federal disaster assistance for each Presidential Disaster Declaration, separately. The HMGP funding for this notice is for regular funds only and does not include funding options for initiative, codes and standards, or planning set-asides. Applications submitted for the latter obligations will not be accepted under this funding notice.

### Current Changes

As of October 7, 2024, 27P-22 of the Florida Administrative Code is now updated to establish the Division of Emergency Management Enterprise Solution (DEMES) system as the required method to submit applications to the Division for the HMGP. Hard copies are no

longer being accepted, nor is there a requirement to submit an original signed application into DEMES as an attachment, thus removing this redundancy. In order to ensure each project has been approved by an authorizing agent, a single-page form will be required as the final step in the application submission process ([Attachment G](#))

If you have been granted access to DEMES for a past event, please use your existing account and do not re-register. If you have problems accessing your account, please use the DEMES contact below.

### **Application Timeline**

**Both application periods for DR-4828 and DR-4834 will close July 25, 2025.** The Division encourages potential applicants to submit complete applications before the close of the application period. Applications will only be accepted from eligible applicants as defined in the *Minimum Program Eligibility* section of this notice. Submitting the same application for both disasters requires two separate submissions in DEMES under each declaration.

**DEMES Registration:** If you have not already registered for access to DEMES, please see the instructions in [Attachment I](#) to do so.

A complete submission of your applications, and all required supporting documentation, should be uploaded to DEMES no later than

**July 25, 2025, 11:59 p.m. (EDT)**

**It is imperative that your access request for DEMES is received by the Division no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on July 25, 2025, in order to meet the application deadline.**

**The HMGP application and all other pertinent resources for completing the application may be obtained at the Division's website located at [FloridaDisaster.org/hmgp](https://FloridaDisaster.org/hmgp) in the section HMGP Application and Resources.**

**Questions regarding DEMES system may be directed to:**

Jared Jaworski  
(850)544-8372  
[Jared.jaworski@em.myflorida.com](mailto:Jared.jaworski@em.myflorida.com)

### **Minimum Program Eligibility**

*Eligible Applicants:* According to the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 44 §206.434(a), the following parties are eligible to apply for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds:

- State agencies;