

The Villages®

Community Development Districts

September 26, 2017

Executive Office of the Governor
Governor Rick Scott
PL 05 - The Capitol
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Governor Scott,

On behalf of the residents of The Villages® Community Development Districts (Districts), I am contacting you to seek your assistance in requesting the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) acknowledge that an “Exigent and Emergency Condition” exists in the State of Florida as a result of Hurricane Irma.

The impact of Hurricane Irma resulted in extensive damage throughout the entire State of Florida and resulted in a significant amount of storm related debris. The special districts in The Villages, along with many other governmental entities, organized extensive resources preparing for the storm as well as post storm activities in the form of emergency management services, infrastructure mitigation, and other recovery activities to protect the health, welfare and safety of the public.

These impacts are consistent with FEMA's Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide (FP104-009/April 2017), and have resulted in the Districts' actions which include: debris removal, pre-positioning resources, expenses related to operating a facility or providing a service, flood fighting, emergency operations centers, emergency access, supplies and commodities, safety inspections, and temporary relocation of essential services.

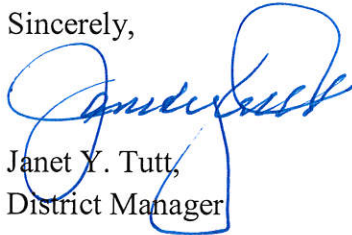
The importance in addressing these impacts must be immediate to protect the public health and safety of Florida's residents. Federal (FEMA) procurement standards allow procurement by noncompetitive proposals (e.g. sole sourcing) under certain circumstances, including when a local government determines that the public exigency or emergency for the requirement will not permit a delay resulting from competitive solicitation (2 C.F.R. § 200.320(f)(2)).

Notwithstanding the debris removal guidance provided by Bryan Koon, Director of Florida Division of Emergency Management on September 18, 2017, we believe exigent and emergency

conditions exist in the The Villages community and throughout the State of Florida, and that both the State and local communities should be able to procure necessary services with increased flexibility to quickly address debris removal and other challenges.

Given the scale of destruction in the emergency declared counties of Florida and on behalf of the The Villages® Community Development Districts and its residents, we are asking for your consideration in requesting FEMA to concur that the State of Florida has an "Exigent and Emergency Condition" which will allow necessary flexibility for state and local governments to procure contracts for goods and services to ensure life, safety, and the provision of basic needs for Floridians coping with this catastrophic disaster.

Sincerely,



Janet Y. Tutt,
District Manager