

FEMA Approves Nearly \$7.9 Million in Hurricane Michael Recovery Grants

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PENSACOLA, Fla. -- FEMA has approved grants totaling \$7,890,555 to reimburse Hurricane Michael recovery expenses in Florida.

Funding from FEMA's Public Assistance program will provide the following reimbursements:

- **Bay District Schools: \$2,814,520** for repairs to six Lynn Haven Elementary School buildings and replacement of 13 buildings at four additional learning facilities, including eight buildings at A. Crawford Mosley High School, two buildings each at Oakland Terrace School for the Arts and Southport Elementary and one building at Rosenwald High School.

This reimbursement brings the total of FEMA grants for the district's Hurricane Michael recovery to more than \$113.4 million.

- **City of Lynn Haven: \$1,547,950** to rebuild the 42,810 square foot, two-story structure that will combine the city hall and police station and include paved entrances and parking areas. The city intends to utilize funding from an already approved citywide road repair project.

This reimbursement brings the total of FEMA grants for the city's Hurricane Michael recovery to more than \$37.6 million.

- **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT): \$3,528,085** for debris removal operations in Calhoun County from Oct. 10, 2018 through Nov. 24, 2018, including the collection and disposal of 249,478 cubic yards of vegetative debris and 1,508 cubic yards of construction and demolition debris from public roads and rights of way, which posed a threat to public health and safety.

This reimbursement brings the total of FEMA grants for FDOT Hurricane Michael recovery to more than \$321.2 million.



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.

