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| A picture containing text, clipart  Description automatically generated | **North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality**  **Division of Water Infrastructure**  **State Reserve Program Eligibility Form for Hurricane Helene Prioritization Per S.L. 2025-26, Section 3.6**  (Revised July 2025) | Logo, company name  Description automatically generated |

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| **Local Government Unit or Utility Name:** |  |
| **Project Name:** |  |
| **Check Project Type:** | Drinking Water  Wastewater |

This form is for local government units (LGUs) and non-profit water/wastewater utilities that are located in the counties impacted by Hurricane Helene and meet specific requirements as listed below and in Session Law 2025-26, Section 3.6. **This form must be completed to be prioritized for State Reserve Program (SRP) grant funding only.**

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| **1. Is your utility located, in whole or in part, in one of the following Counties that are designated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as one of the most impacted and distressed counties from Hurricane Helene, and has a county population of 300,000 or fewer based on the 2023 Certified County Population Estimates from the State Demographer?**  Counties include: Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Cleveland, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Transylvania, Watauga, Yancey.  *If you check Yes, please identify the County or Counties.*  *If you check No, STOP. Your project will not be prioritized for SRP funds per SL 2025-26, Section 3.6.* |
| Yes. Please identify the County or Counties:  No. *STOP here.* |
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| **2.** **Project Description** |
| *Per SL 2025-26, Section 3.6, prioritization for these state grants is for the repair, replacement, or construction of equipment, buildings, or natural features due to damage or effects from Hurricane Helene, including capacity-building. You must attest that the proposed project meets this requirement. Please sign next to the attestation and describe how your project fulfills the previous statement. Failure to complete and sign the attestation will result in your project not being prioritized for SRP funds.* |
| I attest that the application for funds is for repair, replacement, or construction of equipment, buildings, or natural features due to damage or effects from Hurricane Helene, including capacity-building.  Signature of Authorized Representative:  Name (Printed/Typed):  Title: |
| *Project Description:* |
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| **3.**  **Amount of Funds Requested** |
| *Per SL 2025-26, Section 3.6, prioritization for these state grants is only for the amount of funds requested that is the amount of unmet need above the amount paid by insurance and available federal aid. You must attest that the proposed project funding amount request meets this requirement. Please sign next to the attestation. Failure to complete and sign the attestation will result in your project not being prioritized for SRP funds. Please note that NC GS 159G-36(c)(3) limits the SRP grants awarded to eligible applicants to $3,000,000 for three consecutive fiscal years. However, other available funding sources (low-interest loans and grants) may be considered.* |
| Funding Amount Request from the State Reserve Program: $  I attest that the funding amount requested above is the amount of unmet need above the amount paid by insurance and available federal aid.  Signature of Authorized Representative:  Name (Printed/Typed):  Title: |