

# \$50 Million Repair and Recovery Program for Hurricane Idalia

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# \$50 Million Repair and Recovery Program for Hurricane Idalia



- A funding opportunity is available for hurricane repair and recovery projects within counties declared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for individual assistance and public assistance (categories A-G) for Hurricane Idalia.
  - Mitigation of revenue losses and operating deficits;
  - infrastructure repair and replacement, including road, sewer, and water facilities;
  - beach renourishment;
  - debris removal;
  - dredging of public waterways.

# Legislative Appropriation Program Overview



The Division is authorized to approve requests for resources for:

- ✓ Local governments,
- ✓ Independent special districts,
- ✓ School boards, including charter schools.

# Legislative Appropriation Program Overview Application Types:



## Public Assistance 0% Loans

Local governments with a need to complete permanent work (FEMA Categories C-G) and debris removal (Category A).

#### **Infrastructure Grants**

Local government issues that are not eligible for FEMA reimbursement due to an eligibility issue, a Determination Memo or some other disqualifying factor.

Examples in this category include non-engineered beaches, dirt roads that are not maintained, dredging of public water ways.

\*50% match for counties that are not fiscally constrained

#### Loss of Revenue Grants

Mitigation of revenue losses and operating deficits for jurisdictions when the Department of Economic Opportunity funding has been exhausted, or upon an applicant's denial of that program funding from the Department.

# Legislative Appropriation Program Overview



### **Basic Requirements:**

Some examples of the required information may include FEMA project worksheets, PA Grant Portal project numbers, damage inventory, insurance claims, denials, determination memos, revenue documentation, etc.

### How will the Program be managed?

The Hurricane Recovery Program for Idalia will be managed through the Division of Emergency Management Enterprise Solution (DEMES). The portal will open on November 17, 2023





**DEMES** (formally known as Salesforce) is the solution that modernizes and digitizes FDEM's forms and processes so we can move faster, leverage grant funding more efficiently, and provide an easier navigation experience for our agencies, partners, and internal staff.



### BENEFITS OF DEMES

- ✓ Growing FDEM's digital first mindset
- ✓ Easier navigation via automation
- ✓ Time savings via standardization and streamlining of processes

- ✓ Efficiencies via automated workflows and approvals
- ✓ Improved accuracy based on integrated quality assurance measures
- ✓ Visibility to where items are in a workflow
- ✓ Access to centralized data to drive informed decisions

# Legislative Appropriation Application Process



### What is Changing?

Assisting Agencies and FDEM partners will need to transition their current processes with paper forms to using the new digital functionality within DEMES. This will include the Hurricane Idalia Legislative Appropriation Program application process. Assisting Agencies will experience **faster processing times, reduced work** via pre-populated data fields, **quality controls** for data accuracy, and an **improved user experience**.



Agencies will need to have an account in DEMES to apply to Hurricane Idalia Legislative
Appropriation Program



# Live DEMO:

**DEMES** Registration

# Questions



# Live DEMO:

Hurricane Idalia Legislative Appropriation Program Application Intake

# Questions

## Legislative Appropriation Program Q&A



- ✓ How long does it take to get the approval of the application?
- ✓ How do I know if my application was approved?
- ✓ After I get the approval of my application, when will I get the funds?
- ✓ Is there an application deadline?
- ✓ Can I apply if I am not registered in DEMES?

## Points of Contacts



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# Resources

• A recording of this Webinar and the DEMES Reference Guide will be available at the Division of Emergency Management Website – <u>Division of Emergency Management Enterprise Solution | Florida Disaster</u>

