

HURRICANE IAN DISASTER SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS

U.S. Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL)

Hurricane Ian made landfall near Cayo Costa, Florida as a Category 4 major hurricane on September 28, 2022, resulting in catastrophic damage throughout the state. Florida, its residents, and local governments need immediate assistance to begin the long road to recovery. An initial assessment of that need comes to approximately \$33 billion, ***though that figure will change as assessments continue***. Some key funding priorities are outlined below.

Department of Agriculture (\$2.955 billion)

- \$2 billion for Wildfires and Hurricanes Indemnity Program to cover agricultural cost from loss of crops, trees, bushes, and vines.
- Additional funding for WIC, Emergency Watershed Protection, and other USDA programs.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (\$400 million)

- \$200 million for Fisheries Disaster Assistance from Hurricane Ian.
- Additional funds for: debris assessment and removal related to Hurricane Ian; mapping and charting services related to Hurricane Ian; and improvements to hurricane intensity and flood forecasting and mitigation systems, including ocean observing platforms, satellites, and storm surge gauges.

Army Corps of Engineers – Civil Works (\$12.38 billion)

- \$12 billion for rehabilitation and repair of damages caused by Hurricane Ian, as well as construction of authorized coastal storm risk management/shoreline protection, flood control, and ecosystem restoration projects.
- Additional funds for: reducing risk of floods and hurricanes in light of Hurricane Ian, improvements of water management flexibility to increase coastal resilience, operations and maintenance for dredging and navigation projects impacted by Hurricane Ian, and operating expenses due to Hurricane Ian.

Coast Guard (\$150 million)

- \$45 million for construction and facility replacement for Station Fort Myers.
- Additional funding for expenses incurred during rescue and recovery.

Department of the Interior (\$120 million)

- Funds for Fish and Wildlife Service and National Parks Service to begin cleanup and repairs to wildlife areas and national parks, along with funds for U.S. Geological Survey investigations related to the impact of Hurricane Ian.

Environmental Protection Agency (\$1 billion)

- \$940 million for Clean and Drinking Water Capitalization Grants to Florida.
- Funding for hazardous substance superfund to address pollution resulting from Hurricane Ian, hazardous waste financial assistance program, and solid waste management.

Department of Transportation (\$100 million)

- \$100 million for DOT's Emergency Relief Program and Public Transportation Emergency Relief Program to restore permanent access to Pine and Sanibel Islands.

Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (\$5 billion)

- \$5 billion for the CDBG-DR program to assist in Florida’s recovery.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (\$10.05 billion)

- \$10 billion to replenish the Disaster Recovery Fund.
- \$50 million for a pilot program to raise homes in flood-prone areas in partnership with the State of Florida.

Small Business Administration Disaster Loan Program (\$300 million)

- \$300 million for the Disaster Loans Program, funding resources such as Economic Injury Disaster Loans, physical damage loans, and mitigation assistance programs at the SBA.

Department of Labor (\$50 million)

- \$50 million for Disaster Dislocated Worker Grant projects and related disaster response economic recovery.

Economic Development Administration (\$125 million)

- \$125 million for EDA grants to assist local governments in long-term disaster recovery efforts.

Additional Department and Agency-related Funding (\$327 million)

- \$10 million for the Federal Aviation Administration to repair facilities damaged by Hurricane Ian.
- \$100 million for the Department of Defense to repair facilities damaged by Hurricane Ian and reimburse deployed personnel.
- \$100 million for the Department of Veterans’ Affairs to repair facilities damaged by Hurricane Ian and ensure veterans can travel to access secure, needed care.
- \$60 million for the Department of Education to repair schools damaged by Hurricane Ian and ensure students and teachers, including those without housing, receive the assistance they need.
- \$20 million for higher educational institutions damaged by the hurricane, including Florida Gulf Coast University, Florida SouthWestern State College, and Bethune-Cookman University.
- \$30 million for the Department of Health and Human Services to repair facilities damaged by Hurricane Ian, prevent vector-borne diseases, and supply physical and mental health services to those impacted by the hurricane.
- \$1 million for the General Services Administration to repair courthouses damaged by Hurricane Ian.
- \$1 million for the Legal Services Corporation to assist survivors with their civil legal needs, including FEMA claims, probate issues, home-repair contracts, and consumer protection and housing issues.
- \$5 million for Postal Service construction and rehabilitation of Florida facilities.

HURRICANE IAN DISASTER SUPPLEMENTAL AUTHORIZATION REQUESTS

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Predictions and Planning

- Reform the Hurricane Forecast Improvement Program to incorporate storm surge forecasting and disbursement of warning information.

Resilience Improvements

- Implement the Army Corps Shoreline Protection/Beach Nourishment Easement Reform.
- Under the Natural Resources Conservation Service Emergency Watershed Program: extend the eligible work period for exigent-circumstance projects from 10 days to 45 days and for non-exigent circumstance projects from 220 days to 365 days.
- Conditionally authorize the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project.
- Authorize the Miami Dade Coastal Storm Risk Management Project.
- Pass the *Restoring Resilient Reefs Act*.

Infrastructure

- Expedite environmental permitting for designated projects in disaster-declared counties.
- Require the Department of Energy to waive energy conservation standards for distribution transformers under 10 CFR 431 for two years.
- Extend final deadlines by one year for American Rescue Plan Act projects that were approved but shelved due to Hurricane Ian.
- Pass the *Facilitating the Reshoring of Energy Grid Component Manufacturing Act*.
- Require the Department of Defense to review existing authorities and funding structures for allowing rapid repairs to mission essential facilities that are damaged in future storms.

Additional Changes

- Reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program through September 30, 2023.
- Pass the *FEMA Loan Interest Payment Relief Act* to provide fair relief to local governments and electrical cooperatives anticipating long recovery processes.
- Pass the *Defending Domestic Orange Juice Production Act*.