



STATE OF FLORIDA  
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

**Ron DeSantis**  
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Director

April 17, 2023

Ms. Gracia B. Szczech, Region IV Administrator  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
3005 Chamblee-Tucker Road  
Atlanta, GA 30341

Dear Ms. Szczech,

We request a joint Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) for the areas impacted by Broward County flooding from April 12, 2023, and continuing. As a result of this event, communities experienced extensive damage that we believe exceeds the capacity to recover and therefore, may warrant federal assistance.

Impacted communities have reported significant damage to private residences and public infrastructure including buildings, parks, roadways, airports and more. Based on these initial reports and estimated repair costs, it is clear the following areas warrant joint PDAs under the relevant programs:

**Broward County      Individual Assistance & Public Assistance**

We request a minimum of 4 Individual Assistance (IA) PDA teams and 4 Public Assistance (PA) PDA teams for in-person PDAs. We anticipate IA beginning as early as Wednesday, April 19, 2023, and that PA may be delayed an additional day. We acknowledge that there may be a requirement to conduct on-site assessments for some projects and will accommodate that requirement. All additional coordination or questions for this operation should be directed to Jeremy O'Dell at (850) 591-5189 or [Jeremy.ODell@em.myflorida.com](mailto:Jeremy.ODell@em.myflorida.com).

Thank you for your consideration and please let me know if you require additional information.

Respectfully,

Melissa Shirah  
Recovery Bureau Chief  
Governor's Authorized Representative