



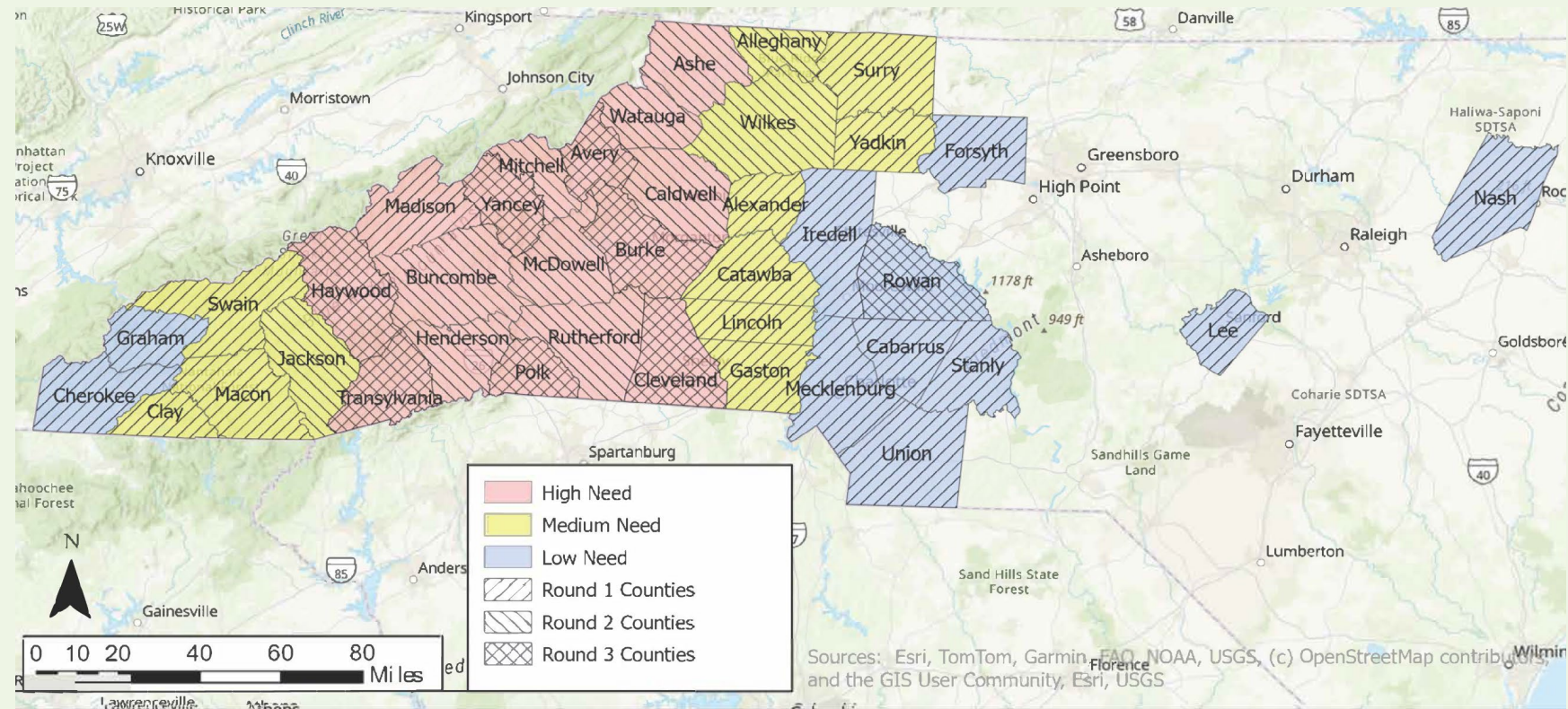
Hurricane Helene Round 2 Allocations

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- **\$38 million** total to be awarded for Helene-Related Projects
- 3rd and Final Application Round closed April 17th.
- Round 1 Awards approved at April 14th meeting:
 - In process of getting contracts in place



- Total Requests for funding across all rounds of applications:
 - \$93,396,263
 - 408 stream segments
 - 41 organizations applied for funding.
 - Proposed work for 180 miles of stream.



