



**FEMA**

# Fact Sheet

## **FEDERAL AID PROGRAMS FOR FLORIDA DISASTER RECOVERY**

Following is a summary of key federal disaster aid programs that can be made available *as needed and warranted* under President Bush's emergency disaster declaration issued for Florida.

"Emergency" is any occasion or instance in which the president determines that federal assistance is needed to supplement state and local efforts to save lives and protect property and public health and safety or to avert the threat of a catastrophe in any part of the United States.

### **Assistance for the State and Affected Local Governments Can Include as Required:**

- Payment of not less than 75 percent of the eligible costs for removing debris from public areas and for emergency measures taken to save lives and protect property and public health. (*Source: FEMA funded, state administered.*)
- Initial FEMA-administered aid is limited to \$5 million. If limit is exceeded, the President reports on the nature and extent of continuing emergency assistance requirements to Congress before approving further federal aid.

### **Direct Federal Assistance:**

FEMA will provide direct federal assistance through a mission assignment to another federal agency - upon request of the state - when the state and local government certify they lack the capability to perform or contract for the requested work. The state shall agree in advance to reimburse FEMA for the appropriate non-federal share of the work including the overhead of the federal agency assigned the task.

### **How to Apply for Assistance:**

- Application procedures for local governments will be explained at a series of federal/state applicant briefings with locations to be announced in the affected area by recovery officials.

*FEMA coordinates the federal government's role in preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to, and recovering from all domestic disasters, whether natural or man-made, including acts of terror.*

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