

FEMA Awards Palm Beach County Over \$17.2 Million for Hurricane Irma Expenses

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Orlando, Fla. – Palm Beach County will receive \$17,226,560.25 in federal assistance to help recover from Hurricane Irma.

FEMA funds will reimburse Palm Beach County for money spent to restore beaches and dunes eroded by Hurricane Irma's waves and storm surge. Approximately 1.5 million cubic yards of beach-compatible sand was placed along the 2.45-mile beach as part of the Juno Beach shore protection project.

Funding for this Public Assistance project is authorized under Section 403 of the Robert T. Stafford Act, reimbursing eligible applicants for the cost of debris removal; life-saving emergency protective measures; and the repair, replacement or restoration of disaster-damaged facilities like buildings, roads and utilities.

FEMA's Public Assistance grant 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 PA program and conducts final reviews of FEMA-approved projects.

Applicants work directly with FEMA to develop project worksheets and scopes of work. Following approvals by FEMA and the Florida Division of Emergency Management, FEMA obligates funding for the project.



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FEMA's Public Assistance program provides grants to state, tribal, and local governments, and certain types of private non-profit organizations including some houses of worship, so that communities can quickly respond to and recover from major disasters or emergencies.

The federal share for Public Assistance projects is not less than 75 percent of the eligible cost. The state determines how the non-federal share of the cost of a project (up to 25 percent) is split with the sub-recipients like local and county governments.

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