

Florida Citrus Recovery Block Grant

Grant Application Process

The Florida [Citrus Recovery Block Grant](#) (State Block Grant/CRBG) and [Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program](#) (WHIP) are designed to work together to assist citrus producers recover from Hurricane Irma. After completing a WHIP application, please read below for information on the next steps and the timeline for receiving payment under the Florida Citrus Recovery Block Grant.

Next Steps After Completing Your WHIP Application

After submitting a WHIP application with USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA), the application will be processed and reviewed by FSA Staff. After the review is complete, the WHIP application is submitted to the FSA County Committee or County Executive Director for signature prior to payment under the WHIP program.

How WHIP and the State Block Grant Work Together

The State Block Grant and WHIP application work together in two ways –

- 1) Production and farm operation information identified in the WHIP application process is used to complete your State Block Grant application.
- 2) A WHIP application signed by the FSA County Committee or County Executive Director is required to trigger the review and payment of the State Block Grant application.

State Block Grant Application Process

Producers may apply to the CRBG Program after completing the WHIP application process and prior to receiving their signed WHIP application from FSA. CRBG applications may be submitted online or in-person. To schedule an in-person or phone appointment to complete an application, please contact us at:

- Citrus Recovery Block Grant Hotline: (863) 410-0925 or (863) 800-0342
- Citrus Recovery Block Grant email: citrus@em.myflorida.com

State Block Grant applications will not be processed until receipt of a signed WHIP application. You may start your application without the signed WHIP application, but you will need to provide the signed WHIP application (FSA-890) to the State to trigger review of your application.

Timeline and Next Steps

After submitting a State Block Grant application with a signed WHIP application. The next steps are as follows:

- 1) **Application Review** - State will begin review of your application materials. State staff will contact you to confirm and/or clarify any outstanding information.
- 2) **Financial Processing** - Once all application materials are reviewed and accepted, your payment will be processed within 4-5 weeks through the State MyFloridaMarketPlace Vendor System.
Payments under Part 1 of the program will be distributed prior to Part 2 payments.