



The Briefing – Saturday – October 1 –2022

The last Briefing was Friday Afternoon – September 30 - 2022

[*Here's the College Football TV Schedule for Week Five*](#)

How's your weather - <https://weather.com/>

Ian Update

Being Included in the Major Disaster Declaration will Bring Additional Resources

As of now only 13 counties have been designated for Category A Relief

FEMA says more will be designated

A Federal declaration that a major disaster exists in your county opens the door for substantial Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by Hurricane Ian beginning on September 23, 2022. FEMA Administrator indicated Friday that there would be more counties added to list where Individual Assistance will be provided under the Category A program. Damage assessments are continuing in other areas, and additional areas may be designated for assistance after the assessments are fully completed.

As of Friday, 13 counties have been included in the Federal declaration in which individual assistance will be available to people in Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Hardee, Hillsborough, Lee, Manatee, Orange, Osceola, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota and Seminole counties.

Assistance under this program can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster. Federal funding also is available to State, tribal, and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for debris. For a 30 day period from the start of the incident period, assistance for debris removal and emergency protective measures, including direct Federal assistance, is authorized at 100 percent of the total eligible costs.

Residents and business owners who sustained losses in the designated areas can begin applying for assistance at www.DisasterAssistance.gov, by calling 800-621-FEMA (3362), or by using the [FEMA App](#). Anyone using a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, can give FEMA the number for that service.

Information Resources
The Latest Updates from the National Hurricane Center
The Fla Division of Emergency Management Website
The Fla Dept of Education - School Closures
FloridaDisaster.org
State Emergency Response Team (SERT)
Emergency Support Functions
Emergency Coordinating Officers
Planning and Preparation

Federal Revenue Sharing Funds Available

**Special Thanks to Lisa Tennyson – Monroe County for calling our attention to these funds.*

[Here's the link to funding allocations for eligible counties
Allocations-for-Eligible-Revenue-Sharing-County-Governments](#)

The Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund is a general revenue enhancement program that provides additional assistance to eligible revenue sharing counties and eligible Tribal governments. The American Rescue Plan appropriated \$2 billion to Treasury across fiscal years 2022 and 2023 to provide payments to eligible revenue sharing counties and eligible Tribal governments for use on any governmental purpose except for a lobbying activity. \$750 million is set aside to allocate and pay to eligible revenue sharing counties for each of fiscal years 2022 and 2023. Under this program, recipients have broad discretion on uses of funds, similar to the ways in which they may use funds generated from their own revenue sources.

Here's the link to the program guidelines - <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/local-assistance-and-tribal-consistency-fund>.

Headlines Around the State

NYTimes: Facing a Dire Storm Forecast in Florida, Officials Delayed Evacuation

Herald: SW Florida residents in Ian's path had about a day's warning to evacuate. Was it enough?

NYTimes: Officials in Florida say shifting forecasts complicated the timing of evacuation orders.

Post: Hurricane Ian: DeSantis bristles when questioned whether state could have been better prepared

Times: DeSantis in Lee County vows to rebuild bridge, defends evacuation decisions in Ian

The Hill: Hurricane Ian leads to political whiplash for Ron DeSantis

FlaPol: 'You loot, we shoot': Gov. DeSantis stresses law and order in Ian-ravaged communities

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis presses FEMA to add east coast counties to Ian disaster declaration

FlaPol: Four more counties added to federal disaster declaration

FlaPol: 'They are going through hell': Casey DeSantis talks post-Ian Florida Disaster Fund on Fox

Politico: Biden: Hurricane Ian destruction 'likely to rank among the worst' in U.S. history

Herald: Will Florida's ailing insurance industry get swamped by claims from Hurricane Ian?

Politico: Ian inflicts staggering losses on Florida's growth machine

FlaPol: FEMA cuts red tape on federal flood insurance payments for Florida policyholders

Politico: 4 things holding back restoration of Florida's electric grid

FlaPol: More than 1.8 million remain without power after Hurricane Ian

FlaPol: Most customers in Charlotte, Collier, Lee, Sarasota counties still powerless after Hurricane Ian

FlaPol: Nassau County lifts evacuation order, dries out from Ian's flooding

Politico: 'I lost everything I own': Florida residents shell-shocked by Ian's destruction

AP: Florida health care facilities evacuate patients after Ian

AP: Storm-battered Florida businesses face arduous rebuilding

Herald: 'Everything is gone.' River still rising from Ian imperils rural Southwest Florida towns

Times: They rode out Ian on shrimping boats. Now they fear their livelihood is destroyed

NYTimes: Some Florida hospitals hit by Ian are still scrambling to evacuate patients, or just provide care.

