



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES
COMMISSIONER WILTON SIMPSON

USDA DISASTER RELIEF BLOCK GRANT

Date: August 12, 2025

Announcement Type: Contractor Application Notice

Funding Opportunity Number: 1-2025 FSA25GRA0012034

Question Submission Deadline: 5:00 PM ET - Monday, August 11, 2025

Application Submission Deadline: 5:00 PM ET – Tuesday, August 19, 2025

Application Submission Link: [USDA Disaster Relief Block Grant Application](#)

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Contained herein are responses to questions submitted to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services in reference to the USDA Disaster Relief Block Grant which includes a revised Draft Work Plan (ATTACHMENT A). Please continue to monitor the [Grant Opportunities - FDACS](#) webpage for response updates or notifications related to this contractor application notice.

Question Number	Applicant Inquiry	Department Response
1	Page 6 of the RFP indicates that FDACS is requesting an accounting system. Please verify that the function of this system would only be to track payments and overall funding for this program, and that payments will be issued via the MyFloridaMarketPlace system (as stated on page 17).	<p>The Department does not intend to utilize the MyFloridaMarketPlace vendor system to process contractor or recipient payments. Responding contractors must be registered as a vendor in MyFloridaMarketPlace as specified in Section VII (pg. 10) of the Contractor Application Notice.</p> <p>See the revised Draft Work Plan (ATTACHMENT A) dated August 8, 2025, to view proposed process changes in Section C. Payments – Payments to Eligible Producers.</p>
2	The Deliverables list begins with (2). Was Deliverable 1 omitted from the document or is this only misnumbering of the deliverables?	<p>The listing of Deliverables begins in Section II (B) titled Program Deliverables (pages 4 – 6).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part I. Deliverable 1 – Work Plan Development

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part II. Deliverable 1 – Program Implementation • Part II. Deliverable 2 – Program Management • Part II. Deliverable 3 – Program Closeout
3	<p>Exhibit I provides that the solution must comply with various requirements as per FAC60GG and FPIC Pub 199, and must authenticate Dept users vis Azure AD SSO. In addition, the Saas solution must integrate with the Azure AD for SSO authentication. Our proposed pathways for mgmt of grants information and payments information require multi-factor authentication and SSO, but not Azure. It is not anticipated that FDACS staff would directly access the system, although we could obviously provide access if desired. Is the proposer permitted to offer alternative approaches to Azure?</p>	<p>Yes. Alternative approaches can be provided.</p>
4	<p>Can FDACS please provide a copy of USDA Notice of Grant Agreement Award FDA25GRA0012034 (USDA Agreement) including the programmatic requirements which are referenced in the solicitation?</p>	<p>See attached Notice of Grant and Agreement Award: FSA25GRA0012034.</p>



NOTICE OF GRANT AND AGREEMENT AWARD

1. Award Identifying Number FSA25GRA0012034	2. Amendment No.	3. Award/Project Period Date of final signature - 07/31/2028	4. Type of Award Instrument Grant
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5. Agency: (Name and Address) Farm Service Agency c/o FPAC-BC Grants and Agreements Division 1400 Independence Ave SW, Room 3236 Washington, DC 20250 Direct all correspondence to FPAC.BC.GAD@usda.gov		6. Recipient Organization: (Name and Address) Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Florida 10 The Capitol Tallahassee, FL 32399	
		UEI (& CAGE if applicable): J73TRBXFJKK5	EIN:

7. Agency Program Contact: Jenae (Prescott) Orso jenae.prescott@usda.gov 229-850-0194	8. Agency Administrative Contact: Michelle Cruz Michelle.Cruz@usda.gov 907-888-4514	9. Recipient Program Contact: Mike Risola Michael.Risola@FDACS.gov 850-617-7700	10. Recipient Administrative Contact: Mike Risola Michael.Risola@FDACS.gov 850-617-7700
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11. ALN 10.972	12. Authority P.L. 118-158, Division B, Title 1	13. Type of Action i. New Agreement - Non-R&D	14. Project Director Mike Risola Michael.Risola@FDACS.gov 850-617-7700
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15. Project Title/Description:
Supplemental Disaster Block Grants: Compensation to agricultural producers in the state of Florida who suffered financial losses as a consequence of hurricanes in calendar years 2023 and 2024

16. Entity Type: Profit Nonprofit Higher Education Federal State/Local Indian/Native American
 Other

17. Select Funding Type:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Federal
Original Funds Total:	\$ 675,953,007.00	\$
Additional Funds Total:	\$	\$
Grand Total:	\$ 675,953,007.00	\$ 0.00

