

# FEMA Awards Orange County \$8.67 Million for Hurricane Irma Debris Removal

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**ORLANDO, Fla.** – FEMA has approved a grant of \$8,675,991 for the State of Florida to help Orange County defray the cost of removing debris after Hurricane Irma.

FEMA Public Assistance funds will reimburse the county for the cost of removing more than 1 million cubic yards of debris from public roads, property and rights-of-way from Oct. 18 to Dec. 16, 2017.

FEMA's Public Assistance program provides grants to state, tribal and local governments, and certain types of private nonprofit organizations, including some houses of worship, so that communities can quickly respond to and recover from major disasters or emergencies. The Florida Division of Emergency Management works with FEMA during all phases of the program and conducts final reviews of FEMA-approved projects.

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

