

FEMA approves \$32.9 million in Hurricane Michael Public Assistance grants

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PANAMA CITY, Fla. — FEMA has approved six projects totaling more than \$32.9 million for the State of Florida to reimburse four applicants for eligible costs of emergency work and permanent repairs following Hurricane Michael.

These grants include:

- Bay County – \$3,541,838 for repairs to baseball fields, soccer fields, bleachers, dugouts, scoreboards, electrical system and other facilities at the H.G. Harders Park in Panama City
- Florida Department of Transportation – \$7,554,854 for debris cleanup activities throughout Washington County
- Tallahassee – \$5,206,612 for debris removal activities throughout the city
- Washington County – \$16,606,235 for permanent repairs to hurricane-damaged roadways including resurfacing, embankment washout repairs, shoulder re-works and ditch cleaning

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.



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