

FEMA Approves \$1.5 Million Grant for Florida Division of Emergency Management

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PENSACOLA, Fla. – FEMA has approved an additional grant reimbursement of \$1,599,280 for the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) for emergency protective measures it provided in response to Hurricane Sally.

Funding from FEMA's Public Assistance program will reimburse FDEM for using its Emergency Operations Center for collaboration with mutual-aid partners in search and rescue, medical care and transportation, emergency pumping of flooded areas and aerial imaging and reconnaissance.

This reimbursement brings the total of FEMA grants for the Division's Hurricane Sally expenses to more than \$15.6 million.

FEMA's Public Assistance program is an essential source of funding for communities recovering from a federally declared disaster or emergency. The State of Florida 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 those projects to the state for distribution after final approval.

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.

