TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

SUBMITTER: Tammy Holland, *Finance Director* **MEETING DATE:** June 9, 2025

AGENDA SECTION: **CONSENT AGENDA** **DEPARTMENT:** Finance

TITLE OF ITEM: Amended Hurricane Helene Grant Project Ordinance and Budget Amendment

SUGGESTED MOTION(S):

MOTION TO: Approve the Hurricane Helene Grant Project Ordinance and Project Budget Amendment as presented and recommended.

SUMMARY:

The Town of Black Mountain periodically establishes grant project ordinances for endeavors that involve funding in whole or in part by revenues received from the Federal and/or State Government. The operating or capital expenditure defined within the grant contract may require a time frame greater than one fiscal year to complete. Consequently, the adoption of a grant project ordinance allows the governmental entity to appropriate funds for the life of the project without the governing board having to reallocate funding each fiscal year.

This agenda item is to consider the approval of Hurricane Helene Grant Project budget amendments and the Amended Grant Project Ordinance. The Town of Black Mountain is included in FEMA-4827-DR, North Carolina Disaster Declaration. Initial funding for this Grant project came from the Town's General Fund Balance. This amendment recognizes the following items:

- Recognize Insurance proceeds Increase of budgeted funds and expenditures
- Reallocation of prior authorized expense line funding.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Finance Department requests acceptance from the Board for the Budget Amendment recognizing the insurance proceeds received and corresponding expenses, Budget Adjustments reallocating budgeted expenses for anticipated appropriations and the amended grant project ordinance.

BUDGET IMPACT: Yes

Increase in budgeted funds and Expenditures within the Grant Project Fund of $196,005.89

ATTACHMENTS:

i. Amended Grant Project Ordinance
ii. Budget Amendment

Ordinance: O-25-15
Board Meeting: June 9, 2025

Town of Black Mountain
Hurricane Helene
Amended Grant Project Ordinance

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Board of the Town of Black Mountain, North Carolina, that, pursuant to the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control a local government may, in its discretion, authorize and budget for a capital project or a grant project in a project ordinance adopted pursuant to G.S. 159-13.2. A project ordinance authorizes all appropriations necessary for the completion of the project and neither it nor any part of it need be readopted in any subsequent fiscal year; the following Grant Project Ordinance O-24-15, originally adopted October 7, 2024, is hereby amended and adopted as follows:

Section 1. Project Defined
The Town of Black Mountain defines a "Grant Project" as a project financed in whole or in part by revenues received from the Federal and/or State Government for operating or capital proposed as defined by the grant contract. The project may include expenditures that span across multiple fiscal years.

Section 2. Project Authorization
The project authorized is Hurricane Helene. Beginning September 25th, 2024 the Town of Black Mountain entered into a State of Emergency within North Carolina. September 28th, 2024 a Federal Major Disaster Declaration for the State of North Carolina due to Tropical Storm Helene was issued. September 30th, 2024 the Town of Black Mountain declared a State of Emergency. FEMA-4827-DR, North Carolina Disaster Declaration as of September 28, 2024, defines the Incident Period as September 25, 2024 and continuing.

Section 3. Funding
This project is to be funded in whole or part by FEMA-4827-DR. FEMA's Office of Response and Recovery has determined that with the President's Emergency Declaration, exigent and emergency circumstances currently exist. FEMA Assistance for this project has been declared for 100% of approved expenditures. For all permanent expenditures related to the storm FEMA has declared 90% reimbursement. The state of NC Emergency Management has declared funding of 10% to cover the remaining unreimbursed amounts from FEMA. Funding may be advanced from other Town of Black Mountain Funds for the purpose of making payments as due. Reimbursement requests should be made to any applicable grantor agency following the regulations and rules of the grant.

Town of Black Mountain Operating Fund Transfers:

- Initial Funding for this project will need to be provided by a budget amendment from the General Fund-Fund Balance. In the case of funding that is not needed due to other funding sources, the Town will transfer unneeded funds transferred from the General Fund back to the general fund.
- The board approved in the January agenda meeting to Transfer funding from the general fund to the Helene Project to cover costs to Veteran Park Fencing in the amount of $121,000.
- Board Approved within March 2025 meeting a budget amendment to transfer $300,000 for the Hilltop Road Repairs $100,0000 from the Powell Bill Fund and $200,000 from the General Fund Street Department.
- Requested Funding transfer from the General Fund to make needed repairs to the Dog Park in the amount of $40,000 May 2025 meeting.