NBC 6: 'I Would Never Stay Again': Survivors of Ian in Sanibel Detail Ordeal and Rescue

WUSF: Hundreds of North Port residents trapped by flooded waters after Hurricane Ian

Herald Tribune: Frustrated North Port residents continue to endure rising floodwaters, I-75 closed

NBC 6: Death Toll in Florida Rises to 34, Rescues Continue After Ian Causes Catastrophic Damage

Politico: Ian's death toll rises as massive rescue efforts continue in Florida

FlaPol: Email insights: Prediction market warns Ron DeSantis could blow re-election with Ian misstep

FlaPol: Charlie Crist plans 'Day of Action' in response to Hurricane Ian

FlaPol: Fla. Dept of State delays campaign reporting, considers contingencies after Hurricane Ian

WaPo: Why many homes and buildings in this Florida city still stand, even after Ian

Times: As Ian's aftermath is felt across Florida, its destruction comes into view

NYTimes: On Florida's Islands, Scenes of Paradise Lost, Maybe for Good

FlaPol: Annette Taddeo campaign says \$1.7M in 'last-minute' GOP airtime buys proves CD 27 is a toss-up

FlaPol: Human Rights Campaign endorses four more Florida Democrats for Congress

FlaPol: Ted Deutch resigns from Congress to join the American Jewish Committee

FlaPol: 'Elections are coming up': Lenny Curry warns political enemies in Ian wrap-up

FlaPol: Lenny Curry laments 'incredibly high' Florida homeowners insurance rates

FlaPol: 'These cities and their people will recover': Francis Suarez tours Hurricane Ian wreckage

Herald: Miami Mayor Francis Suarez was at a New York fundraiser during Hurricane Ian

FlaPol: Much of its infrastructure wrecked by Ian; Traversing Florida will be a tough ride

FlaPol: FDOT: Section of I-75 closed in Southwest Florida due to rising water

FlaPol: Amscot founder donates \$1M to state hurricane relief fund

AP: Floods trap many in Florida as Ian heads to South Carolina

Politico: Feds seek to fast-track appeal in Trump Mar-a-Lago documents fight

NYTimes: For Weather Reporters, How Close to a Storm is Too Close?

Sentinel: Hurricane Ian: Orange Mayor Demings urges patience with clean-up effort

Post: Disney resort during Hurricane Ian was 'like the Twilight Zone,' according to guest

Daily News: Devastation from Hurricane Ian worse than Charley, Sanibel police chief says

PNJ: Minimum wage goes up today and may bring down Pensacola businesses

Herald: Tucker Carlson's Southwest Florida home was in Hurricane Ian's destructive path

Axios: Worries mount as Florida communities remain cut off after Hurricane Ian

On the Docket

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2022

- **WETLANDS DISPUTE HEARD:** The U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments in a case about the authority of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers over wetlands. The Idaho case has drawn briefs from across the country, including from Associated Industries of Florida and the affiliated Florida H2O Coalition. Also, Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody has signed on to a brief filed by other states. (Monday, 10 a.m., U.S. Supreme Court, Washington, D.C.)
- **AUSLEY, SIMON DEBATE:** Sen. Lorraine Ausley, D-Tallahassee, and Corey Simon, a Republican seeking to unseat her in November, will debate at the Capital Tiger Bay Club. (Monday, 11:30 a.m., Donald L. Tucker Civic Center, 505 West Pensacola St., Tallahassee.)
- **LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES AT TIGER BAY:** Candidates in four Orlando-area legislative races are slated to appear at the Tiger Bay Club of Central Florida. (Monday, 11:30 a.m., Citrus Club, 255 South Orange Ave., Suite 1800, Orlando.)
- **ANTONACCI REMEMBERED:** A “celebration of life” service will be held for Pete Antonacci, who died Sept. 23 of a heart attack after a career that included serving in numerous high-ranking government posts. At the time of his death, Antonacci, 74, was director of the state’s new Office of Election Crimes and Security. Previously, he held positions including Broward County supervisor of elections, CEO of Enterprise Florida, executive director of the South Florida Water Management District, Palm Beach County state attorney and general counsel to former Gov. Rick Scott. (Monday, 3 p.m., Florida State University Alumni Center, 1030 West Tennessee St., Tallahassee.)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2022

- **STORM PROTECTION PLANS:** The Florida Public Service Commission will take up a series of issues, including storm-protection plans for Florida Power & Light, Duke Energy Florida, Tampa Electric Co. and Florida Public Utilities Co. (Tuesday, 9:30 a.m., Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.)
- **‘WELL-BEING COUNCIL’:** The state Child and Family Well-Being Council will meet. (Tuesday, 10 a.m. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/>)
- **OPTICIAN ISSUES:** The Florida Board of Opticianry will meet. (Tuesday, 5 p.m. <https://meet.goto.com/832436685>. Call-in number: 1-877-309 2073. Code: 832436685)

