



Legislative Appropriation Program Hurricane Idalia

The Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) will be able to use up to \$50 million to fund gaps in hurricane repair and recovery projects within the counties that were declared for Individual Assistance (IA) and Public Assistance (PA) (Categories A-G) for Hurricane Idalia. This program is limited to the following 15 counties: Charlotte, Citrus, Dixie, Gilchrist, Jefferson, Hamilton, Hernando, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Manatee, Pinellas, Sarasota, Suwanee, and Taylor counties. The application process will be open to county governments, city governments, independent special districts, school boards, charter schools, and the state universities within the 15 counties that were declared for Hurricane Idalia

The Division will be accepting 3 categories of applications.

1. **Public Assistance** will be funding for Local Governments that have, or will have, a Public Assistance Project Worksheet on file.
 - a. FDEM is accepting applications for Category A Debris Removal, and permanent work Categories C-G.
 - b. This will be a 0% loan to fast forward your recovery process and get your projects started.
 - c. When FEMA obligates the funds for these projects, the Division will retain the funds that have already been paid to you through this program. This is how the loan will be repaid.
2. **Infrastructure repairs** for local governments that are not eligible for FEMA reimbursement due to eligibility, if you received a determination memo, or there was some other disqualifying reason.
 - a. The types of projects that you can apply for in this category will be for road repairs or dirt roads that are not maintained, sewers, water facilities, dredging of public waterways, and beach renourishment that needs repair from Hurricane Idalia.
 - b. Projects in this category will be considered for a grant. There will be a 50% project match, in which the local government will need to show the ability to cover 50% of the project cost. The grant amount will be the other 50%.
 - c. If you are a fiscally constrained county, (Dixie, Gilcrest, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy Madison, Suwanee, and Taylor,) the 50% match has been waived. The Division agreed to waive this requirement to help you better recover.
3. **Local and county revenue losses and operating deficits** will be considered for grant funding when the FloridaCommerce's Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan funding has been exhausted or upon an applicant's denial of that program.



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Based on the type of project you are applying for; your grant manager may request additional information including, but not limited to:

- a. FEMA Project Worksheets, PA Grant Portal Number, Damage Inventory
- b. Determination memo(s).
- c. Insurance claims or insurance denials
- d. Proof of damages, pictures of damages, and estimates.
- e. Engineering recommendations, scopes of work.
- f. Previous 3 years of tax revenue and the current projected tax revenue.
- g. If there is information that you have relating to your project that you think is important, please provide that information.

We will be using Division of Emergency Management Enterprise Solution (DEMES) for application submission and internal review. The DEMES portal opened on November 17, 2023, for application submission and the deadline is January 12, 2024.

For more information regarding the Legislative Appropriations Program please visit:

[Division of Emergency Management Enterprise Solution | Florida Disaster](#)

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