



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Item #6

MEETING DATE: August 5, 2025

ITEM TITLE: Consideration of application for Advance Assistance as part of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

ITEM SUMMARY:

The Town is working with the Town of Duck on a stormwater project at the northern end of town. We are applying for a Hazard Mitigation Grant (HMGP) through the State. The HMGP is a FEMA-funded program designed to reduce or eliminate future damage and loss following a disaster. The program is federally funded but managed by the North Carolina Department of Public Safety's Division of Emergency Management.

In advance of the grant deadline, we are requesting approval for an application that will provide funding for the planning and designing for the construction planned under the HMGP. An Advance Assistance application under FEMA's HMGP provides funding to help communities develop a specific, shovel-ready mitigation project. Eligible uses include preliminary engineering, environmental review, cost estimating, and benefit-cost analysis. Advance Assistance does not fund construction itself, but it strengthens and expedites future HMGP construction applications.

The goal of this project is to create a stormwater collection, treatment, storage and disposal facilities in the vicinity of Sea Oats Trail in the Town of Southern Shores that can be shared by the Town of Southern Shores and the Town of Duck to address stormwater issues within the general vicinity of the northern limits of Southern Shores and the southern limits of Duck. This will help provide safe travel north and south through the impacted area now and in the future.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND REQUESTED ACTION:

A motion to authorize the Town Manager to execute documents associated with the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program's Advance Assistance application.