

FEMA approves \$2.27 million for Hurricane Michael recovery expenses

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PENSACOLA, Fla -- FEMA has approved two grants totaling more than \$2.27 million for the state of Florida to reimburse the city of Lynn Haven and the Power South Energy Cooperative for recovery expenses after Hurricane Michael in 2018.

Lynn Haven is receiving \$1,138,532 in reimbursement for permanent repairs to A.L. Kinsaul Park, Cain Griffin Park, James E. Rodgers Park, Leslie Porter Wayside Park, Memorial Park and the Lynn Haven Sports Complex.

The Power South Energy Cooperative is receiving \$1,135,273 in reimbursement funds for emergency protective measures related to Hurricane Michael. Funds will cover actions to remove the immediate threat to public health and safety, such as safety inspections to the power system, debris removal activities, generator rentals for temporary power source, emergency operations center support and positioning of fuel for power crew vehicles, as well as providing meals and lodging to emergency workers.

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 (FDEM) 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 or emergencies.

