

FEMA Awards \$9.69 Million for Hurricane Irma Recovery in Florida

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ORLANDO, Fla. – FEMA has awarded grants totaling **\$9,693,082** for the State of Florida to reimburse applicants for the costs of repairs and debris removal following Hurricane Irma in 2017.

The FEMA Public Assistance grants include:

- **JEA (Jacksonville Electric Authority): \$7,285,119** for repairs to electric transmission and distribution lines across 900 square miles of service area. Work included replacing 299 poles, 477 transformers, 151 crossarms and several miles of wire.
- **Miami-Dade County: \$1,222,353** for repairs to Zoo Miami including exhibits, public areas, animal enclosures, public entrance, lighting, animal clinic and research facility.
- **City of Maitland: \$1,185,610** for removal of more than 37,530 cubic yards of vegetative debris and 755 cubic yards of hanging branches from public roads, property and rights-of-way.

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.

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