19. Payment Submission Method:

Payment Management Services (PMS)

Manual Submission via email to FPAC.BC.GAD@usda.gov

18. APPROVED BUDGET & PAYMENT SUBMISSION METHOD

Personnel	\$ 0.00	Fringe Benefits	\$ 0.00
Travel	\$ 0.00	Equipment	\$ 0.00
Supplies	\$ 0.00	Contractual	\$ 67,595,300.00
Construction	\$ 0.00	Other	\$ 608,357,707.00
Total Direct Cost	\$ 675,953,007.00	Total Indirect Cost	\$
		Total Non-Federal Funds	\$ 0.00
		Total Federal Funds Awarded	\$ 675,953,007.00
		Total Approved Budget	\$ 675,953,007.00

This agreement is subject to applicable USDA statutory provisions and Financial Assistance Regulations. In accepting this award or amendment and any payments made pursuant thereto, the undersigned represents that he or she is duly authorized to act on behalf of the awardee organization, agrees that the award is subject to the applicable provisions of this agreement (and all attachments), and agrees that acceptance of any payments constitutes an agreement by the payee that the amounts, if any found by USDA to have been overpaid, will be refunded or credited in full to USDA.



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List of Attachments:

Attachment 1: Statement of Work; Attachment 2: Funding Request Methodology; Attachment 3: Supplemental Disaster State Department of Ag Distribution Calculation; Attachment 4: Consent Form

Name and Title of Authorized Government Representative Brooke Rollins Secretary, United States Department of	Signature 	Date 7.21.25
Name and Title of Authorized Recipient Representative Wilton Simpson Commissioner, Florida Department of	Signature 	Date 7/25/25

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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

The above statements are made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. Section 522a).

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please reference the below link(s) for the General Terms and Conditions pertaining to this award:
<https://www.fpacbc.usda.gov/about/grants-and-agreements/award-terms-and-conditions>

STATEMENT OF WORK

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING AN AGREEMENT
TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO
AGRICULTURE PRODUCERS IMPACTED BY
HURRICANES IN 2023 AND 2024**A. BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

The Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2025 (Division B of the American Relief Act, 2025 (the Act; P.L. 118-158)) provided financial assistance to agricultural producers for expenses related to losses of revenue, quality or production of crops (including milk, on-farm stored commodities, crops prevented from planting, and harvested adulterated wine grapes), trees, bushes, and vines impacted by hurricanes and a variety of natural disasters that occurred in 2023 and 2024. The Act further extends that the Secretary may provide assistance for such losses in the form of block grants to eligible States and territories and such assistance may include compensation to producers, as determined by the Secretary, for timber (including payments to non-Federal forest landowners), citrus, pecan, and poultry (including infrastructure) losses, and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the first, second, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, and 12th provisos under this heading in title I of the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (division B of [Public Law 117-43](#)), as amended.)

On behalf of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) agrees to provide funding (Relief Funds) to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (herein after referred to as FDACS or State) in accordance with the terms of this Agreement for distribution to Eligible Producers that suffered eligible losses as a consequence of hurricanes occurring in calendar years 2023 and 2024 and that are not covered by other USDA disaster programs.

If inconsistencies arise between the language in this Statement of Work (SOW) and the General Terms and Conditions attached to the agreement, the language in this SOW takes precedence.

B. DEFINITIONS

Under this Agreement, the following definitions apply:

1. Aquaculture is the production of aquatic organisms under controlled conditions throughout part or all of their lifecycle.
2. Aquaculture infrastructure means the physical and technical systems used to breed, raise, and harvest aquatic animals and plants, including fish, shellfish, and algae.
3. A stand of trees means a contiguous group of trees sufficiently uniform in age class distribution, composition, and structure and growing on a site of sufficiently uniform quality, to be a distinguishable unit, such as mixed, pure, even-ages and uneven-aged stands.