NCLM is the Town's insurance carrier. The Town has received insurance proceeds totaling $2,451,190.36 to date:

- An advanced payment of $1,500,000 has been received by NCLM to assist in immediate needs while our insurance claims are being completed. This payment will be deducted from the insurance proceeds to be received for flood damage to Town buildings.
- Total Insurance Claims paid to date from NCLM equal $951,190.36

Donations

- The Town has received a donation in the amount of $67,000 from Black Mountain Presbyterian Church to assist in the repairs at Veteran's Park

FEMA Funding Received to Date:

- The Town has received a payment of 50% of the emergency expenditures submitted. The total amount received was $860,666.18.

State Funding Has Been Awarded for the Following Items:

- NC DEQ Division of Water Infrastructure project Number HEL-0003 provides funding up to the amount of $3,000,000, repayable at 0% interest. The DEQ Water Infrastructure Emergency Bridge Loan Program established in Session Law 2024-53 Section 4C.7 has been awarded to the Town.
- The Town has also been awarded an additional $200,000 in grant funds for engineering assessment, planning and design work associated with the Water Infrastructure Emergency Bridge Loan.
- NC Department of State Treasurer has awarded a loan in the amount of $705,703.37 to aid with Cashflow due to Hurricane Helene

Section 4. Directives

The officers of the Town of Black Mountain are hereby directed to proceed with the federal and/or state grant project within the terms of the rules and regulations of those grants and the budget contained. The Town Manager is herby directed to act on behalf of the Town Council in all matters associated with the project within the terms of all contracts, agreements, and legal requirements binding on the project and within limits of the funds appropriated.

Section 5. Revenues

The following anticipated revenues are hereby adopted:

Budgeted Revenues	***Prior Authorized***	***Change***	***Amended Funding***
Transfer In From General Fund	2,361,000.00	0.00	2,361,000.00
Transfer In From Powell Bill Fund	100,000.00	0.00	100,000.00
Grant Revenue Federal - FEMA Emergency Expenditures	860,666.18	0.00	860,666.18
NCDEQ - Infrastructure Loan	3,000,000.00	0.00	3,000,000.00
NCDEQ - Infrastructure Tech Assist Grant	200,000.00	0.00	200,000.00
NCDST - Cashflow Loan	705,703.37	0.00	705,703.37
Contributions/Donations	67,000.00	0.00	67,000.00
Insurance Proceeds	2,255,184.47	196,005.89	2,451,190.36
Total Funds	**$9,549,554.02**	**$196,005.89**	**$9,745,559.91**

Section 6. Expenditures
The following anticipated appropriations are hereby adopted:

Budgeted Expenses	***Prior Anticipated***	***Change***	***Amended Expense***
Salaries and Benefits	$501,500.00	-$70,500.00	$431,000.00
Protective Clothing	$10,909.80	$0.00	$10,909.80
Professional Services - Engineering and Design	$204,000.00	$0.00	$204,000.00
Professional and Technical Service	$50,100.00	$5,000.00	$55,100.00
Contract Services	$2,405,793.66	$1,420.00	$2,407,213.66
Technology and Software License	$1,000.00	$0.00	$1,000.00
R&M Buildings	$16,261.58	$28,025.31	$44,286.89
R&M Grounds/Parks/Greenways	$3,500.00	$13,477.51	$16,977.51
R&M Equipment	$21,614.43	$2,284.83	$23,899.26
R&M Vehicle	$2,375.96	$500.00	$2,875.96
R&M Streets/Sidewalks/Curb	$26,989.76	$500.00	$27,489.76
R&M Utility System	$597,500.00	$13,031.93	$610,531.93
Office Supplies	$2,086.54	$1,000.00	$3,086.54
Medical Supplies	$710.49	$0.00	$710.49
Non-Capital Equipment and Furniture	$56,934.34	$76,034.59	$132,968.93
Lease Rental -Equipment	$144,150.00	$31,000.00	$175,150.00
Emergency Preparedness	$1,037.13	-$920.00	$117.13
Miscellaneous Expense	$34,010.03	$0.00	$34,010.03
Capital Outlay - Land Improvements	$228,000.00	$0.00	$228,000.00
Capital Outlay - Vehicles	$2,251,080.30	$0.00	$2,251,080.30
Capital Outlay - Motorized Equipment	$0.00	$56,777.64	$56,777.64
Capital Outlay - Furnishings & Non-Motorized Equip	$95,000.00	$38,374.08	$133,374.08
Capital Street/Bridge/Sidewalk	$350,000.00	$0.00	$350,000.00
Capital Outlay - Dist Lines and Connections	$2,045,000.00	$0.00	$2,045,000.00
Capital Outlay - Plants, Pump Stations, Sub Stations	$500,000.00	$0.00	$500,000.00
Total Expenses	**$9,549,554.02**	**$196,005.89**	**$9,745,559.91**