StRAP Round 3 Application Window:

February 20 - April 17, 2026

StRAP Round 3 Eligible Counties

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| Avery | Haywood |
| Burke | Polk |
| Cleveland | Rowan |
| Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians | Transylvania |
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Allocation Amounts

(% of funds going to High/Medium/Low Need Counties)

70/20/10

10% withheld for supplemental allocation

- \$23,940,000 across all high-need counties, \$1,496,250 each
- \$6,840,000 across all medium-need counties, \$526,154 each
- \$3,420,000 across all low-need counties, \$310,909 each

- Today's meeting will only approve funds for Round 2 Applications.
- Round 3 application review ongoing
 - 121 sites submitted in Round 3.
 - Total request of over \$38 million, but county cap for round 3: \$12.8 million
 - Ensure highest priority sites are funded
 - Multiple sites require additional information prior to ranking.
 - Conducting site visits as necessary by StRAP staff.
- **Request for called meeting in early June to award funds to Round 3 Applicants**
 - Proposed meeting date for Round 3: June 16, 17, or 18

Applications Submitted in Round 2

- Applications in 10 counties.
- \$32,227,686 requested in funding (out of \$12,052,212 county caps)
- Planned work would cover 43 miles of stream.

- 17 organizations have submitted applications
 - 9 SWCDs
 - 1 County Government
 - 7 Nonprofit Organizations

- Estimated Benefits of Planned Work:
 - 498 Structures
 - 231 Utilities
 - 14.5 miles of Roadway/Bridge
 - 968 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



Recommended Awards

- **Applications Recommended for Funding in Round 2:**

- Total Award Amount: **\$9,724,325**

Grantee	County	Number of Sites Eligible for Funding	Types of Repair Need	Application Ranking	Request for Funding (in each county)	County Cap	Total Proposed Award	Amount Pending Additional Information (within County Cap)	Unmet Need (Above County Cap)
Alleghany SWCD	Alleghany	7	Stream Debris Removal	94	\$546,000	\$526,154	\$359,000*	\$132,000	
New River Conservancy	Alleghany	1	Stream Debris Removal	40	\$206,120	\$526,154	\$167,154	\$0	\$38,966
Ashe SWCD	Ashe	12	Stream Debris Removal	102	\$670,300	\$1,496,250	\$585,300	\$0	
New River Conservancy	Ashe	2	Streambank Stabilization, Sediment Removal, Stream Restoration	83	\$904,673	\$1,496,250	\$618,717	\$191,730	
Buncombe SWCD	Buncombe	3	Streambank Stabilization	69	\$580,875	\$1,496,250	\$580,875*	\$300,438*	
Mountain Valleys RC&D	Buncombe	6	Streambank Stabilization	66	\$1,302,000	\$1,496,250	\$915,375*	\$0	\$386,625
Caldwell SWCD	Caldwell	18	Stream Debris Removal	138	\$5,087,830	\$1,496,250	\$1,496,250	\$0	\$3,591,580
Jackson SWCD	Jackson	2	Sediment Removal, Stream Restoration, Streambank Stabilization	47	\$100,000	\$526,154	\$78,000	\$0	
McDowell SWCD	McDowell	1	Streambank Stabilization, Stream Restoration	67	\$1,496,250	\$1,496,250	\$1,496,250	\$0	
Mitchell SWCD	Mitchell	17	Stream Debris Removal, Streambank Stabilization	123	\$2,901,645	\$1,496,250	\$1,496,250	\$0	\$1,006,295
Rutherford SWCD	Rutherford	14	Stream Debris Removal, Streambank Stabilization, PL-566 Structure Repair	82	\$1,495,000	\$1,496,250	\$1,015,000	\$330,000	
Watauga County	Watauga	4	Sediment Removal, Stream Restoration	82	\$1,489,600	\$1,496,250	\$390,000*	\$444,600	
Wilkes SWCD	Wilkes	21	Stream Debris Removal	94	\$2,500,181	\$526,154	\$526,154	\$0	\$1,498,659
							\$9,724,325	\$1,423,768	\$6,308,329

*= Site visit/engineering review ongoing.

Recommended Awards

- Applications Not Recommended for Funding in Round 2

Grantee	County	Number of Sites Eligible for Funding	Types of Repair Needed	Application Ranking	Applicant Request for Funding	Total Proposed Award	Application Eligible for Future funding (if additional funds awarded above county cap)	Unmet Need
Common Saints	Alleghany		Stream Debris Removal	4	\$526,154	\$0	No	
Common Saints	Ashe		Stream Debris Removal	12	\$1,496,250	\$0	No	
Asheville Greenworks	Buncombe	1	Streambank Stabilization, Stream Debris Removal	51	\$300,000	\$0	Yes	\$300,000
Common Saints	Buncombe		Stream Debris Removal	4	\$1,496,250	\$0	No	
MountainTrue	Buncombe	3	Stream Debris Removal, Streambank Stabilization	53	\$145,000	\$0	Yes	\$145,000
RiverLink	Buncombe	1	Streambank Stabilization, Stream Restoration	51	\$250,000	\$0	Yes	\$250,000
YMCA Blue Ridge Academy	Buncombe	1	Streambank Stabilization, Stream Debris Removal, Sediment Removal	39	\$200,000	\$0	Yes	\$200,000
Common Saints	Caldwell		Stream Debris Removal	-4	\$1,496,250	\$0	No	
Common Saints	Jackson		Stream Debris Removal	14	\$526,154	\$0	No	
Common Saints	McDowell		Stream Debris Removal	17	\$1,496,250	\$0	No	
Common Saints	Mitchell		Stream Debris Removal	24	\$1,496,250	\$0	No	
Common Saints	Rutherford		Stream Debris Removal	-14	\$1,496,250	\$0	No	
Common Saints	Watauga		Stream Debris Removal	23	\$1,496,250	\$0	No	
Common Saints	Wilkes		Stream Debris Removal	-14	\$526,154	\$0	No	

\$895,000



Recommended Awards

- Additional Awards Recommended for Funding in Round 1:**

- Total Award Amount: \$774,459

Grantee	County	Application Ranking Score (Ranking of 35 or higher required for funding)	Application Approval	Applicant Total Request for Funding	Initial Award Amount (April Meeting)	Proposed Additional Award (May Meeting)	Notes
Alexander SWCD	Alexander	109	Portion of Application Approved	\$567,750	\$516,000	\$0	Applicant decided not to pursue supplemental funding due to unfunded sites being marginal for funding.
Catawba SWCD	Catawba	81	Portion of Application Approved, additional funds pending additional information	\$550,000	\$375,000	\$0	1 site warrant additional information before they can be awarded funding. Based on additional photos, site does not appear to qualify for funding.
Cherokee SWCD	Cherokee	52	Pending Additional Information	\$417,400	\$0	\$0	3 sites may be eligible for funding if additional photos can be submitted showing need. No response from applicant.
Clay SWCD	Clay	49	Pending Additional Information	\$336,000	\$0	\$0	Site may be eligible for funding if additional photos can be submitted showing need. No response from applicant.
Carolina Land and Lakes	Gaston	68	Portion of Application Approved, additional funds pending additional information	\$514,050	\$310,500	\$203,550	1 additional site needed supplemental photos to justify need prior to funding. Following review of additional photos/documentation, site qualified for funding.
Nash SWCD	Nash	85	Pending Additional Information	\$260,000	\$0	\$260,000	Applicant submitted additional documental justifying completion of work on whole stream segment exceeding 10,000 linear feet.
Union SWCD	Union	51	Pending Additional Information	\$318,912	\$0	\$310,909*	Applicant in process of submitting additional documental justifying completion of work on whole stream segment exceeding 10,000 linear feet. Plan to be complete prior to business session.
Common Saints	Union	40	Pending Additional Information	\$310,909	\$0	\$0*	Applicant submitted additional documental justifying completion of work on whole stream segment exceeding 10,000 linear feet. Plan to be complete prior to business session.
						\$774,459	

Division request Commission approval to award:

- **\$9,724,325 in funding to selected applications in Round 2 counties.**
- **\$774,459 in additional funding to selected applications in Round 1 counties.**

- **Need for Supplemental Awards to address unmet need:**
 1. Multiple eligible applications not funded due to county cap
 - EX: 4 Applicants (6 total sites) in Buncombe county not funded due to higher ranked applications using entire county cap.
 2. Applicants received less than requested due to county cap.
 3. Applicants have identified additional sites since applications closed.

