

FEMA Approves Additional \$6.9M to PowerSouth Energy Cooperative for Hurricane Michael Recovery Expenses

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PENSACOLA, Fla -- FEMA has approved an additional \$6,971,729 to the state of Florida to reimburse PowerSouth Energy Cooperative for Hurricane Michael-related recovery expenses.

Repairs to the PowerSouth generation and transmission system have been completed. It includes more than 2,000 miles of 46 kV and 115 kV electrical transmission line and nearly 300 substations. Funds from FEMA's Public Assistance program will be used to reimburse PowerSouth for work completed, which includes the removing and replacing of 222 poles, replumbing of 101 poles, providing 108 cubic yards of gravel fill and the clearing of 801 acres of vegetative debris from access roads and rights of way.

This reimbursement brings FEMA's total amount of grants for the energy cooperative's Hurricane Michael-related expenses to \$8,107,003.

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 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



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