

Memorandum



Date: April 14, 2022

To: Honorable Chairman Jose “Pepe” Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava *Daniella Levine Cava*
Mayor

Subject: **Status Report on FEMA Reimbursements for Hurricane Irma – Directive No. 182307**

Pursuant to a Board directive, attached as Exhibit I is the January 2022 monthly report regarding the status of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursements of County expenditures incurred in response to Hurricane Irma. In summary, of \$265 million expended, \$242 million has been obligated to date and \$203 million collected.

Background

On September 10, 2017, Hurricane Irma made landfall in South Florida. In anticipation of landfall, the President of the United States declared a Federal Emergency on September 4, 2017, which allowed Miami-Dade to seek Federal and State grants for reimbursement of actual hurricane-related expenditures. The County anticipates that it will incur about \$265 million of Hurricane Irma expenditures overall. These projected expenditures constitute 223 distinct projects as of January 31, 2022. As FEMA continues its review process, estimate and cost share allocations may change.

As of January 31, 2022, FEMA has obligated \$231 million in federal funding with \$11 million in state funding. FEMA and the State of Florida have actually paid \$203 million to the County.

Should you require additional information, please feel free to contact Controller Madelin Rizzo at 305-375-5096 or Chief Financial Officer/Finance Director Edward Marquez at 305-375-1451.

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65, this memorandum will be placed on the next available Board Meeting agenda.

Attachment

c:

Honorable Harvey Ruvlin, Clerk of the Courts
Geri Bonzon-Keenan, County Attorney
Gerald K. Sanchez, First Assistant County Attorney
Jess M. McCarty, Executive Assistant County Attorney
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Department Directors
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**Exhibit I
Status of FEMA Reimbursements
As of January 31, 2022**

FEMA Reimbursement Category	Current Projections per FEMA						Obligated Projects per State	
	Current Projected County	Reimbursement Percentages		Projected Federal and State Reimbursements (3)	Projects Submitted Pending FEMA Obligation (4a & 4b)	Projects Submitted Pending FEMA Obligation (4a & 4b) (Excludes Local Match)	FEMA and State Funds	
		Federal (2)	State				Obligated(5)	Paid(6)
A Debris Removal								
Sept. 4, 2017 through Sept. 17, 2017	\$ 136,331	90.00%	5.0%	\$ 129,514	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 129,514	\$ 128,673
Sept. 4, 2017 through Sept. 17, 2017	3,122,581	92.00%	4.0%	2,997,678	-	-	2,743,709	2,460,307 ⁽⁷⁾
Sept. 18, 2017 through Oct. 17, 2017	-	90.00%	5.0%	-	-	-	-	-
Sept. 18, 2017 through Oct. 17, 2017	41,970,852	92.00%	4.0%	40,292,018	-	-	40,292,018	39,732,168
Oct. 18, 2017 onward	132,741,176	90.00%	5.0%	126,104,117	-	-	123,511,265	120,276,777 ⁽⁸⁾
Oct. 18, 2017 onward	5,540,897	92.00%	4.0%	5,319,261	-	-	4,378,541	4,356,844 ⁽⁹⁾
B Emergency Protective Measures								
Sept. 4, 2017 through Oct. 3, 2017	26,258,655	100.00%	0.0%	26,258,655	-	-	21,141,783	20,493,574 ⁽¹⁰⁾
Sept. 4, 2017 through Oct. 3, 2017	8,706	90.00%	5.0%	8,271	-	-	8,271	5,654
Oct. 4, 2017 onward	4,554,330	90.00%	5.0%	4,326,614	-	-	4,326,613	3,204,534
C Roads and Bridges	14,467,855	90.00%	5.0%	13,744,462	-	-	13,744,462	3,268,334
D Water Control Facilities	-	90.00%	5.0%	-	-	-	-	-
E Buildings and Equipment	9,783,760	90.00%	5.0%	9,294,572	150,999	143,449	9,151,123	5,091,749
F Utilities	6,701,679	90.00%	5.0%	6,366,595	-	-	6,366,595	774,162
G Parks, Recreational Facilities, and Other Items	9,259,921	90.00%	5.0%	8,796,925	1,861,884	1,768,790	7,028,136	1,967,748
Z Direct Administrative Costs	10,516,063	90.00%	5.0%	9,990,260	-	-	9,990,260	1,269,366
Total	<u>\$ 265,062,806</u>			<u>\$ 253,628,942</u>	<u>\$ 2,012,883</u>	<u>\$ 1,912,239</u>	<u>\$ 242,812,290</u>	<u>\$ 203,029,890</u>

⁽¹⁾ The projected expenditures consist of 223 distinct projects as of 01/31/22. As FEMA continues to review and estimate, cost share allocations may change.

⁽²⁾ 14 projects have a Federal cost share of 92% because they participated in the Public Assistance Alternative Procedures Pilot Program for Debris Removal.

⁽³⁾ As per **Amendment No.18 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration** issued by FEMA on August 23, 2019, all projects for all categories were authorized to be amended to 90 percent of total eligible costs, except assistance previously approved at 100%.

^(4a) The \$2,012,883 (includes local match) and \$1,912,239 (excludes local match) consist of 3 projects - 35457, 37519, and 80941 - that have been submitted to FEMA and the State but that have not been obligated.

^(4b) 8 projects - 5204, 28919, 29346, 29768, 32888, 33197, 84275, and 136417 - were previously obligated by FEMA, but are undergoing additional rework so their status changed to 'Pending Obligation'. However, the State keeps them as 'Obligated' until FEMA makes a final determination.

⁽⁵⁾ Obligated funds for 220 projects as of 01/31/22. The \$242,812,290 is comprised of \$231,665,316.14 in federal funding with \$11,146,975.89 in state funding.

⁽⁶⁾ Payments received for 201 projects through 01/31/22

⁽⁷⁾ Project 29346 is being re-worked for SOW and cost. FEMA estimates the new obligated amount to be \$2,175,092.81 (with \$2,088,089.10 in Federal and State funding) but the State has not increased the obligated amount from \$1,910,542.31 (\$1,834,120.62 in Federal and State funding) until FEMA makes its final determination.

⁽⁸⁾ Project 136417 had a successful appeal and is being re-worked. FEMA estimates the new obligated amount to be \$17,424,854.68 (with \$16,553,611.95 in Federal and State funding) but the State has not increased the obligated amount from \$14,695,536.62 (with \$13,960,759.79 in Federal and State funding).

⁽⁹⁾ Project 29768 was appealed and additional documentation was provided. FEMA estimates the new obligated amount to be \$5,424,119.98 (with \$5,207,155.18 in Federal and State funding) but the State has not increased the obligated amount from \$4,444,203.11 (\$4,266,434.99 in Federal and State funding) until FEMA makes its final determination.

⁽¹⁰⁾ Project 5204 had a successful appeal/arbitration. FEMA estimates the new obligated amount to be \$10,723,119.60 but the State has not increased the obligated amount from \$5,606,247.71. Project 28919, which is obligated, has expenses being transferred to 164028, a Category C project that has been obligated