- **MANATEE-SARASOTA COLLEGE BOARD:** The Board of Trustees of the State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota is scheduled to meet. (Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota, Bradenton Campus, 5840 26th St. West, Bradenton.)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2022

- **UNEMPLOYMENT CASES:** The state Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission will meet. (Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Conference ID: 175899214)
- **DENTAL SCREENINGS:** Sen. Ana Maria Rodriguez, R-Doral, Rep. Daniel Perez, R-Miami, and Rep. David Borrero, R-Sweetwater, will sponsor an event that will offer free dental screenings for children. (Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Ronselli Park, 250 S.W. 114th Ave., Miami.)
- **DEVELOPMENT FINANCE BOARD:** The Florida Development Finance Corp. Board of Directors is scheduled to meet. (Wednesday, 3 p.m., Florida Development Finance Corp., 156 Tuskawilla Road, Suite 2340, Winter Springs. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81386714803?pwd=VzJYVFU4WkFQaVhPeHVhRytzVTVEZ09>. Meeting ID: 8138671480. Code: 954436. Call-in number: 1-646-558-8656)
- **CENTRAL FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD:** The College of Central Florida Board of Trustees will meet. (Wednesday, 4 p.m., Hampton Center, 1501 West Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala.)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2022

- **FAMU TRUSTEES:** The Florida A&M University Board of Trustees will meet. (Thursday, 8:30 a.m., Florida A&M University, Grand Ballroom, Tallahassee. <https://famu.zoom.us/j/94906121517?pwd=Y05QMW12NTUxTjQvcE1lL25lZm9XZz09>. Webinar ID: 94906121517. Code: 738230. Call-in number: 1-646-931-3860)
- **GAMBLING ISSUES:** The Florida Gaming Control Commission will meet. (Thursday, 9:30 a.m., 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- **NORTHEAST FLORIDA COUNCIL:** The Northeast Florida Regional Council will meet in Duval County. (Thursday, 10 a.m., Northeast Florida Regional Council, 100 Festival Park Ave., Jacksonville. <https://nefrc-org.zoom.us/j/87499770491>. Meeting ID: 87499770491)
- **SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS:** The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release its weekly opinions. (Thursday, 11 a.m.)
- **SOCIAL WORK BOARD:** The Florida Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling will meet. (Thursday, 11 a.m. <https://meet.goto.com/862593893>. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 862593893)
- **HALEY SPEAKS IN PALM BEACH:** Former United Nations Ambassador and South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley will speak to the Forum Club of the Palm Beaches. (Thursday, noon, Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach.)
- **NURSING BOARD:** The Florida Board of Nursing is scheduled to meet in Hillsborough County. (Thursday, 1:30 p.m., Embassy Suites Tampa, USF, 3705 Spectrum Blvd., Tampa.)
- **HILLSBOROUGH COLLEGE BOARD:** The Hillsborough Community College Board of Trustees will meet. (Thursday, 4 p.m., Hillsborough Community College, Dr. Gwendolyn W. Stephenson District Administration Center, 39 Columbia Dr., Tampa.)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2022

- **BOARD OF MEDICINE:** The Florida Board of Medicine is scheduled to meet. (Friday, 8 a.m., The Westshore Grand, 4860 West Kennedy Blvd., Tampa.)
- **NURSING BOARD:** The Florida Board of Nursing is scheduled to meet in Hillsborough County. (Friday, 8:30 a.m., Embassy Suites Tampa, USF, 3705 Spectrum Blvd., Tampa.)

- PRISON MEDICAL ISSUES: The Correctional Medical Authority is scheduled to meet. (Friday, 9 a.m., Florida State Prison, 23916 N.W. 83rd Ave., Raiford. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 344085830)
- FINANCE REPORTS DUE: State candidates and political committees face a Friday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through Sept. 30.

Upcoming Meetings

Small County Coalition Fall Breakfast Meeting

Wednesday – November 30 - St. Pete – Coinciding with the FAC Winter Meeting

Greet New Commissioners and Adopt Legislative Program

[Registration for FAC Legislative Annual Conference](#)

Small School District Council Consortium - Breakfast Meeting

Thursday – December 1 – Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay -Coinciding with the FSBA Winter Meeting

Greet New School Board Members and Adopt Legislative Program

[FSBA/FADSS 77th Annual Joint Conference – Florida School Boards Association](#)

Florida Rural Economic Development Summit

December 7-9, 2022 - Renaissance World Golf Village Resort in St. Augustine

[Registration for Summit](#)

About the Briefing!

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The Briefing is compiled **2-3 times a week** to provide information to elected officials and staff in counties that are members of the Small County Coalition and the Small School District Council Consortium. It is also sent to Professional Colleagues and Associates. For Questions Email – doolin@DoolinandAssoc.com

Website Links

[Small County Coalition Website](#)

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