

FEMA Awards More Than \$2M in Public Assistance Grants

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — FEMA has approved \$2,055,271 to the State of Florida to assist 22 eligible applicants with reimbursement for eligible costs of debris removal, emergency protective measures, management costs and permanent repairs for Hurricane Michael under FEMA's Public Assistance Program.

The following projects have been obligated by FEMA to the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) to help applicants with reimbursement for eligible costs incurred due to Hurricane Michael.

As of July 12, 2019, the awards are:

- Alligator Point Water Resources District – \$20,952 for emergency protective measures and temporary water supply work
- Bay County Transportation Planning Organization – \$492,392 for emergency protective measures
- Bethesda Baptist Church in Lynn Haven – \$3,690 for debris removal
- Calhoun County – \$118,940 for emergency protective measures
- Calhoun County Sheriff's Office – \$112,521 for repairs to the agency's communications antenna tower, airport hangar, storage shed and pole barn
- Calvary Baptist Church of Chattahoochee – \$24,700 for debris removal
- Capital Region Community Development District – \$3,524 for management costs
- Chautauqua Charter School in Panama City – \$15,000 for debris removal and emergency protective measures
- City of Bonifay – \$9,938 for management costs
- City of Chipley – \$33,199 to remove and replace sidewalks citywide and replace the supervisory control and data acquisition system



- City of DeFuniak Springs – \$71,513 for emergency protective measures and management costs
- City of Madison – \$4,325 for emergency protective measures
- City of Marianna – \$3,457 for repairs to city hall/fire station building
- City of Mexico Beach – \$42,031 for repairs to the Bailey Lane Foot Bridge
- City of Monticello – \$27,600 for debris removal
- City of Parker – \$376,540 for emergency protective measures, repairs to water meters and boxes systemwide and to replace signs citywide
- Department of Business & Professional Regulation – \$145,679 for emergency protective measures
- Department of Corrections – \$311,305 for debris removal
- Early Learning Coalition of Northwest Florida – \$103,206 to replace contents, equipment and supplies
- Florida Department of Law Enforcement – \$15,765 for emergency protective measures
- Florida State University – \$3,706 for repairs to the septic system at marine lab in St. Teresa
- Franklin County Sheriff's Office – \$115,288 for 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. FDEM works with FEMA during all phases of the PA program and reviews these projects prior to FEMA final approval.

Once a project is obligated by FEMA, FDEM works closely with the applicant to finalize the grant and begin making payments. FDEM has implemented new procedures designed to ensure grant funding is provided to local communities as quickly as possible.

FEMA has numerous other projects that have been identified under the Public Assistance program for Hurricane Michael and is working extensively with all applicants. The timeline for other projects being obligated depends on the



complexity of the projects, collection of supporting documentation by the applicants, environmental and historical laws, regulations and other concerns.

Applicants provide FEMA with thorough documentation to support damage claims. Following approvals by FEMA and the FDEM, FEMA obligates funding for the project.

To date, FEMA has obligated a total of more than \$227.2 million in federal funding for Public Assistance projects related to Hurricane Michael in Florida.

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

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