

FEMA Awards City of Homestead \$2.16 Million for Hurricane Irma Debris Removal

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ORLANDO, Fla. – FEMA has approved a grant of **\$2,160,987** for the State of Florida to help the City of Homestead defray the cost of removing debris after Hurricane Irma in 2017.

FEMA Public Assistance funds will reimburse the city for expenses incurred removing more than 130,000 cubic yards of debris from public roads, sidewalks, parks, parking lots and rights-of-way throughout the city.

FEMA's Public Assistance program provides grants to state, tribal, and local governments, and certain types of private nonprofit organizations, including some houses of worship, so that communities can quickly respond to and recover from major disasters or emergencies. The Florida Division of Emergency Management works with FEMA during all phases of the program and conducts final reviews of FEMA-approved projects.

The federal share for Public Assistance projects is not less than 75 percent of the eligible cost. The state determines how the nonfederal share of the cost of a project (up to 25 percent) is split with the subrecipients like local and county governments.

