FEMA Awards \$20.4 Million for Hurricane Irma Recovery in Florida

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ORLANDO, **Fla**. – FEMA has awarded grants totaling **\$20,411,469** for the State of Florida to reimburse applicants for emergency response, administrative costs and repairs following Hurricane Irma in 2017.

The FEMA Public Assistance program grants include:

- St. Johns County: \$10,266,521 for emergency measures taken to protect life and property, including the cost of replacing more than 340,000 cubic yards of lost beach sand and the construction of an emergency beach berm along the coast.
- Florida Department of Transportation: \$5,802,235 for administrative costs of tracking and accounting for labor, equipment, materials and other expenses after the storm.
- The Quarry Community Development District: \$4,342,713 for repairs to water control facilities in Boulder and Stone Lakes and reducing shoreline erosion caused by severe flooding, high winds and storm surge.

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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