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## **GOVERNOR CRIST ANNOUNCES BP'S RELEASE OF FUNDING FOR THE DEEPWATER HORIZON RESPONSE**

*~BP releases \$25-million block grant to the State of Florida~*

On May 4, 2010 Governor Charlie Crist confirmed the announcement by Doug Suttles, CEO of BP, that the State of Florida will receive a \$25-million block grant for the initial state and local preparation and response costs for the Deepwater Horizon Response oil spill.

"We will use the block grant from BP to take proactive measures to help prevent the devastating impacts of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill," Governor Crist said. "We will continue to be vigilant and take every possible action to protect our beaches and the health and well-being of our residents and visitors."

The guiding principles of the use of these funds will be:

- Consistent with spirit of Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to protect the coastal zone (to include shoreline, near shore, state waters and subsea zones).
- Coordinated and facilitated for an effective response to protect the sensitive marine environments of Florida threatened by the Deepwater Horizon spill.
- In coordination with the efforts of the responsible party, BP, and the Unified Command, the funding will provide local governments the ability to protect areas not included in the Area Contingency Plan that they believe to have local significance.
- To deliver preparation, mitigation, response and recovery efforts to effect the outcomes of this event on the marine environment.

Additional guidance to state and local government entities will be forthcoming in the near future.

For the most up-to-date information on Florida's Deepwater Horizon response, as well as health and safety tips, visit [www.dep.state.fl.us/deepwaterhorizon](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/deepwaterhorizon).

## FLORIDA'S REIMBURSEMENT PROCESS IN RESPONSE TO THE DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL

Florida's Guiding Principles for the use of the initial \$25 million will be direct capital costs:

- Consistent with the spirit of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to protect the coastal zone (to include shoreline, near shore, state waters and subsea zones).
- For an effective response to protect the sensitive marine environments of Florida threatened by the Deepwater Horizon spill.
- In coordination with the efforts of the responsible party, British Petroleum, and the Unified Command, the funding will provide local governments the ability to protect areas not included in the Area Contingency Plan that they believe to have local significance.
- For recovery efforts to effect the outcomes of this event on the marine environment.

The process for reimbursement payments related to direct capital expenditures is as follows:

1. Applicant (county governments/state agencies) will execute the Deepwater Horizon Funding Agreement.
  - a. Applicants would be from those counties designated in the Governor's Executive Order
  - b. Agreements can be executed as early as this week
2. Applicant submits a request in EM Constellation with sufficient specificity, both technically and financially, to allow for review.
3. ESF 10 within the Emergency Operations Center will review and provide a recommendation for the request. Project prioritization will be based upon projected impact. If the request is duplicative of the Area Contingency Plan, it will be denied.
4. If the request is recommended by ESF 10, it will be forwarded to Unified Command in Mobile, Alabama for their review. If Unified Command approves the request, it will be routed back to the Division of Emergency Management and entered into the Deepwater Horizon financial accounting system.
  - a. Approved mission request information should be included in the financial account system funding obligation entry
5. Once entered into the system, the funds will be obligated for the request.
  - a. Project management of the process will be similar to that utilized for public assistance projects
6. Once the work has been complete and/or the services are provided, the applicant will provide source documentation to the Division of Emergency Management for payment and reconciliation purposes.

Please note that initial reimbursements will be prioritized for direct capital expenditures related to protective and recovery measures.

This reimbursement process may be amended as required.