

FEMA Approves Additional \$1.9 Million in Hurricane Michael Recovery Expenses

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PENSACOLA, Fla -- FEMA has approved an additional \$1,945,625 for the state of Florida to reimburse Bay District Schools for management costs following Hurricane Michael in 2018.

Funding from FEMA's Public Assistance program will provide reimbursement for indirect management costs, direct administrative costs and other expenses associated with the administration of eligible projects. As a result of Hurricane Michael, Bay District Schools has identified a total of 153 eligible projects with FEMA.

This additional reimbursement brings FEMA's total grants for the school district's Hurricane Michael-related recovery to more than \$106.8 million.

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.

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.

