

City of Hendersonville Essential Services Aid

Emergency and Disaster Response Fund Grant Program (Hurricane Helene)

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Application Form

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Project Name*

Name of Project

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Amount Requested (\$25,000 or less frontline services/\$50,000 or less facility repair or remediation)*

Amount Requested

\$25,000.00

County Served*

Select one county, "Multi" or WNC Region.

Henderson

Multiple Counties or Areas

If you selected "Multi" from County Served, list all counties or areas to be served.

N/A

Organization's Mission Statement*

The City of Hendersonville is committed to providing quality, efficient services to all citizens, visitors and businesses through open communication, timely responses, and quality results.

Organization's Operating Budget*

What is your organization's operating budget?

\$27,183,860

Application Narrative

If your project is providing assistance to individuals, answer the first question below. If your project is providing direct support to your organization, answer the second question below. (NOTE: Only one of the two "Grant Funding" questions immediately below should be answered.)

Grant Funding*

How will the grant funding be used? (Begin with "*Name of Organization* requests \$___ to ...") If grant funds will provide assistance to individuals, this response should include:

- What assistance will be provided or what will be purchased with the grant funds?
- What criteria will you use to determine who receives assistance from your organization?
- Describe the populations or communities that you want to help.

If grant funds will provide direct support to the applicant organization, this response should include:

- How did Hurricane Helene affect the organization and its ability to fulfill its mission?
- How will grant funds be used? (These funds are not for ongoing staffing or operational costs, or for employee assistance.)

If your organization is not located in CFWNC's 18-county service area, reference your WNC nonprofit partners.

Hurricane Helene greatly impacted our ability to fulfill our mission of providing quality services to our community. Our Water and Sewer Department saw water extraction and treatment severely damaged with several millions of dollars in estimated repairs needed. Our City was impacted in a multitude of ways and the full extent of repairs needed is still being sorted through. Water & Sewer customers were without safe drinking water for over two weeks. Our trash and recycling services were canceled for two weeks and as of the date of this submission we have still been unable to recycle due to ongoing contamination due to storm debris. Currently we are unable to fully provide quality services without outside help of other municipalities providing their Public Works and Fire Department staff. Through adversity, the City has done great work in opening an Emergency Operations Call Center to maintain our mission of open communication and timely responses however, our ability to provide quality services will continue to take time to be back to normal. While there are many essential services impacted, Our Water & Sewer operations remains one of the most vital to repair. As such, the City of Hendersonville requests \$25,000 to go towards offsetting the unforeseen cost of replacing 10 Water & Sewer vehicles that were flooded and subsequently totaled as a result of Hurricane Helene.

While we have insurance on all vehicles, that still leaves \$40,000 in deductibles that will not be paid for by any other funding source except the City's own funds. This means funding will have to be pulled from other essential services which impacts our ability to provide quality services if we don't have adequate funds. Currently, the City is borrowing vehicles from other municipalities as we look into replacements. Funding from the Community Foundation of Western North Carolina would greatly help in offsetting this cost so more funds can go back to repairing our other essential services for our community.

Grant funds*

How long do you anticipate these funds to last?

These funds will be used immediately to secure replacement Water and Sewer vehicles to ensure our community has access to reliable drinking water and sewer services.

Other Funding*

Is your organization eligible for emergency public funding (local, state or federal)? If yes, please explain.

If you are requesting funds from the Emergency and Disaster Response Fund and from other sources, e.g., FEMA, SBA, insurance, etc., please describe in general terms the steps you've taken with those other funding sources and any responses you have received. Include a general description of loans or other grants that might be available to you and, if insurance is an option, the amount, if any, of any deductibles you must meet.

Yes; The City of Hendersonville is eligible for FEMA funding which we have taken full advantage of where expenses are eligible. However, FEMA does not cover all unforeseen costs of the hurricane and is not covering vehicle replacement deductibles.

Other Information

If not addressed in the questions above, feel free to explain how the impacts of Hurricane Helene are affecting your organization or community.

Hurricane Helene caused catastrophic flooding, damage to property, and most importantly loss of life. Unfortunately, Hendersonville was no exception. As of the date of this submission, the City is still under a State of Emergency and issued a Level 4 flood response plan for severe flooding when Hurricane Helene hit. Many residences and businesses were completely destroyed. There were 35 street closings, loss of power, water, and internet for over two weeks for residents and businesses. The N.C. Department of Health and Human Services reported 7 deaths in Henderson County. Impacts have also significantly impacted our economy with local businesses unable to operate for over two weeks or more and residents facing inability to work in cases where businesses were destroyed and services such as daycare and school suspended.

CERTIFICATION

By submitting this form, the above-named organization and the person listed below hereby give permission for this proposal to be shared with Foundation donors and other appropriate parties and hereby certify: (1) that the information provided in this form is correct; (2) that the governing board of the organization has been notified of this proposed project; and (3) that the organization is in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, those prohibiting discrimination against a person or group on the basis of age, race, national origin, ethnicity, gender, disability or religious belief.

Name of Executive Director or Head of Organization*

Please include job title and email

City Manager

Grant Report Acknowledgment*

By checking the following box, you acknowledge that, if awarded a grant from this grant program: (1) your organization is required to submit a completed grant report in this online grant system by the date(s) specified; and (2) your organization will be ineligible to apply for any future grants from CFWNC if a report is past due and is not submitted to and accepted by CFWNC.

Yes, I am aware of the grant report requirement and of the consequences for failing to meet it.

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Acknowledgment*

CFWNC makes grant payments by electronic funds transfers (EFT) through the Automated Clearing House (ACH) system. If CFWNC approves a grant in connection with the application you are submitting, your organization must have current bank information on file with CFWNC for the organization to receive payment. Failure to provide accurate and timely bank information may delay or prohibit a grant award for this application.

Yes, I am aware of CFWNC's EFT requirements in order to receive a grant award payment.

File Attachment Summary

Applicant File Uploads

No files were uploaded