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FDEM announces \$13 million for Town's recovery projects

Town of Fort Myers Beach, FL – In notices received today, the Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) and Director Kevin Guthrie announced that a total of \$13 million has been awarded to the Town for projects to help recover from the destruction that Hurricane Ian wreaked in September 2022.

“We are grateful to Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, the Florida Legislature, FDEM and Director Guthrie for their support in our recovery from Hurricane Ian,” said Mayor Dan Allers. “This funding will help us continue the ongoing work to restore our Town’s natural and physical assets.”

Specifically, the funding includes:

- 1) \$8 million grant for beach renourishment
- 2) \$5 million, 0% loan following Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) projects

For more details, read the attached funding award letters.

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The Town of Fort Myers Beach is on Estero Island off the southwest Florida coast of the Gulf of Mexico. The beach stretches for seven miles and is known for white sand, shell finds, and sunsets. The Town took a direct hit in September 2022 from Hurricane Ian, a category five storm, and is in active recovery. Many shops and restaurants are restored and open for business! The Town has been incorporated since 1995.