

FEMA approves \$3.7 million for Hurricane Michael recovery expenses

PANAMA CITY, Fla. — FEMA has approved two projects totaling more than \$3.7 million for the State of Florida to reimburse the cities of Springfield and Quincy for eligible costs of recovery work following Hurricane Michael.

Springfield is receiving \$1,061,722 for management costs of tracking, charging and accounting for emergency and permanent work after the storm.

Quincy is receiving \$2,655,184 in reimbursement for repairs to its hurricane-damaged electrical grids. Funds cover repairs to electrical power poles, power distribution lines and transformers throughout the city caused by high winds, rain and flooding.

These grants are funded by FEMA's Public Assistance program, an essential source of funding for communities recovering from a federally declared disaster or emergency. The Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) works with FEMA during all phases of the program and reviews projects prior to FEMA final approval.

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

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

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

