

FEMA Awards Miami-Dade County \$5.6 Million for Hurricane Irma Expenses

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ORLANDO, Fla. – FEMA has approved a grant of \$5,606,248 for the State of Florida to help Miami-Dade County defray the cost of emergency response after Hurricane Irma in 2017.

FEMA Public Assistance program funds will reimburse the county for emergency measures taken to protect life and property, including evacuations, maintaining power, security, shelter, traffic control, staffing the emergency operations center and debris removal from public roads, property and rights-of-way.

The program provides grants to state, tribal and local governments, and certain types of private nonprofit organizations, including some houses of worship, so 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 subrecipients such as local and county governments.

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