

FEMA Awards \$39.1 Million for Hurricane Irma Recovery in Florida

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ORLANDO, Fla. – FEMA has awarded grants totaling **\$39,118,539** for the State of Florida to reimburse the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and other applicants for the costs of response and recovery following Hurricane Irma.

The FEMA Public Assistance grants include:

- **City of Lakeland: \$1,133,077** for the costs of labor, equipment, materials and contracts for the city's fire, police, public works, parks and recreation, telecommunications and water utilities departments, as well as for Lakeland Linder Regional Airport.
- **FDOT: \$1,696,899** for debris removal in Brevard, Flagler, Lake, Marion, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Sumter and Volusia counties. Crews removed 13,940 cubic yards of vegetative debris, 139 tons of construction and demolition debris, 242 hazardous leaning trees and 4,335 hanging limbs.
- **FDOT: \$4,946,968** for debris removal in Polk, Highlands, Okeechobee, Glades, Hendry, DeSoto, Hardee, Charlotte, Lee, Manatee, Sarasota and Collier counties. Crews removed 47,175 cubic yards of vegetative debris, 872 cubic yards of construction and demolition debris, 10,135 hazardous leaning trees and 571 hanging limbs.
- **FDOT: \$19,461,694** for debris removal in Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. Crews removed 361,406 cubic yards of vegetative debris, 157,746 cubic yards of construction and demolition debris, 1,094 large appliances, 1,775 hazardous leaning trees and 1,941 hanging limbs.
- **FDOT: \$7,720,125** for debris removal in Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. Crews removed 131,396 cubic yards of vegetative debris, 94,000 cubic yards of other debris, 359 hazardous leaning trees and 571 hanging limbs.
- **Miami-Dade County: \$2,318,790** for repairs to the Venetian and Rickenbacker Causeways. Expenses included repair of roof tiles and pedestrian/bicycle railings, replacement of shoreline protection and administrative costs.



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- **Polk County: \$1,840,986** for administrative costs of tracking and accounting for 90 recovery projects after the storm.

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 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 the subrecipients like local and county governments.

