



Hurricane Helene Round 3 Allocations

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- **\$38 million** total to be awarded for Helene-Related Projects.
 - \$3.8 million will be withheld for future round of applications to address ongoing unmet need.
- 3rd and Final Application Round closed April 17th.



Applications Submitted in Round 3

- Applications in 10 counties.
- \$40,111,860 requested in funding
- Planned work would cover 67.5 miles of stream.

- 12 organizations submitted applications
 - 5 SWCDs
 - 2 County Government
 - 5 Nonprofit Organizations

- Approximate Benefits of Planned Work:
 - 741 Structures
 - 242 Utilities
 - 17.2 miles of Roadway/Bridge
 - 1330 acres of ag land.



- **Division Recommends Funding Sites that meet following conditions:**
 1. All Applications with Ranking Score of 35+
 1. All Stream Debris Removal projects with:
 - Rating of 3 or 4 (showing at least 1 significant blockage/impact on streamflow)
 - Length <10,000'
 2. All Streambank Stabilization/Restoration/Sediment Removal projects with:
 - Rating of 3+ (showing need based on bank material, bank slope, bank height, and lack of stabilizing vegetation)
 - Sites with Rating of 2 may be considered for future funding if additional documentation shows need for work.
 - Fund applicants the amount requested up to cost per linear foot caps (developed with Engineering Team):
 - Stream Debris Removal:
 - Segment >500': up to \$50/ft (unless additional justification given)
 - Segment <500': depends on stream width, up to \$100/ft
 - Streambank Stabilization: up to \$700/ft
 - May be eligible for additional funding pending engineering design
 - Stream Restoration & Sediment Removal: up to \$900/ft
 - May be eligible for additional funding pending engineering design

- Last week the Division was notified that FEMA is still conducting ongoing stream debris removal work in Haywood County.
 - Several sites on the Haywood SWCD application are being considered for work through FEMA
 - FEMA has a September deadline to complete work.
- Recommendation:
 - Award Haywood SWCD funding for their approved sites that are NOT on FEMA's list for consideration (total: \$869,801).
 - Reserve the balance of county cap (\$626,449) so that remaining Haywood SWCD can revise their requests as FEMA completes its work.



Recommended Awards

- **Applications Recommended for Funding in Round 3:**

- Total Award Amount: **\$10,528,845**

Grantee	County	Number of Sites Eligible for Funding	Types of Repair Need	Application Ranking	Application Approval	Applicant Request for Funding (in this county)	Adjusted Request (From sites that were approved)	County Cap	Total Proposed Award
Avery SWCD	Avery	4	Stream Restoration, Streambank Stabilization, Stream Debris Removal	74	Approved	\$1,681,185	\$1,220,810	\$1,496,250	\$1,220,810
Burke SWCD	Burke	19	Stream Restoration, Streambank Stabilization, Stream Debris Removal, Sediment Removal	155	Approved	\$1,755,000	\$1,630,000	\$1,496,250	\$1,496,250
Cleveland County	Cleveland	5	Stream Restoration, Streambank Stabilization	69	Approved	\$796,000	\$796,000	\$1,496,250	\$796,000
Mountain True	Cleveland	2	Stream Debris Removal	49	Approved	\$262,000	\$10,000	\$1,496,250	\$10,000
Haywood SWCD	Haywood	9	Stream Debris Removal, Sediment Removal	103	Approved	\$1,725,264	\$1,056,325	\$1,496,250	\$869,801
Henderson SWCD	Henderson	13	Streambank Stabilization, Stream Debris Removal, Sediment Removal	56	Approved	\$1,166,425	\$886,325	\$1,496,250	\$1,056,325
Mills River Partnership	Henderson	1	Streambank Stabilization, Stream Debris Removal	59	Approved	\$200,000	\$85,000	\$1,496,250	\$85,000
Mountain Valleys RC&D	Henderson	5	Streambank Stabilization, Stream Debris Removal, Sediment Removal	56	Approved	\$252,500	\$195,000	\$1,496,250	\$195,000
Mountain True	Polk	4	Stream Restoration	52	Approved	\$1,496,250	\$1,500,500	\$1,496,250	\$1,496,250
Rowan County	Rowan	8	Stream Debris Removal	81	Approved	\$470,000	\$470,000	\$310,909	\$310,909
Transylvania SWCD	Transylvania	8	Stream Restoration, Streambank Stabilization	55	Approved	\$4,440,535	\$4,097,435	\$1,496,250	\$1,496,250
Blue Ridge RD&D	Yancey	11	Stream Restoration, Streambank Stabilization, Stream Debris Removal, Sediment Removal	91	Approved	\$5,581,900	\$3,275,650	\$1,496,250	\$1,496,250
								Total	\$10,528,845

