**Grant Project Ordinance for the City of LongLeaf Helene Disaster Response and Recovery**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Alderman for the City of LongLeaf, North Carolina that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following grant project ordinance is hereby adopted:

**Section 1:** This ordinance is to establish a budget for projects related to the Helene Hurricane Disaster Response ([FEMA Disaster 4827](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4827/designated-areas)) that will be reimbursed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance Program. Through its [Public Assistance Program](https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_pappg-v4-updated-links_policy_6-1-2020.pdf) (PA), FEMA provides Federal grant assistance for debris removal, emergency protective measures, and the restoration of disaster-damaged, publicly owned facilities. [Although FEMA typically covers 75% of the eligible costs, the federal government has [increased the cost share in North Carolina for the Helene disaster](https://www.fema.gov/press-release/20241003/president-joseph-r-biden-jr-increases-federal-cost-share-north-carolina) to 100% for the first 180 days of the incident period.] Expenses may be eligible for FEMA reimbursement in the following categories:

**Emergency Work**

Category A: Debris Removal -- Expenses related to clearing debris from public property, including roads, parks, and other infrastructure.

Category B: Emergency Protective Measures -- Costs for actions taken to protect public health and safety, such as: search and rescue operations; sheltering and evacuation; and medical care and emergency response.

**Permanent Work**

Category C: Roads and Bridges -- Repairs and restoration of transportation infrastructure, including highways, streets, and bridges.

Category D: Water Control Facilities -- Restoration and repair of drainage systems, levees, and other flood control measures.

Category E: Public Utilities -- Restoration of water, wastewater, electrical systems, and other essential public utilities.

Category F: Parks, Recreational Facilities, and Other -- Repair or replacement of parks, recreational areas, and public spaces.

Category G: Buildings and Equipment -- Repairs or replacements of public buildings, such as schools, community centers, and related equipment.

**Administrative Work**

Category Z: Management Costs -- Administrative costs related to the overall management of disaster response and recovery efforts, which are capped at a certain percentage of eligible project costs.

**Section 2:** The following amounts are appropriate for the eligible projects and authorized for expenditure:

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| **Account Code** | **Project Description** | **FEMA Category** | **Cost Object** | **Appropriation from FEMA Reimbursement Grant** | **Appropriation from General Fund Revenues** |
| XX-XXX-XXXX | Debris Removal Contract | A | Contract Expense | $5,000,000 | $0 |
|  | $0 | $0 |
| XX-XXX-XXXX | Emergency Shelter | B | Contract Expense | $800,000 | $120,000 |
|  | $0 | $0 |
|  | **TOTAL** |  |  | **$5,800,000** | **$120,000** |

**Section 4:** The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete the project:

**FEMA Reimbursement Funds:** $5,800,000

Transfer from General Fund: $. 120,000

**Total:**  **$5,920,000**

**Section 5:**The Finance Officer is hereby directed to maintain sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the requirements of the grantor agency and the grant terms and conditions.

**Section 6:**The Finance Officer is hereby directed to report the financial status of the projects to the governing board on a quarterly basis.

**Section 7:** Copies of this grant project ordinance shall be furnished to the Budget Officer, the Finance Officer and to the Clerk to City Council.

**Section 8:**This grant project ordinance expires when final FEMA reimbursements are received related to FEMA Disaster 4827.