

FEMA approves \$11.4 million in Hurricane Michael Public Assistance grants

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PENSACOLA, Fla -- FEMA has approved grants totaling \$11,476,932 to reimburse recovery expenses in Florida for Hurricane Michael in 2018.

Funding from FEMA's Public Assistance program will provide the following reimbursements:

- **Bay County:** \$1,499,024 for repairs to culverts, stormwater inlets leading to drainage systems, roadside guardrails, sidewalks and sidewalk handrails throughout the county.
- **Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services:** \$4,432,729 for response and recovery efforts such as assisting with search and rescue, providing supplies and commodities for the emergency operations center and supporting veterinary services during and after the October 2018 storm. This is the completion of an expedited project, initially awarded in November 2019 at 50 percent of eligible costs incurred. The total project cost is approximately \$8.9 million.
- **Gulf County:** \$3,223,254 for repairs to hurricane-damaged roads countywide, including replacing asphalt and guardrails, and repairing roadside shoulders.
- **Lynn Haven:** \$2,321,925 for repairs to roadways, sidewalks and ditches throughout the city.

FEMA's Public Assistance program is an essential source of funding for communities recovering from a federally declared disaster or emergency. The Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) works with FEMA during all phases of the program and reviews projects prior to FEMA final approval.

Applicants work directly with FEMA to develop projects and scopes of work. FEMA obligates funding for projects to FDEM after final approval.



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Once a project is obligated, FDEM works closely with applicants to finalize grants and begin making payments. FDEM has procedures in place designed to ensure grant funding is provided to local communities as quickly as possible.

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 respond to and recover from major disasters or emergencies.

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