

## **Dorian Cost Recovery Update #1**

When a Federal disaster is declared, FEMA can reimburse affected entities a percent of their costs. President Trump signed an Emergency Declaration for Hurricane Dorian, which included Florida and Volusia County on October 21, 2019. This allowed FEMA to reimburse a percent of emergency costs including Emergency Protective Measures (Category B) and Debris Removal (Category A) as well as Categories C-G for permanent repairs.

Debris removal (Category A) includes the removal of debris as well as the debris monitoring company required by FEMA. As of February 14, 2021, the County utilized staff to have debris removed for an estimated cost of \$14,122. As of February 14, 2021, the County has received all expected reimbursements from FEMA and the State for debris removal (\$12,356).

Emergency protective measures (Category B) includes pre-storm preparations to secure locations, hand out sandbags, stage essential personnel and equipment, evacuate patients from hospitals and other facilities, and prepare evacuation shelters as well as other pre-storm activities. It also includes activities during the storm including staffing the Emergency Operations Center with extra personnel to answer phones, personnel to work in shelters, extra sheriff patrols, and fire services as well as other services. Immediately after the storm, emergency protective services include clearing roads and walkways of downed powerlines and trees. As of February 14, 2021, the County had estimated costs of \$842,142 in Emergency Protective Measures. In addition, the school board has reported estimated costs of \$350,000 for sheltering operations during Hurricane Irma. Emergency protective measures in total are estimated to cost \$1,192,142. As of February 14, 2021, the County has not yet received reimbursements from FEMA and the State for emergency protective measures.

Buildings and Equipment (Category E) includes damage to buildings and equipment as well as the equipment usage, cleaning and treatment of mold, and replacement of inventory destroyed or consumed for the disaster. As of February 14, 2021, the County has estimated repair and/or replacement costs of \$24,675 for Category E damages. As of February 14, 2021, the County has received all expected reimbursements from FEMA and the State for buildings and equipment (\$21,591).

Parks, Recreational Facilities, and Other (Category G) includes parks, beaches, and other items that do not fit into the other categories. As of February 14, 2021, the County has estimated repair costs of \$1,180,497. As of February 14, 2021, the County has not yet received reimbursements from FEMA and the State for parks, recreational facilities and other.

The County has submitted Project Worksheets for actual and/or estimated costs to FEMA. The State coordinates with FEMA. FEMA and/or the State can approve, deny, or modify requests. Once approved, FEMA generally reimburses up to 75% of the approved amount. The State will reimburse half of the remaining amount. As of February 14, 2021, the County has total estimated costs of \$2,413,686 including \$2,250 in direct administrative costs. The County has received \$33,947 from FEMA and the State as of February 14, 2021. If all remaining costs submitted to FEMA are approved, the County should receive an additional \$1,860,518 from FEMA and the State for a total of \$1,894,465. The County's match requirement is \$519,221.

See attached project worksheet summary (by expected project worksheet) of FEMA reimbursable costs related to Hurricane Irma.

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