

FEMA Awards Christ Church of Panama City \$3.2 Million for Hurricane Michael Expenses

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — FEMA has approved \$3,264,330 to the state of Florida to assist Christ Church of Panama City to replace its destroyed facility, facility contents and equipment following Hurricane Michael in October 2018 under FEMA's Public Assistance Program.

The grant is funded by FEMA's Public Assistance Program, an essential source of funding for communities recovering from a federally declared disaster or emergency. The program provides grants to state, tribal and local governments, and certain types of private non-profit organizations, including houses of worship, to help communities quickly respond to and recover from major disasters or emergencies.

To date, this is the largest permanent work project FEMA has obligated to a private nonprofit for Hurricane Michael.

The Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) works with FEMA during all phases of the Public Assistance Program's implementation and conducts final reviews of all FEMA-approved projects.

Applicants work directly with FEMA to develop projects and scopes of work. FEMA obligates funding for the project after its final approval.



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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.

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

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(Press 2 for Spanish). TTY call 800-462-7585.



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