4. Catastrophic timber damage means between 61% and 100% of a stand of trees is damaged. Branches, limbs, and tops broken from trees, and trees bent more than 45 degrees.
5. Citrus means the fruit from the following trees: grapefruit; lemon; lime; mandarin; murcott; orange, including but not limited to the following varieties: early/mid-season, late, navel, temple, valencia, hamlin, pineapple, ambersweet, and honeybell; pummelo (pomelo); tangelo; tangerine; and tangor.
6. Citrus Tree Infrastructure means physical structures, materials and facilities needed for a citrus operation.
7. Eligible County means a primary county in Florida declared as a disaster by the President or designated a disaster by the Secretary in the 2023 and/or 2024 calendar year due to an Eligible Hurricane, or any county contiguous to a declared or designated disaster county and may include all counties in USDA/FEMA declared disasters.
8. Eligible Hurricane means Hurricane Idalia, Debby, Helene, or Milton.
9. Eligible Loss means necessary expenses related to the following:
 - a. Infrastructure
 - b. Market Loss for Harvested Commodities and Value-Added Products
 - c. Citrus (Future Economic Loss and Tree Infrastructure)
 - d. Timber
10. Eligible Producer is a producer located in an Eligible County that suffered an eligible loss as a direct result of an Eligible Hurricane and had an ownership share and a production risk in the crop, livestock, poultry or timber (including timber rights and private forest landowners). In addition, an Eligible Producer is a person or legal entity that must be a:
 - a. Citizen of the United States;
 - b. Resident alien; for purposes of this part, resident alien means “lawful alien” as defined in 7 CFR part 1400;
 - c. Partnership consisting solely of citizens or resident aliens of the United States;
 - d. Corporation, limited liability corporation, or other farm organizational structure organized under State law consisting solely of citizens or resident aliens of the United States; or
 - e. Indian Tribe or Tribal organization, as defined in section 4(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).
11. Farm Bridges and Roads means private farm-use bridges and roads located within the boundaries of a farming operation and provides direct access to the production of agricultural products.
12. Nonresidential Farm Building means any temporary or permanent building or support structure that is classified as a nonresidential farm building on a farm under s. 553.73(10)(c), F.S. or that is used primarily for agricultural purposes, is located on land that is an integral part of a farm operation or is classified as agricultural land under s. 193.461, F.S., and is not intended to be used as a residential dwelling. The term may include, but is not limited to, a barn, greenhouse, shade house, farm office, storage building, or poultry house. For purposes of this definition, “bona fide agricultural purposes” has the same meaning as provided in s. 193.461(3)(b), F.S., and “farm operation” has the same meaning as provided in s. 823.14, F.S.
13. Infrastructure means the physical structures, materials, and facilities needed for agricultural production.
14. Linkage means that, as a condition of receiving payments under the terms of this Agreement, an Eligible Producer must agree to certain conditions set forth in Section E of this Agreement related to obtaining crop insurance or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for certain future crop years.

15. Market loss means the inability to market crops or value-added products to potential customers, due to impacts from an Eligible Hurricane, leading to losses in revenue.
16. Market value means the value of the crop or value-added product prior to the loss event.
17. Moderate timber damage means between 16% and 39% of a stand of trees is damaged. Branches, limbs, and tops broken from trees, and trees bent more than 45 degrees.
18. Private Forest Land means land that had tree cover immediately before the natural disaster occurred and is suitable for growing trees and is owned by a private individual, group, association, corporation, or other private legal entity.
19. Plasticulture means a planting system that utilizes some plastic material in the agricultural application and includes, but is not limited to, any combination of the following: raised beds, plastic mulch, plastic covering or protection, fumigation film, and/or plastic drip irrigation tape/tubing.
20. Poultry means domesticated fowl.
21. Severe timber damage means 40% to 60% of a stand of trees is damaged. Branches, limbs, and tops broken from trees, and trees bent more than 45 degrees.
22. Timber means growing trees on woodland with the intention of producing timber or pulp for commercial purposes.
23. Value-added product means a product produced or made by an eligible producer from a crop they also had risk in production. The eligible producer must have had risk in the crop or value-added product at the time of the Eligible Hurricane.

C. ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO STATE

1. The total amount of Relief Funds to be paid to FDACS has been calculated in accordance with the calculation set forth in Attachment 3. Disbursement of these funds is contingent on FSA's approval of the State's Work Plan, described in section F below.
2. FDACS may request funding to cover direct and indirect administrative costs required to administer this grant, including, but not limited to, outreach, technical assistance, and preparation of appropriate application materials.

No indirect costs can be charged against a payment to an Eligible Producer.

D. BUDGET

The official budget described in this Budget Narrative will be considered the total budget as last approved by the Federal awarding agency for this award.

Amounts included in this budget narrative are estimates. Reimbursement or advanced liquidations will be based on actual expenditures, not to exceed the amount obligated.

