

# FEMA Awards City of Miami More Than \$1 Million for Hurricane Irma Expenses

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ORLANDO, Fla. – FEMA has approved \$1,010,063 for the State of Florida to help the City of Miami defray the costs of repairing facilities at Bayfront/Museum Park damaged by Hurricane Irma. Funding is provided under FEMA's Public Assistance Program.

FEMA funds will reimburse the city for disaster-related repairs completed—and yet to be completed—at Bayfront/Museum Park. These repairs will restore park facilities back to their pre-disaster design, function and capacity within the existing footprint. The city used contract labor to remove, repair or replace: roofs, canopies and steel decking; damaged chain link fences and gates; flood lights and other lighting fixtures; steel handrails, benches and other city-owned property. In addition, contractors were tasked with replacing 15 truckloads of sand, two truckloads of topsoil, one truckload of mulch, 784,000 square feet of sod, and 330 linear feet of concrete seawall cap.

Funding for this Public Assistance (PA) project is authorized under Sections 403 of the Robert T. Stafford Act for Florida to cover Hurricane Irma-related expenses, reimbursing eligible applicants for the cost of debris removal; life-saving emergency protective measures; and the repair, replacement or restoration of disaster-damaged facilities like buildings, roads and utilities.

FEMA's Public Assistance grant program is an essential source of funding for communities recovering from a federally declared disaster or emergency. The Florida Division of Emergency Management works with FEMA during all phases of the PA program and conducts final reviews of FEMA-approved projects.



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Applicants work directly with FEMA to develop project worksheets and scopes of work. Following approvals by FEMA and FDEM, FEMA obligates funding for the project.

FEMA's Public Assistance program provides grants to state, tribal, and local governments, and certain types of private non-profit organizations including some houses of worship, so that communities can quickly respond to and recover from major disasters or emergencies.

The federal share for Public Assistance projects is not less than 75 percent of the eligible cost. The state determines how the non-federal share of the cost of a project (up to 25 percent) is split with the sub-recipients like local and county governments.

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