Hurricane Preparedness, Response and Recovery

Bush/Jennings Budget
Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 to the Florida Legislature
Hurricanes are a Fact of Life in Florida

• Charley
• Frances
• Ivan
• Jeanne

• Dennis
• Katrina
• Rita
• Wilma
$565 Million Package

- $97.3 million to instill a **Culture of Preparedness**
- $154 million to **Strengthen our Ability to Respond to Disasters**
- $314 million to **Continue our Road to Recovery**
Culture of Preparedness
Recommendations
$97.3 Million

• Public Education Campaign $5.3 m
• Annual Hurricane Tax Holiday $42.0 m
• Housing Retrofit Program $50.0 m
Public Education Campaign
$5.3 Million

• Continue an education campaign to raise public awareness and individual responsibility
  – Stay safe during the storm
  – Be self-sufficient immediately after the storm
  – Act responsibly to recover long term from impacts
    • Have adequate insurance coverage
    • Prepare your home and business to minimize potential damage
Annual Hurricane Sales Tax Holiday
$42 Million

- Occur annually during Hurricane Preparedness Week – last week in May
- 12 days
- New items added:
  - Cell phone batteries and chargers
  - Building materials and hardware
  - Increase in amount allowed for generators to $1,000 or less
Housing Retrofit Program
$50 Million

• Grant program to increase protection of at least 10,000 homes

• Priority to low income homes in windborne debris regions

• Eligible improvements include:
  - Shutters
  - Reinforcing roofs
  - Securing openings
Strengthen our Ability to Respond to Disasters

$154 Million

- Emergency Power for Special Needs Shelters $30.0 m
- General Population Shelters $16.7 m
- Evacuation Plans $29.0 m
- Logistics Planning and Operations $6.5 m
- County Emergency Operations Centers $69.8 m
- Medical Response Capabilities $2.0 m
Emergency Power for Special Needs Shelters
$30 million

- Keeping the power on literally saves the lives of the frail, elderly and critically ill

- Permanently install generators at designated special needs shelters around the state
General Population Shelters
$16.7 million

- Providing safe, sanitary and accessible shelters is critical to protecting the public
- $12 million to add capacity for 100,000 more people by the hurricane season of 2007
- $4.7 million for a pilot project for regional shelters
Evacuation Plans

$29 million

- Invest in new technology and tools to better prepare for the impacts of storms

- $20.7 million for LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) to better evaluate areas subject to storm surge and flooding

- 13 SLOSH (Sea, Lake and Overland Surges from Hurricanes) models to be updated incorporating LiDAR data

- $8.3 million to update 11 regional evacuation plans based on LiDAR and SLOSH results
Logistics Planning and Operations
$6.5 million

• Provide relief supplies quickly and efficiently

• Move essential relief goods and services to areas where infrastructure is destroyed or disrupted by catastrophic events
22 county emergency operations centers may not survive a major hurricane

General Revenue and federal funds to enhance county operations centers
  - $50 million in GR to build, expand and enhance operations centers
  - $19.8 million in federal funds to ensure compliance with national structural survivability and workspace standards
Medical Response Capabilities

$2 Million

- University of Miami Center for Research in Medical Education is designated by the Department of Health as the lead statewide center to carry out catastrophic incident response and anti-terrorist training.

- $2 million to expand the training center for first responders
  - $8 million federal and private match

- Training programs to be disseminated to medical centers, community colleges, and EMS agencies.
Continue our Road to Recovery

$314 Million

• Hurricane Affordable Housing $302 m
• Florida reBuilds $12 m
Hurricane Affordable Housing
$302 Million

- Rental Recovery Loan Program .................. $176.6 m
- Hurricane Housing Recovery Program ............ $98 m
- Farmworker Housing Recovery and Special Housing Assistance and Development Programs ........ $25 m
- Repair and rehabilitate homes in communities severely impacted by the hurricanes ...................... $2 m
- Training and technical assistance to quickly and effectively disseminate the funds ....................... $400,000
Florida reBuilds
$12 Million

• Workforce initiative to recruit and train construction workers to meet the growing demand caused by the hurricanes

• Initiative created in December with current year funding

• Train a total of 10,000 individuals over the life of the program
$565 Million Package

Results

• Responds to the 8 storms of 2004 and 2005
  – Affordable Housing
  – Workforce

• Prepares for future storms
  – Evacuation studies and modeling
  – Sheltering
  – Emergency operations

• Equips our residents and businesses to minimize future disruptions to their lives
  – Culture of preparedness campaign
  – Hardening of existing houses