

FEMA Awards \$8.9 Million for Hurricane Irma Recovery in Florida

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ORLANDO, Fla. – FEMA has awarded grants totaling **\$8,912,357** for the State of Florida to reimburse applicants for debris removal, emergency response, repairs and administrative costs following Hurricane Irma in 2017.

The FEMA Public Assistance program grants include:

- **Miami-Dade Public Schools: \$2,316,803** for removal of more than 12,640 cubic yards of vegetative debris, 80 hazardous leaning trees and 294 hanging limbs from school buildings, fences and playground equipment,
- **Miami-Dade Public Schools: \$2,121,482** for removal of more than 19,700 cubic yards of vegetative debris, 4,577 hazardous leaning trees and hanging limbs from school buildings, fences and playground equipment,
- **Volusia County: \$1,559,061** for emergency measures taken to protect life and property, including the cost of emergency pumping for wastewater lift stations, evacuations, medical care and transportation, placement of barricades, safety inspections, security and staffing the emergency operations center.
- **Vero Beach: \$1,476,514** for repairs to power lines and poles, power generation, transmission and distribution facilities caused by severe flooding and high winds.
- **Lee County Electric Cooperative, Inc: \$1,438,497** for the administrative costs of tracking and accounting for labor, equipment, materials and other expenses after the storm.



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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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