

**Date:** July 25, 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**

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## Executive Summary

Pursuant to a Board directive, attached as Exhibit I, Status of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Reimbursements, is the May 2022 monthly report regarding the status of FEMA reimbursements of County expenditures incurred in response to the 2017 Hurricane Irma. In summary, the County submitted 223 projects with an estimated total cost of \$277 million. The County projected to be reimbursed \$265 million with a cost share of \$12 million. Of this, \$254 million has been obligated to date and \$209 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 \$277 million of Hurricane Irma expenditures overall. These projected expenditures constitute 223 distinct projects as of May 31, 2022. As FEMA continues its review process, estimate and cost share allocations may change.

As of May 31, 2022, FEMA has obligated \$242 million in federal funding with \$12 million in state funding (for the total of \$254 million). FEMA and the State of Florida have paid \$209 million to the County.

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65, this report will be placed on the next available Board Meeting agenda. Should you require additional information, please contact Controller Madelin Rizzo at 305-375-5096 or Chief Financial Officer/Finance Director Edward Marquez at 305-375-1451.

## Attachment

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Honorable Harvey Ruvin, Clerk of the Courts  
Geri Bonzon-Keenan, County Attorney  
Gerald K. Sanchez, First Assistant County Attorney  
Jess M. McCarty, Executive Assistant County Attorney  
Office of Mayor Senior Staff  
Department Directors  
Jennifer Moon, Chief, Office of Policy and Budgetary Affairs  
Yinka Majekodunmi, County Commission Auditor  
Basia Pruna, Director, Clerk of the Board  
Eugene Love, Agenda Coordinator

**Exhibit I**  
**Status of FEMA Reimbursements**  
**As of May 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 (4)	Projects Submitted Pending FEMA Obligation (4) (Excludes Local Match)	FEMA and State Funds	
		Federal (2)	State				Obligated(5)	Paid(6)
<b>A</b> 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	3,295,544	92.00%	4.0%	3,163,722	-	-	3,163,723	2,515,507
Sept. 18, 2017 through Oct. 17, 2017	41,970,852	92.00%	4.0%	40,292,018	-	-	40,292,018	39,792,249
Oct. 18, 2017 onward	132,741,176	90.00%	5.0%	126,104,117	-	-	126,104,117	121,107,198
Oct. 18, 2017 onward	5,540,897	92.00%	4.0%	5,319,261	-	-	5,319,261	5,297,564
<b>B</b> Emergency Protective Measures								
Sept. 4, 2017 through Oct. 3, 2017	31,193,348	100.00%	0.0%	31,193,348	-	-	26,258,655	20,709,461 <sup>(7)</sup>
Sept. 4, 2017 through Oct. 3, 2017	8,706	90.00%	5.0%	8,271	-	-	8,271	8,271
Oct. 4, 2017 onward	4,554,330	90.00%	5.0%	4,326,614	-	-	4,326,613	3,306,443
<b>C</b> Roads and Bridges	14,467,855	90.00%	5.0%	13,744,462	-	-	13,744,462	4,270,180
<b>D</b> Water Control Facilities	-	90.00%	5.0%	-	-	-	-	-
<b>E</b> Buildings and Equipment	16,281,483	90.00%	5.0%	15,467,409	-	-	9,151,123	5,091,749 <sup>(8)</sup>
<b>F</b> Utilities	6,701,679	90.00%	5.0%	6,366,595	-	-	6,366,595	1,798,961
<b>G</b> Parks, Recreational Facilities, and Other Items	9,259,921	90.00%	5.0%	8,796,925	-	-	8,796,925	3,320,765
<b>Z</b> Direct Administrative Costs	10,516,063	90.00%	5.0%	9,990,260	-	-	9,990,260	1,650,901
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 276,668,185</b>			<b>\$ 264,902,516</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 253,651,537</b>	<b>\$ 208,997,922</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> The projected expenditures consist of 223 distinct projects as of 05/31/22. As FEMA continues to review and estimate, cost share allocations may change.

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

<sup>(3)</sup> 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%.

<sup>(4)</sup> 3 projects - 5204, 28919, and 33197 - 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.

<sup>(5)</sup> Obligated funds for 221 projects as of 05/31/22. The \$253,651,539.05 is comprised of \$242,218,305.83 in federal funding with \$11,433,233.22 in state funding.

<sup>(6)</sup> Payments received for 201 projects through 05/31/2022

<sup>(7)</sup> Project 5204 had a successful appeal/arbitration. FEMA estimates the new obligated amount to be \$15,657,812.78 but the State has not increased the obligated amount from \$10,723,119.60.

Project 28919, which is obligated, has expenses being transferred to 164028, a Category C project that has been obligated

<sup>(8)</sup> Project 33197 is being re-worked due to successful appeal and Amendment Request of 406 HMP Items. FEMA estimates the new obligated amount to be \$7,781,497.53 (with \$7,392,422.65 in Federal and State funding) but the State has not increased the obligated amount from \$1,283,774.57 (\$1,219,585.84 in Federal and State funding) until FEMA makes its final determination.

Two Projects (35457 & 80941) are Obligated in Grants Portal but the State has not updated the project status. Project 35457 is obligated at \$108,000 (with \$102,600 in Federal and State Funding) and 80941 is obligated at \$42,999.09 (with \$40,849.14 in Federal and State Funding).