Recommended Awards

- Applications Not Recommended for Funding in Round 3:**

Grantee	County	Ranking	Number of Sites Eligible	Site Approved	Application Request for Funding	Adjusted Total Request this County	Total Proposed Award	Notes
Common Saints	Avery	6	0	Not Approved	\$1,496,250	\$179,050	\$0	Site did not rank high enough for funding
Common Saints	Burke	26	0	Not Approved	\$1,496,250	\$283,750	\$0	Site did not rank high enough for funding
Common Saints	Cleveland	20	0	Not Approved	\$1,496,250	\$445,850	\$0	Site did not rank high enough for funding
Common Saints	Haywood	41	0	Not Approved	\$1,496,250	\$410,000	\$0	Follow-up site visit found no significant amount of debris in stream. No funded awarded due to lack of need.
Common Saints	Henderson	37	0	Not Approved	\$1,496,250	\$567,550	\$0	Follow-up site visit found no significant amount of debris in stream. No funded awarded due to lack of need.
Common Saints	Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians	28	0	Not Approved	\$526,154	\$222,000	\$0	Site did not rank high enough for funding
Mountain Valleys RC&D	Polk	40	0	Approved	\$255,000	\$255,000	\$0	Higher ranked organization requested up to the county cap. Recommend for supplemental funding.
Common Saints	Polk	18	0	Not Approved	\$1,496,250	\$599,850	\$0	Site did not rank high enough for funding
Common Saints	Rowan	20	0	Not Approved	\$310,909	\$310,909	\$0	Site did not rank high enough for funding
Common Saints	Transylvania	29	0	Not Approved	\$1,496,250	\$64,200	\$0	Site did not rank high enough for funding
Common Saints	Yancey	29	0	Not Approved	\$1,496,250	\$225,000	\$0	Site did not rank high enough for funding



Action Item- Approval of Round 3

Division requests that the Commission approve:

- **\$10,528,845 in funding to selected applications in Round 3 counties.**

- Supplemental funding available due to not all counties in previous rounds receiving awards up to the county cap.
- Funds will only be awarded to organizations that have approved applications/sites and either:
 - Were not funded (or received less than requested) due to county cap.
 - Had sites pending submission of additional information.
- High & Medium need counties only.
- Supplemental awards today would NOT include the \$3.8million (10% of awards) withheld by the Commission.
- Recommend holding a 4th round of applications in Fall 2026 to make use of remaining \$3.8m in funding
 - Allow new applicants to apply, and existing grantees to applying for funding for new sites.

- Funding Amount:
 - County cap increased by 63.537%
 - Up to \$950,672 in additional funds in High-Need counties
 - Up to \$334,302 in additional funds in Medium-Need counties
 - If multiple applicants in a county, funds will be distributed based on ranking score.
- Proposed plan would increase total amount planned for award to: \$34,199,980
 - Including \$626,449 reserved in Haywood county for additional post-FEMA awards
 - Amount remaining for future allocations: \$3,800,020



Recommended Awards

- **Applications Recommended for Supplemental Funding:**
 - Total Award Amount: **\$8,311,589**

Grantee	County	County Cap	Total Cost of Eligible Work	Previous Award	Proposed Supplemental Award	Total Award	Notes
Cherokee SWCD	Cherokee	\$310,909	\$341,400	\$0	\$310,909	\$310,909	Grantee submitted additional information to document need on submitted sites
Clay SWCD	Clay	\$526,154	\$336,000	\$0	\$336,000	\$336,000	Grantee submitted additional information to document need on submitted sites
Mountain Valleys RC&D	Madison	\$1,496,250	\$2,397,500	\$1,496,250	\$901,250	\$2,397,500	Documented need on approved sites was higher than county cap.
Surry SWCD	Surry	\$526,154	\$1,057,000	\$526,154	\$334,302	\$860,456	Documented need on approved sites was higher than county cap.
New River Conservancy	Alleghany	\$526,154	\$202,620	\$29,154	\$173,466	\$202,620	Documented need on approved sites was higher than county cap.
Asheville Greenworks	Buncombe	\$1,496,250	\$300,000	\$0	\$197,647	\$197,647	Grantee did not initially receive funding due to higher-ranked applicants reaching county cap.
Mountain Valleys RC&D	Buncombe	\$1,496,250	\$1,302,000	\$693,975	\$608,025	\$1,302,000	Documented need on approved sites was higher than county cap.
MountainTrue	Buncombe	\$1,496,250	\$145,000	\$0	\$145,000	\$145,000	Grantee did not initially receive funding due to higher-ranked applicants reaching county cap.
Caldwell SWCD	Caldwell	\$1,496,250	\$4,962,830	\$1,496,250	\$950,672	\$2,446,922	Documented need on approved sites was higher than county cap.
Mitchell SWCD	Mitchell	\$1,496,250	\$2,746,270	\$1,496,250	\$950,672	\$2,446,922	Documented need on approved sites was higher than county cap.
Rutherford SWCD	Rutherford	\$1,496,250	\$1,345,000	\$1,075,000	\$270,000	\$1,345,000	Grantee submitted additional information to document need on submitted sites
Watauga County	Watauga	\$1,496,250	\$895,000	\$390,000	\$505,000	\$895,000	Grantee submitted additional information to document need on submitted sites
Wilkes SWCD	Wilkes	\$526,154	\$2,087,313	\$526,154	\$334,302	\$860,456	Documented need on approved sites was higher than county cap.
Burke County	Burke	\$1,496,250	\$1,630,000	\$1,496,250	\$133,750	\$1,630,000	Documented need on approved sites was higher than county cap.
Mountain Valleys RC&D	Polk	\$1,496,250	\$255,000	\$0	\$255,000	\$255,000	Grantee did not initially receive funding due to higher-ranked applicants reaching county cap.
MountainTrue	Polk	\$1,496,250	\$0	\$1,496,250	\$4,250	\$1,500,500	Documented need on approved sites was higher than county cap.
Transylvania SWCD	Transylvania	\$1,496,250	\$3,238,835	\$1,496,250	\$950,672	\$2,446,922	Documented need on approved sites was higher than county cap.
Blue Ridge RC&D	Yancey	\$1,496,250	\$3,050,650	\$1,496,250	\$950,672	\$2,446,922	Documented need on approved sites was higher than county cap.
					\$8,311,589	\$34,199,980	

Action Item- Approval of Supplemental Funding

Division requests that the Commission approve:

- **\$8,311,589 in supplemental funding for selected applications.**