



CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

SUBMITTER: Adam Steurer **MEETING DATE:** May 1, 2025
AGENDA SECTION: Consent Agenda **DEPARTMENT:** Utilities
TITLE OF ITEM: Acceptance of an Emergency Bridge Loan Increase for Hurricane Helene Utility Damages – *Adam Steurer, Utilities Director*

SUGGESTED MOTION(S):

I move City Council to adopt the Resolution By the City Council to Accept an Offer of Funding Hurricane Helene Utility Damages.

SUMMARY:

City staff initially applied for and was previously awarded a \$3,000,000 emergency bridge loan through the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality Division of Water Infrastructure (NCDEQ-DWI) to repair damage to water and wastewater infrastructure arising from Hurricane Helene. The City has since requested additional funding through this program and NCDEQ-DWI is now offering the City up to \$9,467,000 repayable at 0% interest for additional needs identified by City staff. The City will be responsible for paying the full balance of the loan by June 30, 2030 or upon receipt of federal disaster relief, whichever comes first.

Staff are recommending acceptance of this funding to maintain a healthy utility fund balance until federal disaster relief is received and to assist with the repair of damaged infrastructure or direct storm costs that may not be covered under insurance or federal disaster relief. The attached resolution serves as formal acceptance of the funding offer.

BUDGET IMPACT: \$9,467,000, 0% interest, debt service

Is this expenditure approved in the current fiscal year budget? N/A

If no, describe how it will be funded. N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution By the City Council to Accept an Offer of Emergency Bridge Loan Funding
2. Funding Offer Letter