

FEMA Awards \$2 Million for Debris Removal in Mexico Beach

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – FEMA has approved an award of \$2,081,709 to the State of Florida to assist the city of Mexico Beach in defraying the cost of debris removal for Hurricane Michael under FEMA's Public Assistance Program.

FEMA funds will reimburse the city for the collection, reduction, disposal and site management of debris within Mexico Beach following the October 2018 storm. This is the first project approved under the Public Assistance Program for Hurricane Michael.

Funding for this project is authorized under Section 403 of the Robert T. Stafford Act for Florida to cover Hurricane Michael-related expenses, reimbursing eligible applicants for the cost of debris removal; life-saving emergency protective measures.

FEMA's Public Assistance grant program is an essential source of funding for communities recovering from a federally declared disaster or emergency. The Florida Division of Emergency Management works with FEMA during all phases of the Public Assistance program and conducts final reviews of FEMA-approved projects.

Applicants work directly with FEMA to develop project worksheets and scopes of work. Following approvals by FEMA and the Florida Division of Emergency Management, FEMA obligates funding for the project. The state then disburses



the funds to the applicant.

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.

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For a list of resources available to individuals and businesses affected by Hurricane Michael, visit www.floridadisaster.org/info.

For more Hurricane Michael recovery information, visit www.fema.gov/disaster/4399.

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