

FEMA Reimburses Florida \$3M in Public Assistance Grants

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — FEMA has approved \$3,050,499 for the State of Florida to assist 39 eligible applicants with reimbursement for costs of debris removal, emergency protective measures, management costs and permanent repairs for Hurricane Michael through FEMA Public Assistance.

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

As of Sept. 13, 2019, the awards are:

- Alligator Point Water Resources District – \$269,394 for repairs to the service water utility pipe
- Bay County Sheriff's Office – \$14,868 to replace damaged equipment in tire and maintenance shop
- Bay County Transportation Planning Organization – \$217,431 for emergency protective measures/temporary office facilities
- Calhoun County – \$19,188 for roof repairs to county health department building
- Calvary Baptist Church of Chattahoochee – \$5,182 for roof repairs to church and education building
- Chautauqua Charter School in Panama City – \$120,911 for roof repairs and to replace portable building and damaged power pole
- Chipola College – \$7,500 to remove and replace sidewalks and brick pavers
- City of Callaway – \$391,413 for management costs
- City of Lynn Haven – \$107,914 for emergency protective measures
- City of Madison – \$11,976 for debris removal



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- City of Marianna – \$40,912 for repairs to airport operations terminal and four hangars
- City of Parker – \$12,578 for emergency protective measures
- City of Port St. Joe – \$4,540 for emergency protective measures
- City of Quincy – \$13,303 for repairs to restrooms/ticket office and Investing In Our Youth Building at Tanyard Creek Park and four buildings at the well field
- Forest Park United Methodist Church in Panama City – \$14,642 to replace signs and parking lot lighting and poles
- Gulf County – \$30,667 for private property debris removal
- Hiland Park United Methodist Church in Panama City – \$4,614 to replace church signage
- Holmes County School District – \$8,214 to replace food contents at 11 schools
- Jackson County – \$135,822 for repairs to agricultural complex extension office and county courthouse, as well as replacement of courthouse contents
- Jackson County School District – \$19,014 for emergency protective measures
- Lake Mystic Baptist Church in Bristol – \$32,838 for repairs to sanctuary, educational building and fellowship hall
- Leon County – \$40,115 to replace pavilions, scoreboards and perimeter fencing at Canopy Oaks Park
- Liberty County – \$38,879 for repairs to 10 county buildings, including the road department administration facility, landfill scale house and fire shed
- Liberty County Sheriff's Office – \$4,422 for emergency protective measures
- Northstar Church in Panama City – \$4,039 for emergency protective measures
- Northwest Florida Regional Housing Authority – \$4,017 for repairs to 32 units and two single-family units in Blountstown
- Panacea Area Water System – \$8,741 for repairs to two water storage tanks and to emergency water interconnect system between Panacea and Sopchoppy pumping station, as well as to replace security fencing at two sites
- Panama City Beach – \$703,365 for debris removal
- Panama City Fellowship Church of Praise – \$500 for emergency protective measures
- St. Andrew United Methodist Church in Panama City – \$228,022 for emergency protective measures
- St. Luke AME Church in Malone – \$15,883 for repairs to covered patio and church building, as well as replacement of building contents
- Talquin Electric Cooperative – \$42,807 to repair and/or remove/replace damaged fencing at various well and pump station sites



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- Town of Alford – \$192,000 for debris removal
- Town of Altha – \$11,019 for repairs to fire station and maintenance and water treatment sheds
- Twin Oaks Juvenile Development – \$12,412 for repairs to buildings at Apalachicola Forest Youth and Liberty Wilderness Crossroads Camps
- Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Church in Panama City – \$26,214 for repairs to education building and replacement of its contents and supplies
- Wainwright Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2185 in Panama City – \$204,896 for repairs to veterans’ hall and replacement of building contents and equipment
- Washington County – \$11,072 for repairs to public works buildings, including sign shop, rip rap shack, fuel pump station, communications tower and two pole barns
- Washington County School Board – \$19,175 for repairs to electronic sign and two pole barns at Roulhac Middle School and a barn and pole barn at Chipola High School

Once a project is obligated by FEMA, FDEM works closely with the applicant to finalize the grant and to 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 FDEM and FEMA, FEMA obligates funding for the project.



To date, FEMA has obligated a total of nearly \$302 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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