



CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

SUBMITTER: Adam Steurer **MEETING DATE:** January 8, 2025
AGENDA SECTION: Consent Agenda **DEPARTMENT:** Utilities
TITLE OF ITEM: Acceptance of an Emergency Bridge Loan 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 for Solids Management Improvements.

SUMMARY:

City staff applied for and has been offered an 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. NCDEQ-DWI is offering the City up to \$3,000,000 repayable at 0% interest. The City may request additional funding through this program if needed in the future. 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: \$3,000,000, 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