



Hurricane Helene Supplemental Allocations

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- Items to discuss:
 - 1. StRAP Update**
 - 2. Deferred Funding**
 - Funding for eligible sites from Rounds 1, 2, and 3 that needed additional information prior to approval.
 - Awards are within the county caps.
 - 3. Supplemental Funding**
 - Additional funding over the county cap based on need documented in application.



- Status of getting contracts in place for awarded funds:

Status	Number of Contracts	Awarded Amount	Notes
Signed Contract Returned	1	\$610,300	New River SWCD returned contract on July 6th.
Sent to Grantee for Signature	18	\$15,165,284	
Being Prepared by Grants & Contracts Office	3	\$2,333,313	
DSWC Preparing to send to Grants & Contracts	2	\$1,053,780	
Waiting on Site List from Grantee	8	\$6,099,265	Reminders sent to grantees on 6/29 that Site Lists needed to be submitted
Pending Funding at July SWCC Meeting	2*	\$8,938,058	2 grantees that were not previously funded will receive awards (Cherokee SWCD, Clay SWCD). <i>*Majority of funds awarded at July SWCC meeting will be additional funding awarded to grantees that have already received an initial award.</i>
Planned 4th Round of Applications	--	\$3,800,000	Additional applications will be accepted, and funding will be awarded on a site-by-site basis based on need, regardless of county caps.

- Several grantees from Round 1, 2, and 3 had sites that were potentially eligible, but needed additional information to confirm eligibility. Includes:
 - Site visits for confirmation of eligibility.
 - Sites that are currently pending FEMA funding (reserved funding)
 - MountainTrue-Henderson County
 - StRAP staff overlooked application submitted by MountainTrue in Henderson County.
 - Application was submitted on time and correctly- no error made by applicant.
 - StRAP staff has reviewed application for funding.
- Does not include new sites submitted by grantees.
 - Only includes sites originally included on the application.

Proposed Awards- Reserved Funding

- 2 Applicants have several sites on applications that are still pending FEMA work.
 - Haywood Soil & Water Conservation District
 - MountainTrue application in Henderson County
 - Sites are StRAP eligible
 - FEMA determination ongoing through September.
- Recommend reserving funding for these 2 organizations to cover FEMA-pending sites.
 - If need remains after FEMA work completed, StRAP will fund sites as planned.
 - If no need on site remains after FEMA work completed, StRAP will work with grantee to focus reserved funding on other eligible sites not addressed by FEMA.
 - If no additional sites present, funds would be returned to StRAP funding pool.

- DSWC requests that SWCC delegate authority to the Division Director to award reserved funds as sites become eligible for StRAP.
 - Funds would be treated as reserved for the grantee, but would not be officially added to the grantee's contract until FEMA status is determined and scope of work is updated.
 - Would provide flexibility in awarding funds in a timely manner as site visits are completed and updates are received from FEMA.
 - Grantees would not need to wait for next SWCC meeting for funds to be added to their contract.
- DSWC would ensure all sites are eligible for StRAP before being funded.

Recommended Awards

- **Applications Recommended for Funding (up to county cap):**
 - Total Award Amount: **\$2,328,283**

Grantee	County	County Cap	Types of Repair Needed	Previous Award (in this county)	Proposed Additional funding (up to county cap)	Total Award	Notes
Cherokee SWCD	Cherokee	\$310,909	Stream Debris Removal	\$0	\$310,909	\$310,909	
Clay SWCD	Clay	\$526,154	Stream Debris Removal	\$0	\$336,000	\$336,000	
Rutherford SWCD	Rutherford	\$1,496,250	PL-566 Structure Repair	\$1,075,000	\$270,000	\$1,345,000	
Watauga SWCD	Watauga	\$1,496,250	Streambank Stabilization, Stream Restoration, Stream Debris Removal	\$390,000	\$605,000	\$995,000	
MountainTrue	Cleveland	\$1,496,250	Stream Debris Removal	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$30,000	
Haywood SWCD	Haywood	\$1,496,250	Stream Debris Removal, Streambank Stabilization, Sediment Removal	\$869,801	\$626,449	\$1,496,250	\$626,449 in funding for Haywood SWCD would be reserved until FEMA work is confirmed.
MountainTrue	Henderson	\$1,496,250	Streambank Stabilization Stream Debris Removal	\$0	\$159,925	\$159,925	
Total					\$2,328,283		

Division requests that the Commission approve:

- **\$2,328,283 in funding to selected applications with deferred sites that have now been confirmed to be StRAP eligible.**

- Supplemental funding available due to not all counties in previous rounds receiving awards up to the county cap.
- Funds will be awarded to organizations that have approved applications/sites that were not funded (or received less than requested) due to county cap.
- 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 apply for funding for new sites.

- Funding Amount:
 - County cap increased by 49.4714%
 - Up to \$740,216 in additional funds in High-Need counties
 - Up to \$260,296 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: \$34,199,995
- Amount remaining for future allocations: \$3,800,005

Recommended Awards

- **Applications Recommended for Supplemental Funding:**
 - Total Award Amount: **\$6,609,770**

Grantee	County	Initial Request for Funding	Initial County Cap	Previous Award	Recommended Supplemental Funding	Total Award	Notes
Mountain Valleys RC&D	Madison	\$2,457,500	\$1,496,250	\$1,496,250	\$740,216	\$2,236,466	
Surry SWCD	Surry	\$1,057,000	\$526,154	\$526,154	\$260,296	\$786,450	
New River Conservancy	Alleghany	\$206,120	\$526,154	\$29,154	\$173,466	\$202,620	
Mountain Valleys RC&D	Buncombe	\$1,302,000	\$1,496,250	\$693,975	\$608,025	\$1,302,000	
MountainTrue	Buncombe	\$145,000	\$1,496,250	\$0	\$132,191	\$132,191	
Caldwell SWCD	Caldwell	\$5,087,830	\$1,496,250	\$1,496,250	\$740,216	\$2,236,466	
Mitchell SWCD	Mitchell	\$2,901,645	\$1,496,250	\$1,496,250	\$740,216	\$2,236,466	
Wilkes SWCD	Wilkes	\$2,500,181	\$526,154	\$526,154	\$260,296	\$786,450	
Burke County	Burke	\$1,755,000	\$1,496,250	\$1,496,250	\$133,750	\$1,630,000	
Haywood SWCD	Haywood	\$3,077,006	\$1,496,250	\$1,496,250	\$740,216	\$2,236,466	\$749,216 in funding would be reserved until FEMA work is confirmed.
Mountain True	Henderson	\$813,875	\$1,496,250	\$159,925	\$341,200	\$501,125	\$321,125 in funding would be reserved until FEMA work is confirmed.
Mountain Valleys RC&D	Polk	\$255,000	\$1,496,250	\$0	\$255,000	\$255,000	
MountainTrue	Polk	\$1,500,500	\$1,496,250	\$1,496,250	\$4,250	\$1,500,500	
Transylvania SWCD	Transylvania	\$3,581,935	\$1,496,250	\$1,496,250	\$740,216	\$2,236,466	
Blue Ridge RC&D	Yancey	\$4,085,650	\$1,496,250	\$1,496,250	\$740,216	\$2,236,466	
					\$6,609,770		

Action Item- Approval of Supplemental Funding

Division requests that the Commission approve:

- **\$6,609,770 in supplemental funding for selected applications.**