

FEMA Awards More Than \$2.8M in Public Assistance Grants

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — FEMA has approved \$2,813,129 to the State of Florida to assist 22 eligible applicants with reimbursement for eligible costs of debris removal, emergency protective measures, temporary facilities 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 June 4, 2019, the awards are:

- City of Alford – \$113,456 for repairs to city hall, EMS building, municipal barn and two fire stations
- City of Bonifay – \$8,899 for repairs to city hall
- City of Chipley – \$72,526 to replace the water main along State Highway 77; and for repairs to public works facility garage, water utilities administration building, Arthropod Building and water tower in industrial park
- City of Gretna – \$17,077 for repairs to city hall, the public works and public safety buildings, Helen Franks Community Center and wastewater treatment plant lab; also, to replace the lab's equipment and air conditioning unit
- City of Panama City – \$748,075 for management costs
- City of Vernon – \$40,448 for repairs to city hall storage building
- Dog Island Conservation District – \$5,094 for emergency protective measures
- Early Education and Care in Panama City – \$472,367 for emergency protective measures
- Florida Department of Law Enforcement – \$601,544 for emergency protective measures



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- Gulf Specimen Marine Laboratory in Panacea – \$56,704 to purchase marine animals lost due to complications from power outage, overland flooding and inability to filtrate water after storm
- Holmes County Hospital – \$41,996 for emergency protective measures
- Holmes County School District – \$17,214 for repairs to gym at Bonifay Middle School
- Martin Theatre Inc. in Panama City – \$109,185 to replace equipment and contents
- Northwest Florida Regional Housing Authority in Bonifay – \$2,599 for repairs to two units
- Northwest Florida Water Management District in Havana – \$116,972 for emergency protective measures
- Panama City Housing Authority – \$208,884 for emergency protective measures
- St. Andrew United Methodist Church in Panama City – \$2,790 for repairs to the church's youth and senior citizens building
- Taylor County – \$38,303 for emergency protective measures
- Town of Altha – \$101,623 to replace lost signage, street lights and a caution light; and for repairs to the baseball fields and facilities at Altha Park, as well as the park's pavilion, playground, stadium lights and courts for basketball, tennis and shuffleboard
- Town of Campbellton – \$4,567 for repairs to town hall, fire station/community center and well pump houses at the park and by railroad tracks
- Town of Noma – \$27,574 for repairs to emergency generator at wastewater treatment plant, as well as a sewer line and lift station
- Wakulla County Sheriff's Office – \$5,232 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 conducts final reviews of FEMA-approved projects.

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 \$216 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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