Section 7. Records and Reporting
The Finance Director is hereby directed to maintain within the Capital Project Fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the disclosure requirements of all the contractual agreements, if applicable

Section 8. Official Copies
Copies of this Capital Project Ordinance shall be furnished to the Town Clerk and shall be held in the Finance Department for the direction in carrying out this project.

Section 9. Project Expiration
This project ordinance expires when the project has been completed and Project Funds have been obligated and expended for all project expenditures by the Town OR by the date set forth within the grant funding contract, if applicable, whichever occurs sooner.

Duly adopted this 9th day of June 2025.

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C. Michael Sobol
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Wesley Barker
Town Clerk

TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN HURRICANE HELENE CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET AMENDMENT REPORT

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of The Town of Black Mountain, North Carolina, that the following amendments be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

Adjustment Number	Description	Summary	Account Number	Account Name	Account Type	Amended Amount
BA25-0000159	**Reallocation of expense line item funding**	Reallocate Expense Funding	**425-8806-50102**	Salaries - Overtime	Expense	-$10,000.00
			425-8806-52311	R & M - Grounds/Parks/Greenways	Expense	$10,000.00
BA25-0000177	**Insurance Proceeds**	Claim 3240117857 - Veterans Park Wind Damage	**425-8806-52311**	R & M - Grounds/Parks/Greenways	Expense	$477.51
		Claim 3240117857 - Library Wind Damage	**425-8806-52310**	R & M - Buildings	Expense	$736.90
		Claim 3240117857 - Golf Cart Storage Wind Damage	**425-8806-52310**	R & M - Buildings	Expense	$4,961.78
		Claim 3240117857 - Golf Maint Bldg Wind Damage	**425-8806-52310**	R & M - Buildings	Expense	$6,558.56
		Claim 3240117857 - Croquet Bldg Wind Damage	**425-8806-52310**	R & M - Buildings	Expense	$5,019.07
		Claim 3240117857 - PW Garage Wind Damage	**425-8806-52310**	R & M - Buildings	Expense	$749.00
		Claim 3240118667 - Golf CyberPower	**425-8806-52315**	R & M - Equipment	Expense	$60.38
		Claim 3240118667 - Public Safety Genetec Synergis	**425-8806-52315**	R & M - Equipment	Expense	$2,224.45
		Claim 3240117857 - Water Tank Wind Damage	**425-8806-52330**	R & M -Utility System	Expense	$2,871.26
		Claim 3240117857-Water Booster Station Wind Damage	**425-8806-52330**	R & M -Utility System	Expense	$5,160.67
		Claim 3240118404 - 2023 John Deere HD200 Spreader	**425-8806-52510**	Non-Capital Equipment and Furniture	Expense	$600.00
		Claim 3240118185 - Unscheduled Equipment	**425-8806-52510**	Non-Capital Equipment and Furniture	Expense	$50,000.00
		Claim 3240118667 - Public Works Router Equipment	**425-8806-52510**	Non-Capital Equipment and Furniture	Expense	$14,810.30
		Claim 3240118667 - Public Works Computer	**425-8806-52510**	Non-Capital Equipment and Furniture	Expense	$2,054.99
