## FEMA Approves Additional \$1.2M for Tallahassee Hurricane Michael Recovery Expenses

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**PENSACOLA**, **Fla** -- FEMA has approved an additional \$1,289,869 for the State of Florida to reimburse the City of Tallahassee for management costs following Hurricane Michael, bringing total reimbursement to date to \$23,387,333 million.

The city was reimbursed for costs of tracking, charging and accounting for emergency and permanent work after the storm, including debris removal, city and police emergency protective measures, buildings and equipment to include fire department, utilities, parks and recreational, fleet and metro, municipal, and wastewater treatment facilities.

FEMA's Public Assistance program is 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 procedures in place 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.