TOTAL BUDGET \$ 675,953,007

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS \$675,953,007

PERSONNEL \$

FRINGE BENEFITS \$

TRAVEL \$

EQUIPMENT \$

SUPPLIES \$

CONSTRUCTION \$

CONTRACTUAL \$67,595,300

- **Due to the department’s limited staff and resources, funds will be used to hire a third-party contractor to administer the various block grant programs. The contractor’s activities will include, but are not limited to, the following activities:**
 - **Assist with the state’s development of the program work plan and application documents.**
 - **Provide producer outreach and education to make them aware of available funding and eligibility requirements.**
 - **Develop necessary tools and systems, including websites, applications, dashboards, award processing and reporting procedures, and operational procedures such as application and intake management.**
 - **Process applications and subsequent payments to ensure that awards are provided to eligible producers for eligible activities.**
 - **Conduct ongoing compliance monitoring post producer payment to ensure that awards are used for their intended purposes.**
 - **If the department is successful in hiring the third-party contractor for less than the allocated administrative budget, we would seek to reallocate any unspent administrative funds to producer grants.**

OTHER - Payments to all Eligible Producers \$608,357,707

TOTAL DIRECT COSTS \$675,953,007

INDIRECT COSTS \$ 0.00

E. PAYMENTS TO PRODUCERS

The State may distribute payments among parts according to applications received; however, total payments to eligible producers shall not exceed \$608,357,707.

1. FDACS may pay Eligible Producers for eligible losses associated with the following:

Part 1: Infrastructure

Part 2: Market Loss

Part 3: Citrus

Part 4: Timber

2. The amount of payments received by an Eligible Producer under this Agreement, crop insurance, and NAP may not exceed 90 percent of the Eligible Producer’s loss as mandated by the Act.
3. The payments for eligible losses shall be distributed in an equitable manner per the approved Work Plan and made available to all Eligible Producers.

Part 1: Infrastructure Losses

Eligible Hurricanes caused significant infrastructure damage across multiple agricultural sectors in Florida. FDACS may issue payments to eligible producers who suffered infrastructure losses, including, but not limited to, greenhouses, poultry houses, pole barns, irrigation systems (above ground and immediately below the soil surface components), plasticulture, culverts, farm bridges and roads, aquaculture and similar agriculture structures as approved. Such losses must have been due to an Eligible Hurricane in an Eligible County, and the following criteria must be met:

- a. Applicants must meet the definition of an Eligible Producer.
- b. Eligible Producers must have experienced damage or destruction due to an Eligible Hurricane. Funds must be used to restore, repair, or replace, including, but not limited to, greenhouses, poultry houses, pole barns, irrigation systems (above ground and immediately below the soil surface components), plasticulture, culverts, farm bridges and roads, aquaculture (including, but not limited to, tanks, docks, breeding houses, and cages) and similar agriculture structures, as approved.
- c. A nonresidential farm building constructed using block grant proceeds must comply with storm-hardening standards defined in Rule 5A-19001(6) (a) & (b) of the Florida Administrative Code.
- d. Eligibility for structures is limited to structures in which there is reasonable evidence that supports that a crop, aquaculture, or livestock were housed in the structure within the 12 months prior to an Eligible Hurricane.
- e. Eligibility for lost irrigation systems is limited to above ground features or immediately below the soil surface components, and where evidence is present that a crop was grown under or directly above the structure within 12 months prior to Hurricane.
- f. Equipment buildings, repair shops, irrigation well pumps, irrigation header lines, other significant underground irrigation components, boats, and any equipment that is easily movable, etc. are ineligible structures.
- g. Eligible farm roads and bridges must be private farm-use roads and bridges, located within the boundaries of a farm, and provide direct access to the production of agriculture products.

Benefits provided to the producer can compensate for the cost of the infrastructure repairs or value of the infrastructure at the time of the event.

Part 2: Market Loss

FDACS may issue payments to Eligible Producers who suffered market losses due to the unavailability of on and off farm markets of agricultural crops and value-added products, including access to foreign markets, as determined by FDACS. Such losses in markets must have been due to an Eligible Hurricane in an Eligible County and the following criteria must be met:

- a. Applicants must meet the definition of an Eligible Producer.
- b. Eligibility is limited to markets tied directly to the eligible producer's produced crops, including value-added products.
- c. Eligibility includes loss of a market, loss of stored commodities, or the inability to market produced crops or value-added products.
- d. The crop must have been produced but could have spoiled before or after harvesting due to a lack of market availability.
- e. Losses tied to the producer's operation that are not directly related to the sale of a crop (e.g., corn maze, hayride) are not eligible. Losses of sales of crops produced by other producers are not eligible, including if the producer purchased the products from another producer and intended to resell them.

