FEMA Approves \$1.3 Million for Project to Eugene Water and Electric Board

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BOTHELL, Wash. – Eugene Water and Electric Board (EWEB) will receive \$1.3 million from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for hazard mitigation measures taken to reframe 4.28 miles of feeder line in 12 sites and underground 1.44 miles of feeder line in 3 sites to minimize future impacts from severe winter storms from DR-4296-OR.

The \$1,362,768 grant represents a federal share of the total project cost of \$1,817,025. The remainder will come from non-federal sources.

This grant is funded through FEMA's Public Assistance Grant program which reimburses communities for actions taken in the immediate response and during recovery from a disaster. Eligible applicants include states, federally recognized tribal governments, U.S. territories, local governments, and certain private non-profit organizations. The grant applications are submitted from the state, which coordinates the process with local governments.

FEMA obligates funding for this project directly to the state. It is the state's responsibility to ensure that the eligible sub-recipient receives this award. Following the state's review process and upon receipt of appropriate documentation, they will provide funds to the sub-recipient on a reimbursable basis.

EWEB is located in Lane County, one of Oregon's counties to receive a Presidential declaration due to the extent of the damages caused by DR-4296, severe winter storm and flooding. To date FEMA has obligated more than \$13 million to Oregon as a result of damages from DR-4296 under the Public Assistance program.

