



FAC HURRICANE MICHAEL UPDATE

Hurricane Michael

On October 7th Governor Rick Scott issued [Executive Order 18-276](#) declaring a state of emergency after the formation of Tropical Storm Michael in the Gulf of Mexico. Michael was upgraded to a hurricane this morning at 11:00 AM and is expected to intensify before making landfall later this week. As Florida prepares for a direct impact from Hurricane Michael FAC remains in close contact with the Governor's office and the state EOC to get the most up to date information on disaster preparation and recovery. We will be sending out regular updates and will be posting all updates on the [FAC Website](#).

Resources

[FAC Hurricane Information](#)
[FloridaDisaster.org](#)
[GetAPlan.com](#)

State Emergency Assistance
Line: 1-800-342-3557

[Request for Emergency Declaration](#)
[Executive Order 18-276](#)
[FDOT Emergency Order](#)
[FDOT Emergency Road Use Permit](#)



UPDATE YOUR MOBILE NUMBER

School Sheltering

After the 2017 hurricanes, a review of the school sheltering reimbursement process prompted a revision to the application process for Public Assistance funding. Some aspects of the local sheltering relationship between counties and school boards may warrant special attention as Florida faces its first major event of the 2018 hurricane season. As the events unfold, counties should closely coordinate shelter plans with their school boards to maximize reimbursement eligibility.

As you may recall, in early 2018, FEMA and FDEM revised the reimbursement process for school sheltering during emergency events and have indicated that they will no longer accept reimbursement requests from school boards that provide sheltering. According to FEMA, if the school board's sheltering expenses are incurred as a result of shelter activation by the local emergency management director (pursuant to Sec. 252.38(1)(d) F.S), the local emergency management agency must pay the school districts for sheltering expenses in order for those expenses to be eligible to receive reimbursement under the Stafford Act's Public Assistance Program. Counties should anticipate paying school boards for sheltering-related services under the same guidelines that govern the payment for other emergency services for which counties will be required to seek reimbursement.

If you have any questions please contact:

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General Information from Florida DEM

Prior to landfall, please ensure your pre-disaster contracts are compliant with 2 CFR 200 and the FEMA PAPPG. The Division and FEMA have made several references available concerning contracting, procurements, and pricing to help you make sure your contracts are in accordance with federal law. Failure to do so may jeopardize your reimbursement. If you have any questions about procurement, please reach out to Sherin Joseph at sherin.joseph@em.myflorida.com. She is ready to assist your county attorney.

In addition, please document the status of incomplete permanent work from previous disasters as well as the pre-disaster conditions of ongoing work, especially environmental projects such as beaches. Post-disaster, please ensure your recovery actions are also in compliance with federal and state law. You may reference the PAPPG for more information.

FEMA is working on project development and obligation on numerous disasters from the Guam's Typhoon Mangkhut and Hawaii's Hurricane Lane to Hurricane Florence in the Carolinas and the California Wildfires. Be cognizant the public assistance process and project obligation period could take time. With this in mind, your community's financial planning and budget certainty should account for undertaking response and recovery costs until FEMA processes any potential obligations.

[Checklist for Procurement Associated with Disasters](#)
[FEMA Procurement Pricing Guide](#)
[FEMA Procurement Field Guide](#)

FDEM Debris Removal Information

The Division has also provided several references produced by either the Division or FEMA concerning debris removal. The information includes guidelines regarding general debris removal eligibility requirements, private property debris removal, and impacts to environmental and historic preservation assets. Failure to follow guidelines may jeopardize your reimbursement.

[FEMA Public Assistance Debris Removal Fact Sheet](#)
[Environmental and Historic Preservation Debris Information](#)

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