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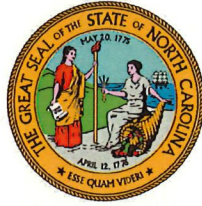
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NORTH CAROLINA
Environmental Quality

April 6, 2026

Scott Hurley
Ashe County
PO Box 1327
West Jefferson, NC 28694

Dear Scott,

The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is pleased to announce our decision to preliminarily award your Helene Recovery Recycling Infrastructure Grant proposal for a total of \$3,000,000 in grant funding. This financial support is offered as pass-through funding from DEQ's Hazardous Waste Management State Program Support Grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency through the American Relief Act of 2025. DEQ has initiated the final compliance and approval process required prior to issuance of the official grant award.

As soon as that process is complete, we will proceed with establishing a grant contract between DEQ and Ashe County with a target contract start-date of July 1, 2026. As a subrecipient of federal grant funding, this project is subject to applicable federal requirements, which will be included in the grant contract. ***Please note that we cannot reimburse any grant expenditure incurred before the grant contract start date.***

Please respond by April 17 to accept the grant award as offered. If additional time is needed prior to accepting award (e.g., approval from Town Council or County Commissioners), please let us know as soon as possible and provide an estimated timeframe. Applicants who fail to respond by April 17 risk forfeiting grant funds.

Congratulations on your successful grant proposal. If you have any questions about the grant award, contact Carlos Morales at 919-707-8138 or carlos.morales@deq.nc.gov. We look forward to working with you on this important project to rebuild and improve waste reduction infrastructure in western North Carolina.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandy Skolochenko".


Sandy Skolochenko
Recycling Program Development Coordinator
Recycling and Materials Management Section
Division of Environmental Assistance and Customer Service



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Fw: HRRR Grant Notification

From Adam Stumb <adam.stumb@ashecountygov.com>
Date Wed 4/15/2026 9:25 AM
To Missy Seivers <missy.seivers@ashecountygov.com>

 1 attachment (292 KB)

Ashe County HRRR Grant Award Letter.pdf;

Include the email and attached award letter.

From: Scott Hurley <scott.hurley@ashecountygov.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2026 4:09 PM
To: Adam Stumb <adam.stumb@ashecountygov.com>
Cc: Sandy Long <sandy.long@ashecountygov.com>
Subject: FW: HRRR Grant Notification

From: Morales, Carlos <carlos.morales@deq.nc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2026 3:51 PM
To: Scott Hurley <scott.hurley@ashecountygov.com>
Cc: Skolochenko, Sandy <sandy.skolochenko@deq.nc.gov>; James, Matt M <matt.james@deq.nc.gov>
Subject: HRRR Grant Notification

Good afternoon Scott,

We are pleased to announce our decision to preliminarily award your Helene Recovery Recycling Infrastructure Grant proposal for a total of **\$3,000,000** in funding. We are now initiating an approval process within our Department to make final awards. Please see the official letter attached.

The grant review committee agreed to fund your proposed project with the exception of the following:

- Kenworth Road Tractor
- Three Ford F-350 Trucks
- 5120M Utility Tractor (John Deere)
- Heil Trailer-Stainless Steel Round, Exterior Ring (Leachate Tanker)

We have also chosen not to fund the Caterpillar 285XE (Skid Steer) and Blue Diamond Power Rake 84" Severe Duty ; however, we are open to discussing potential budget adjustments to accommodate these items if they are a priority for your operation.

To move forward with the grant process, please respond by **Friday, April 17** to confirm that you will be accepting the grant award, or let me know if you need additional time for council or commissioner approval.

The Helene Recovery Recycling Infrastructure Grant is made possible through grant funding to DEQ from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). As a subrecipient of federal funding, your grant project is subject to applicable federal requirements, as outlined in <https://www.epa.gov/grants/epa-subaward-cross-cutter-requirements>. Please mark your calendar for a virtual meeting on April 14, 2026 to review the applicable federal requirements use the [link](#) to register. The meeting will be recorded, but we ask that you join if you can make it.

In the coming weeks, I will work with you to revise your proposal as needed and prepare appropriate contract paperwork. Please remember that we cannot reimburse any grant expenses incurred before the grant contract start date (*aiming for July 1, 2026*).

Please contact me at (919) 707-8138 or carlos.morales@deq.nc.gov or sandy.skolochenko@deq.nc.gov if you have any questions.

Congratulations! I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Carlos Morales

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