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CLANTON, Ala -- FEMA and the State of Alabama have approved \$29,636,980 to reimburse Baldwin County for debris removal after Hurricane Sally.

During the incident period, Hurricane Sally made landfall with hurricane force winds, and heavy rain, which deposited significant debris throughout the state of Alabama. This created an immediate threat to the health and safety of the general public. In response to the event, the county utilized contracts and forced labor account labor and equipment to conduct the debris removal and monitoring in the heavily impacted areas. The debris removal operations collected approximately 1,950,831 cubic yards of vegetative debris and 137,067 CY of construction and demolition debris, from county roads, right-of-ways and public property throughout the jurisdiction. The applicant contractors, removed the debris to thirteen temporary staging areas, mulched, with final removal to four permitted landfill facilities.

This work for debris removal was performed during the period of 11/1/2020 through 12/31/2020.

FEMA's share of the grant is 75 percent, or \$21,968,161 with the remainder funded by state and local and county governments. This in addition to the \$32 million already obligated to the county totals \$54.4 million in FEMA funds to reimburse the county for their eligible disaster related expenses.

FEMA's Public Assistance program provides grants to state, tribal and local governments, and certain private nonprofit organizations, including houses of worship, so communities can quickly recover from major disasters or



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emergencies.

The Alabama Emergency Management Agency works with FEMA during all phases of the PA program and conducts final reviews of FEMA-approved projects. Applicants work directly with FEMA to identify damages, develop project worksheets, develop scopes of work, and provide required documentation to validate eligible damages and costs. Once the applicant provides the required documentation and it is validated FEMA can begin dispersing funds. Following approvals by FEMA and AEMA, FEMA obligates funding for the project.

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