

# FEMA Awards Miami-Dade County \$1.75 Million for Hurricane Irma Debris Removal

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**ORLANDO, Fla.** – FEMA has approved a grant of \$1,757,698 for the State of Florida to help Miami-Dade County defray the cost of removing debris after Hurricane Irma in 2017.

FEMA Public Assistance program funds will reimburse the county for the cost of removing more than 28,000 cubic yards of vegetative debris from public roads, property and rights-of-way.

The 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 the subrecipients like local and county governments.

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