- f. A minimum of five percent (5%) individual market loss had to have occurred.
- g. Assistance provided cannot exceed the value of the crop or added value product prior to the loss event.

Part 3: Citrus

Subpart A: Future Economic Losses

Eligible Hurricanes caused significant damage to the citrus industry in Florida. As a result, Eligible Producers will have decreased production over several years waiting for newly planted and rehabilitated citrus trees to get back to full production. FDACS may issue up to a 2-year future economic loss payment to Eligible Producers who suffered citrus tree losses and had to replant. Such losses must have been due to an Eligible Hurricane in an Eligible County and the following criteria must be met:

- a. Applicants must meet the definition of an Eligible Producer.
- b. A minimum of ten percent (10%) loss in citrus production must have occurred in 2023 or 2024.
- c. Eligible Producer must prove that the citrus trees have been rehabilitated or replanted.
- d. Eligible Producer must demonstrate to the satisfaction of FDACS ongoing production and harvest activities at the time of application.

Subpart B: Citrus Tree Infrastructure Losses

Eligible Hurricanes caused significant damage to citrus infrastructure in Florida, including extensive foliage and limb loss, loss of trees, trees toppled over, and damage to and loss of psyllid exclusion implements and structures. As a result, FDACS may issue payments to Eligible Producers who suffered losses for costs associated with restoring citrus grove infrastructure, including the resetting of new trees and rehabilitation of existing citrus acreage, which includes but is not limited to tree architecture recovery, standing up, pruning, hedging damaged groves, rehabilitation of grove irrigation and drainage, ditch and water flow systems and irrigation terminal equipment, rebalancing damaged root systems and foliage, nutrition, weed management needs from defoliation, treatment of hurricane-induced disease and pest outbreaks, protective structures and coverings such as Citrus Under Protective Cover (CUPS), and Individual Protective Covers (IPCs), other horticultural practices, and treatments shown to rehabilitate and rejuvenate trees. Such losses must have been due to an Eligible Hurricane in an Eligible County and the following criteria must be met:

- a. Applicants must meet the definition of an Eligible Producer.
- b. A minimum of ten percent (10%) loss in citrus production must have occurred in 2023 or 2024.
- c. Eligible Producer must demonstrate to the satisfaction of FDACS ongoing production and harvest activities at the time of application.

Part 4: Timber Losses

FDACS may issue payments to Eligible Producers who suffered timber losses. Such losses must have been due to an Eligible Hurricane in an Eligible County, and the following criteria must be met:

- a. Applicants must meet the definition of an Eligible Producer.
- b. An application must be from an owner with a minimum of 10 contiguous acres, under the same ownership, of which a moderate, severe, or catastrophic level of timber damage occurred on all or part of that ownership.

- c. Losses must have occurred on private forest land.
- d. Eligible Producer must have been the owner of the private forest land at the time of the storm.

F. STATE RESPONSIBILITIES.

1. Establish and administer a program to provide relief funds to Eligible Producers. The State is responsible for enforcing all program requirements applicable to Eligible Producers who choose to be participants.
2. Take responsible measures to safeguard and protect confidential producer data.
3. Establish application procedures for Relief Fund payments to Eligible Producers under the terms and conditions of this Agreement and any additional terms and conditions required by the State.
4. Determine Eligible Producer and provide payments to Producers' accounts who are determined to be Eligible Producers. If the State does not already have producer information necessary to determine eligibility, the producer must submit acceptable documentation, as determined by the State, which established the eligibility for payment.
5. Provide assistance to producers in the form of outreach, technical assistance, and preparation of application materials to the State.
6. Require the Eligible Producer, via a signed authorization, to agree to allow the State access to the producer's applications, data, and any other relevant documents upon the State requesting such information.
7. Require the Eligible Producer to certify that the statements made on the program application and any other program documents are true and correct and that Eligible Producers understand that any false statements made as part of the application, or any other program documents, can be the subject of substantial civil and/or criminal liability and sanctions.
8. Require Eligible Producers to retain financial and other records relating to the funds for a period of 3 years after completion of the distribution of the Relief Funds or until final resolution of any audit findings or litigation claims relating to the distribution of such funds, whichever is later.
9. Notify the Eligible Producer that failure to provide access to required documentation will result in a breach of its agreement with the State. In the case of a breach, the Producer who is determined to be an Eligible Producer shall be responsible for a full refund of all payments to the State. The State is required to remit the refunds to FSA. If the Producer who is determined to be an Eligible Producer fails to refund payments to the State, the State is nevertheless required to remit equivalent refunds to FSA. The State is required to notify FSA of the need to remit funds to FSA within 60 days of its own discovery of a breach.
10. Return all non-administrative funds not distributed to Eligible Producers to FSA no later than 120 days after the end of the grant period of performance as identified in the Notice of Grant and Agreement Award.
11. Conduct internal reviews of the program to ensure applicants meet all eligibility conditions. As part of the State's internal reviews, the State agrees to review records, if applicable, to determine program compliance. More than one application may be accepted and reviewed per Producer. The State shall make program documents available to FSA for review during normal business hours upon reasonable notice provided to the State in accordance with this Agreement and the approved work plan.

12. Require the Producer to give consent to the State to share Producer's applications, data, and other relevant documents with FSA and RMA or any other government agency that reasonably requests such information.
13. Require the Producer to give consent to FSA and RMA to share the Producer's applications, data, selected Federal crop insurance information, and other relevant documents with the State upon the State requesting such information. An example of a consent form is found in Attachment 4.
14. Comply with the applicable version of the General Terms and Conditions.
15. Comply with any other such responsibilities, terms, and conditions that the State and Eligible Producer agree to in any other related agreement between the State and Eligible Producers.
16. Submit a work plan (Work Plan) via email to FPAC.BC.GAD@usda.gov. Payments to Eligible producers are contingent upon FSA's approval of the Work Plan. The Work Plan shall provide a summary of how the State will implement the program, including, but not limited to, a copy of the State 's application form, payment calculations, loss requirements, required documentation, and the State 's methodology for conducting internal reviews of the program.
17. Report all funds expended under this Agreement as may be required by the Internal Revenue Service and generally accepted accounting principles.
18. Submit reports and payment requests to the Farm Production and Conservation (FPAC) Grants and Agreements Division via email to: FPAC.BC.GAD@usda.gov as outlined in the applicable version of the General Terms and Conditions. Reporting frequency and content is as follows:
 - a. SF425 Financial Reports: submitted every three months after the agreement period of performance start date and due 30 days after the end of the reporting period.
 - b. Performance reports must be submitted every three months after the agreement period of performance start date and due 30 days after the end of the reporting period. In lieu of the required content states in the General Terms and Conditions, the report must include the following:
 - i. The accumulative number of applications;
 - ii. The accumulative number of applications approved;
 - iii. The accumulative amount of dollars disbursed;
 - iv. The accumulative number of reviews conducted;
 - v. Significant developments including:
 1. Problems, delays, or adverse conditions; and estimated time frames as to when these "significant developments" will be resolved and who is responsible for resolving them.
 2. Favorable developments.

G. LINKAGE REQUIREMENTS.

1. Eligible Producers who receive Relief Fund payments from a State under this Agreement must agree to obtain Federal Crop Insurance or NAP for the next available two reinsurance years. Availability will be based on the date the payment is received from the State and may vary depending on the timing and availability of crop insurance or NAP coverage. The coverage should be purchased for the next two reinsurance crop years if

available, with the third reinsurance crop year being the final crop year to purchase crop insurance or NAP coverage to meet the second year of coverage for this requirement.

2. Eligible Producers who receive Relief Fund payments must obtain Federal Crop Insurance for all insurable crops (including aquaculture), trees, bushes, or vines, which they have received a payment due to aquaculture infrastructure, future economic, market, citrus, or plasticulture losses at the 60/100 level of coverage (or equivalent) where insurance is available. Whole Farm Revenue Protection (WFRP) at the 60 percent level may also be purchased. Where Federal Crop Insurance is not available, Eligible Producers who receive Relief Fund payments are required to purchase NAP coverage at the (60/100) level of coverage (or equivalent). Eligible Producers who receive Relief Fund payments for timber, poultry, on-farm building structures, infrastructure as defined in this agreement, above or below-ground irrigation, or on-farm roads, bridges, and culverts losses are not required to meet linkage requirements.
3. If an Eligible Producer who receives Relief Fund payments is ineligible to receive a NAP payment due to their average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI), the Eligible Producer must purchase WFRP at the 60/100 coverage level or equivalent, if qualified to purchase. If AGI is exceeded for NAP eligibility and the Eligible Producer cannot meet WFRP eligibility, then the Eligible Producer is required to obtain NAP coverage at the (60/100) level or equivalent, if available, including paying the administrative fee and filing an annual acreage report with FSA.
4. If an Eligible Producer ceases to plant the crop, tree, bush, or vine they received a payment in one or both of the next available two reinsurance years provided in Item 1 of this Agreement after receiving payments under the terms of this Agreement, the Eligible Producer will not be required to meet linkage requirements for the year(s) the Eligible Producer did not plant that crop, tree, bush, or vine they received a payment on.
5. If an Eligible Producer fails to meet the linkage requirement in one or both years, the State is responsible for requiring the Eligible Producer to refund the applicable Relief Fund payment received under the terms of this Agreement. The State is required to remit the refunds to FSA.
6. Eligible Producers who are indebted to the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) are unable to purchase crop insurance until the debt is satisfied, according to Risk Management Agency (RMA) regulations. Nonetheless, an Eligible Producer indebted to FCIC is eligible to receive Relief Fund payments under the terms of this Agreement, provided the linkage requirements are met. It is the Eligible Producer's responsibility to satisfy the debt to FCIC so crop insurance can be purchased in order to meet the linkage requirements.
7. The State is responsible for obtaining the Eligible Producer's acknowledgment of linkage requirements, monitoring and enforcing the linkage requirements, and collecting refunds from Eligible Producers when linkage is not met. If an Eligible Producer does not refund the applicable Relief Fund payment, the State is nevertheless required to remit equivalent funds to FSA. The State is required notify FSA of the need to remit funds to FSA within 60 days of its own discovery of a failure of an Eligible Producer to meet linkage requirements.

For purposes of this Agreement, linkage requirement interpretations shall be made in a manner consistent with the American Relief Act, 2025, and the cross-referenced linkage requirement found in the 12th proviso under title I of the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (division B of Public Law 117-43), including but not limited to the determination of the persons and entities that are required to meet (and to not meet) the linkage requirements.

Funding Request Methodology:

Infrastructure -

Total infrastructure reported loss for all four hurricanes totaled **\$1,178,435,800**. These losses include reported damages across all sectors, including dairy, fruits, and vegetables. The department has received reported miscellaneous and partial damages to infrastructure (Barns, Perm. Irrigation (Pivots), Plasticulture) of \$115 million. This number is expected to reach \$350-400 million as growers continue to report damages across the state. Growers have also reported \$150 million in market access loss, which is damage to farm bridges and roads.

Commodity Group	Infrastructure Losses \$				
	Idalia	Debby	Helene	Milton	TOTAL
Animal & Animal Products (includes dairy)	*	*	\$ 9,000,000	\$ 72,045,000	\$ 81,045,000
Aquaculture	*	*	*	*	*
Field Crops (Cotton, peanut, rice etc.)	*	*	*	*	*
Forestry	*	*	*	*	*
Fruits (Non- Citrus) and Tree Nuts - (Blueberries, strawberries etc.)	*	*	*	\$ 133,343,100	\$ 133,343,100
Greenhouse/ Nursery	*	*	*	*	*
Vegetables and Melons	*	*	*	\$ 414,047,700	\$ 414,047,700
Misc./Partial infrastructure	\$ 32,709,786	\$ 8,855,959	\$ 29,057,030	\$ 45,055,079	\$ 115,677,854 (reported) \$ 400,000,000 (expected)
Market Access Loss (Farm roads, bridges, etc.)	*	*	*	*	\$ 150,000,000
TOTAL	\$ 32,709,786	\$ 8,855,959	\$ 38,057,030	\$ 664,490,879	\$ 1,178,435,800

Market Loss -

Due to the damage caused by these storms throughout the state, Florida farmers experienced a decrease in production levels. As a result, they lost the opportunity to capitalize on the increasing US demand. In this assessment, the Florida Department of Agriculture’s USMCA report and the USDA production value and movement data were used to compare 2022, 2023, and 2024 weight shipped of 8 of Florida’s top commodities (strawberries, watermelons, blueberries, tomatoes, snap beans, cucumbers, bell peppers, and sweet corn). This research found 268,970,310 pounds of market loss, equating to an estimated **\$324,250,065** market value loss.

Commodity	Florida Pounds Shipped			Total Shipped in US	Percent Market Loss	Loss of Market (lbs)	Estimated Market Value Loss
	2022	2023	2024				
Strawberries	-	268,387,936	245,600,808	1,225,368,130	4.88%	59,797,965	\$131,560,203
Watermelons	-	1,045,129,600	990,590,000	4,403,987,281	1.36%	59,894,227	\$11,989,547
Blueberries	21,349,514	-	17,731,629	250,658,745	2.62%	6,567,259	\$32,309,576
Tomatoes	528,699,324	-	451,138,750	1,793,125,508	4.99%	89,476,963	\$65,643,000
Snap Beans	66,337,980	-	58,215,060	307,434,490	4.23%	13,004,479	\$19,984,411
Cucumbers	100,435,647	-	100,226,178	2,239,593,074	0.34%	7,614,616	\$4,005,367
Bell Peppers	-	171,136,700	161,154,672	1,695,277,001	0.16%	2,712,443	\$33,677,486
Sweet Corn	-	346,275,552	349,393,128	644,447,359	4.64%	29,902,357	\$25,080,475
Total							\$324,250,065

Citrus -

In the 2023-24 growing seasons the Florida citrus industry was significantly impacted by multiple hurricanes causing a wide range of damage including fruit loss, foliage and limb loss, uprooted and toppled trees and tree loss as a result of standing water. Along with the significant loss to tree infrastructure in groves, irrigation systems, equipment barns, pump sheds, packing houses and Citrus Under Protective Cover (CUPS) structures were heavily damaged. A 3% tree loss was reported due to the hurricanes, resulting in a loss of \$80,018,774 according to the Florida Department of Citrus and UF IFAS. Individual Protective Covers (IPCs) were damaged on 1,263,945 trees. The cost of replacing each is \$8.50, resulting in a loss of \$10,743,533. Approximately 1,000 acres of Citrus Under Protective Covers (CUPS) were damaged. At \$35,000 per acre to repair, total losses were \$35,000,000. It is estimated that 192,294 acres of citrus were damaged due to the hurricanes. Each acre is estimated to have a production value of \$515.55, bringing the total loss to \$99,137,172. Total citrus losses for all hurricanes totaled **\$224,889,479**.

Commodity Group	Citrus Losses \$
	TOTAL
Citrus Tree Infrastructure Losses	\$80,018,774
Individual Protective Cover (IPC) Losses	\$10,743,533
Citrus Under Protective Cover (CUPS) Losses	\$35,000,000
Future Citrus Production Losses	\$99,137,172
TOTAL	\$224,889,479

Timber -

Timber damage is estimated by Florida's Forest Service. Following landfall of each hurricane, maps were prepared using available wind speed data to calculate potential affected areas. These maps were further refined using available aerial imagery, aerial surveys, and ground reconnaissance. Damage estimates are based on categories listed as catastrophic, severe, moderate, and light based on wind speed estimates, modeling, and observations. Total forestry losses for all four hurricanes is estimated to be \$203,718,963.

Total Calculated Losses * Payment Factor of 35% = Factored Payment

Supplemental Disaster Funding Distribution Calculation

	Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services – Losses (Hurricanes Idalia, Debby, Helene, and Milton)
Timber Losses	\$203,718,963
Citrus Losses	\$224,889,479
Market Losses	\$324,250,065
Infrastructure Losses	\$1,178,435,800
Total Losses Attributed to Hurricanes Idalia, Debby, Helene and Milton	\$1,931,294,307
FSA Calculated Loss	\$1,931,294,307
Factored Payment 1/	\$675,953,007
<p>1/ USDA has determined that funding requests submitted by States will be factored by 35 percent consistent with the payment factors for both the Supplemental Disaster Relief Program and Emergency Livestock Relief Program previously announced. In the event all funding is not utilized, additional funding may become available later.</p>	

Consent Form

Authorization for Release of Information

Information that the Risk Management Agency (RMA) has in its possession regarding Federal crop insurance is confidential pursuant to Section 502(c) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. § 1502(c)). 7 U.S.C. § 1502(c)(2)(b) allows disclosure of information provided by an agricultural producer or owner of agricultural land concerning the agricultural operation, farming or conservation practices, or the land itself, in order to participate in crop insurance programs pursuant to the consent of the agricultural producer or owner of agricultural land.

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) must have your permission to release your crop insurance and other program information to others. By signing below, you hereby authorize FSA to release your Federal crop insurance information, applications, data, and other relevant documents in their possession for the purpose specified.

I, _____, (print name) hereby authorize FSA to release selected Federal crop insurance information, as determined by FSA, related to _____ for the _____, and _____ reinsurance years, and _____ program information, including applications, data, and other relevant documents required by the State to issue payments for _____ losses in accordance with the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2025.

This information may only be released directly to _____ (Name of State) in accordance with established safeguards to protect confidential data.

Producer Taxpayer Identification Number: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____