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Deadline for Public Assistance Requests Extended

ORLANDO, Fla. —The deadline for filing Requests for Public Assistance (RPAs) with FEMA to rebuild Florida’s public infrastructure damaged during Hurricane Irma has been extended to **Nov. 21, 2017**. The state recommends applicants submit RPAs to the Division of Emergency Management’s Public Assistance portal (FloridaPA.org) no later than **Nov. 18, 2017** to ensure documentation is complete and the state can properly support applicant RPAs.

The RPA is the first step for public and private nonprofit organizations to apply for federal disaster assistance. State and local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations in Florida are eligible to apply for federal assistance for debris removal, emergency services related to the disaster, and repairing or replacing damaged public facilities, such as roads, buildings and utilities.

All 67 counties in the state are eligible to receive federal funding through FEMA’s PA program for debris removal and emergency protective measures, including direct federal assistance. In addition, local, county and state government infrastructure and certain private nonprofit organizations in 55 Florida counties may also be eligible to receive all categories of PA funding including the repair and rebuilding of certain eligible disaster-damaged facilities.

For more recovery information, visit www.FEMA.gov/IrmaFL, or follow us [@FEMARegion4](https://twitter.com/FEMARegion4) on [Twitter](#) and on [FEMA’s Facebook page](#).

FEMA’s mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-FEMA (3362). For TTY call 800-462-7585.

FEMA’s temporary housing assistance and grants for public transportation expenses, medical and dental expenses, and funeral and burial expenses do not require individuals to apply for an SBA loan. However, applicants who receive SBA loan applications must submit them to SBA to be eligible for assistance that covers personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses.