

MEMORANDUM

TO: County Emergency Management Directors

FROM: Wes Maul
Director, Florida Division of Emergency Management

DATE: October 14, 2018

RE: State prioritizing, funding Hurricane Michael debris removal in fiscally-constrained counties



To reduce the administrative, operational and financial burdens on the counties most impacted by the catastrophic effects of Hurricane Michael, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will assist fiscally-constrained counties with all remaining debris removal and emergency road clearance. In Holmes, Washington, Jackson, Calhoun, Gulf, Gadsden, Liberty, Franklin and Wakulla counties, FDOT is offering, **following the county's voluntary request**, to take on the responsibility for each county's existing pre-storm emergency debris removal contract at the existing approved contract rate.

Once a county's request for emergency debris removal and road clearance is received, FDOT will conduct and fund any remaining debris removal and emergency road clearance. **FDOT will not seek to procure a new emergency debris removal contract in any county unless that county does not have a pre-storm emergency debris removal contract already secured.** If a county does not have any pre-storm contracts, then FDOT will procure debris services at a rate no greater than the average of the prevailing, pre-disaster rates for the region. **There would be no local cost share for a requesting county which means that requesting counties will have no cost to bear for this service.**

Counties who wish to request this assistance should submit a mission request to the State Emergency Response Team via the WebEOC platform:

"Pursuant to section 252.36(5), Florida Statutes, and in accordance with Executive Order 18-276, XX County requests that the State of Florida conduct all remaining debris removal (Public Assistance Category A) and emergency road clearance (Public Assistance Category B) that is the legal responsibility of XX County. This is not a request for mutual aid. This is a request for the State to assume legal responsibility for all debris removal and all remaining emergency road clearance in XX County."

If, due to limited communications capabilities, a county is unable to submit a request through WebEOC, then the county can submit a request via telephone.