



FEMA



Hurricane Michael Recovery

Jan. 30, 2019

Federal Agencies Assist in Long-Term Recovery of Florida Panhandle

The recovery of communities devastated by Hurricane Michael will be a long, costly process. To help these communities, federal agencies have initiated the Integrated Recovery Coordination (IRC) group. IRC will coordinate federal support to the State of Florida and Panhandle communities to identify financial and other resources to meet needs beyond what FEMA, state and other programs can cover.

The support focuses on six functions: Community Planning and Capacity Building, Economic Recovery, Health and Social Services, Housing, Infrastructure Systems, and Natural and Cultural Resources. The lead agencies are the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Department of Commerce/Economic Development Administration, Department of the Interior, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Health and Social Services and Department of Homeland Security/FEMA.

While FEMA programs are working to reimburse communities for eligible costs of response and recovery, there often are gaps between total costs and what FEMA can legally pay for. That's where IRC can help by identifying additional resources, both governmental and non-governmental, that might be available to communities. IRC will be involved for the long-term to help Panhandle communities recover and become more resilient to future storms.



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FEMA Awards \$2 Million for Debris Removal in Mexico Beach

FEMA has approved an award of \$2,081,709 to the State of Florida to assist the city of Mexico Beach in defraying the cost of debris removal for Hurricane Michael under FEMA's Public Assistance Program.

FEMA funds will reimburse the city for the collection, disposal and site management of debris in Mexico Beach following the storm. The Public Assistance Program provides grants to state,

tribal and local governments and certain types of private nonprofit organizations, including houses of worship, so that communities can quickly respond to and recover from major disasters or emergencies.

Hope for Florida Families: Resource Fair Helps Survivors



Several hundred Hurricane Michael survivors attended a disaster recovery resource fair in Panama City Jan. 26, where they could talk with local, state and federal agency specialists, mortgage companies, insurance agents, housing specialists, U.S. Small Business Administration staff and others. More than 40 organizations were represented at the event, held at the A.D. Harris Learning Village. Survivors could seek advice from legal services, understand various types of loans, get information about housing options and learn about recovery activities.

Disaster Recovery Center to Open in Port St. Joe

A State/FEMA disaster recovery center in Gulf County will open in Port St. Joe on Thursday, Jan. 31. The center will be at the Port St. Joe Fire Department, 404 Williams Ave., Port St. Joe, FL 32456. Hours will be 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday.

Recovery Update (*Jan. 30, 2019*)

- **FEMA Individual Assistance:** Nearly \$133.6 million in grants approved, including nearly \$109.5 million in housing assistance and more than \$24.1 million for Other Needs Assistance.
- **U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA):** Received 24,568 loan applications with nearly \$593 million approved, including nearly \$497.3 million for homeowners and renters and more than \$95.6 million for businesses.
- **National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP):** 4,216 claims received; paid more than \$188.5 million; closed 4,003 claims.
- **Transitional Sheltering Assistance (TSA):** 573 survivor households are checked into hotels under TSA, which is approved for Bay, Gulf and Jackson counties.
- **Direct Temporary Housing:** 454 households are occupying units in the five counties – Bay, Calhoun, Gadsden, Gulf and Jackson – authorized for direct housing assistance.

SBA Centers

- **Bay County Public Library,** 898 W. 11th St., Panama City, FL 32401, Mon-Fri 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat 9 a.m.-1 p.m. (Mobile Business Recovery Center)
- **LeRoy Collins Library,** 200 W. Park Ave., Tallahassee, FL 32301, Mon-Fri 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (Disaster Loan Outreach Center)

- **A.D. Harris Learning Village Building 2** (classroom 10), 819 E 11th St., Panama City, FL 32402, Mon-Sat 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (Disaster Loan Outreach Center)
- **Florida State University Panama City Holley Academic Center**, 4750 Collegiate Dr., Panama City, FL 32405, Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat Noon-6 p.m.

Disaster Recovery Centers

Centers are open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday and closed Sunday. All times local.

- **Bay County Public Library**, 898 W. 11th St., Panama City, FL 32401
- **Callaway Community Center**, 599 Beulah Avenue, Callaway, FL 32404
- **Blountstown Public Library**, 17731 NE Pear St., Blountstown, FL 32424
- **Old Gretna Elementary School**, 706 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Gretna, FL 32332
- **Wewahitchka Branch Library**, 314 N. 2nd St., Wewahitchka, FL 32465 (Closes Jan. 30, 6 p.m.)
- **Port St. Joe Fire Department**, 404 Williams Ave., Port St. Joe, FL 32456 (Opens Jan. 31)
- **University Extension Office**, 2741 Penn Ave., Marianna, FL 32488



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