		Claim 3240118667 - Public Works Sharp Copier	**425-8806-52510**	Non-Capital Equipment and Furniture	Expense	$2,465.00
		Claim 3240118667 - Public Works Admin Sharp Copier	**425-8806-52510**	Non-Capital Equipment and Furniture	Expense	$2,104.30
		Claim 3240117746 - Public Works Snow Plow	**425-8806-57510**	Capital Outlay-Furnishings & Non-Motorized Equip	Expense	$5,172.00
		Claim 3240117745 - Snow Plow	**425-8806-57510**	Capital Outlay-Furnishings & Non-Motorized Equip	Expense	$5,172.00
		Claim 3240118763 - Golf Lift	**425-8806-57510**	Capital Outlay-Furnishings & Non-Motorized Equip	Expense	$3,172.05
		Claim 3240118289- Streets- Curb Machine	**425-8806-57510**	Capital Outlay-Furnishings & Non-Motorized Equip	Expense	$1,355.70
		Claim 324011818 - Swimming Pool Cover	**425-8806-57510**	Capital Outlay-Furnishings & Non-Motorized Equip	Expense	$12,474.00
		Claim 3240118764 - Golf - 2003 Greens Aerator	**425-8806-57510**	Capital Outlay-Furnishings & Non-Motorized Equip	Expense	$2,650.33
		Claim 3240118764 - Golf - 2000 Workman	**425-8806-57510**	Capital Outlay-Furnishings & Non-Motorized Equip	Expense	$2,700.00
		Claim 3240118667 - Parks and Rec Sharp Printer	**425-8806-57510**	Capital Outlay-Furnishings & Non-Motorized Equip	Expense	$5,678.00
		Claim 3240118785 - Toro Sandpro	**425-8806-57411**	Capital Outlay-Motorized Equipment	Expense	$6,213.15
		Claim 3240118776 - Grounds Ventrac MJ480 Mower	**425-8806-57411**	Capital Outlay-Motorized Equipment	Expense	$1,437.50
		Claim 3240118207 - Streets - Skidsteer	**425-8806-57411**	Capital Outlay-Motorized Equipment	Expense	$24,933.00
		Claim 3240118404 - John Deere Utility Gator	**425-8806-57411**	Capital Outlay-Motorized Equipment	Expense	$3,496.33
		Claim 3240118204 -Water - 2000 Ditch Witch	**425-8806-57411**	Capital Outlay-Motorized Equipment	Expense	$9,850.00
		Claim 3240118762 - Golf Cart Club Car	**425-8806-57411**	Capital Outlay-Motorized Equipment	Expense	$5,748.00
		Claim 3240118778 - Golf - Toro Sand Pro	**425-8806-57411**	Capital Outlay-Motorized Equipment	Expense	$5,099.66
		Helene Insurance Claims	**425-8806-48010**	Insurance Recovery Proceeds	Revenue	$196,005.89
BA25-0000180	**Reallocate Expense Budget to Appropriate Lines**	Reallocate Expense Budget	**425-8806-50100**	Salaries - Regular	Expense	$5,000.00
			425-8806-50102	Salaries - Overtime	Expense	-$45,000.00
			425-8806-50210	Social Security (Fica Tax) Contributions	Expense	$300.00
			425-8806-50220	Retirement Employer Contribution- State	Expense	$200.00
			425-8806-52015	Professional and Technical Services	Expense	$5,000.00
			425-8806-52020	Contract Services	Expense	$1,420.00
			425-8806-52310	R & M - Buildings	Expense	$10,000.00
			425-8806-52311	R & M - Grounds/Parks/Greenways	Expense	$3,000.00
			425-8806-52316	R & M - Vehicle	Expense	$500.00
			425-8806-52320	R & M - Streets/Sidewalks/Curb	Expense	$500.00
			425-8806-52330	R & M -Utility System	Expense	$5,000.00
			425-8806-52410	Office Supplies	Expense	$1,000.00
			425-8806-52510	Non-Capital Equipment and Furniture	Expense	$4,000.00
			425-8806-54010	Lease/Rental - Equipment	Expense	$10,000.00
			425-8806-55021	Emergency Disaster Preparedness Expense	Expense	-$920.00