

FEMA approves \$2.69 million for Bay County pumping station emergency power

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PENSACOLA, Fla – FEMA has approved a grant of \$2,689,984 to Bay County to provide emergency power for the Williams Bayou pumping station. The grant is funded by FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).

Williams Bayou Pumping Station is the primary pumping station that supplies water from Deer Point Lake to the Bay County Water Treatment Plant. The project includes the installation of a 2.5-megawatt diesel generator to serve as an emergency power source for the station's water pumps. The project also includes protection against power surges.

Under the HMGP, FEMA provides grants to help communities eliminate or reduce disaster-related damage. Following a major disaster, a percentage of total federal recovery grant funds is designated to develop more resilient communities. Because Florida has an Enhanced Hazard Mitigation Plan, this means more funds are available for the post-disaster mitigation programs. States with an enhanced plan receive HMGP funds based on 20% of the total estimated eligible Stafford Act disaster assistance.

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