FEMA Awards \$1.1 Million in Public Assistance Grants

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — FEMA has approved \$1,103,621 to the State of Florida to assist 26 eligible applicants with reimbursement for eligible costs of emergency response and protective measures, as well as temporary facilities, for Hurricane Michael under FEMA's Public Assistance Program.

The following projects have been obligated by FEMA to the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) to help applicants with reimbursement for eligible costs incurred due to Hurricane Michael.

As of April 25, 2019, the awards are:

- Agency for Health Care Administration \$42,004 for emergency protective measures
- Alligator Point Water Resources District \$176 for emergency protective measures
- Christ Church of Panama City \$22,767 for repairs to property fence and church parking lot
- City of Bonifay \$88,221 for debris removal, repairs at cemetery, and to recreational facilities and equipment
- City of Cottondale \$71,778 for emergency protective measures
- City of Crestview \$2,113 for management costs
- City of Destin \$3,455 for repairs to the piers at Joe's Bayou Recreation Area
- City of Malone \$26,366 for signage and repairs to damaged facilities and lighting at Johnny Williams Park
- City of Marianna \$367,711 for emergency protective measures
- City of Mary Esther \$388 for management costs



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- City of Niceville \$1,056 for management costs
- City of Vernon \$10,886 for repairs at Wayside Park and Vernon Sportsplex
- Florida A&M University \$22,387 for repairs to fencing at Bragg Stadium
- Florida Attorney General's Office \$8,977 for repairs to four damaged vehicles
- Franklin County \$161,520 for debris removal and repairs to 8-Mile and 10-Mile Roads, as well as other county roads
- Gulf County ARC \$16,793 for repairs to organization's main building
- Hiland Park United Methodist Church \$2,850 for debris removal
- Holmes County School District \$71,143 for repairs to school board office, Bonifay and Ponce de Leon Elementary Schools and Ponce de Leon High School
- Ingathering Worship Center \$617 for emergency protective measures
- Northwest Florida Water Management District \$9,539 for repairs to five water monitoring stations
- Ocean City Wright Fire Control \$196 for management costs
- Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office \$149,249 for emergency protective measures
- South Walton Fire Department \$3,034 for management costs
- Suwannee County \$8,520 for emergency protective measures
- Town of Campbellton \$6,251 for emergency protective measures
- West Gadsden Historical Society \$5,625 for repairs to the Greensboro Depot Railroad Museum, Patricia Fletcher Vice Meeting Facility and Dezell House Garage

FEMA's Public Assistance grant program is an essential source of funding for communities recovering from a federally declared disaster or emergency. FDEM works with FEMA during all phases of the PA program and conducts final reviews of FEMA-approved projects.

Once a project is obligated by FEMA, FDEM works closely with the applicant to finalize the grant and begin making payments. FDEM has implemented new procedures designed to ensure grant funding is provided to local communities as quickly as possible.



FEMA has numerous other projects that have been identified under the Public Assistance program for Hurricane Michael and is working extensively with all applicants. The timeline for other projects being obligated depends on the complexity of the projects, collection of supporting documentation by the applicants, environmental and historical laws, regulations and other concerns.

Applicants provide FEMA with thorough documentation to support damage claims. Following approvals by FEMA and the Florida Division of Emergency Management, FEMA obligates funding for the project.

To date, FEMA has obligated a total of more than \$113 million in federal funding for Public Assistance projects related to Hurricane Michael in Florida.

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For more Hurricane Michael recovery information, visit www.fema.gov/disaster/4399.

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