

Elevate Florida Program Snapshot Reporting Period: July 2025



Elevate Florida is an innovative statewide initiative aimed at improving the resilience of **around 2,000*** homes by using more than **\$400 million** in federal funding.

*This is subject to change based on project complexity, available funding, and program requirements.

Estimated Elevate Florida Timeline

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Completed

In-Progress

Not Started

Elevate Florida has sent 305 applications to FEMA for funding determination.

Application Submittal Feb – Apr 2025 Application Review* Apr – Dec 2025 FEMA Decision & Approval Jul 2025 - Mar 2026 Construction
Sep 2025 - Dec 2026

Close Out Jan 2027+

Feb 7, 2025

Application

Portal

Opened

Apr 11, 2025

Application

Portal Closed

May 22, 2025

Began

Scheduling

Inspections

Aug 2025
Applicants
Received Project

Status Update

Jul - Dec 2025 Submit Applications to FEMA (rolling basis) Aug 2025 - Mar 2026
Projects receive FEMA

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Sept 2025 – Dec 2026 Begin Construction (rolling basis) Jan 2027

Begin

Program

Project

Closeout

Program Accomplishments as of August 4th, 2025



Applications for **305 properties** sent to FEMA for review



Updated **Property Owner Guide** posted on the Elevate Florida portal



28 construction vendors selected

Program Update

In July, the Elevate Florida program sent applications for 305 properties to FEMA for final award determination. While FEMA reviews these applications for funding, Environmental & Historic Preservation consultations will be conducted, if needed.

By the end of August 2025, all applicants will have been notified that they are either moving forward in the program, not moving forward in the program, or been put on a waitlist to possibly move forward if others withdraw.

Hot Topic: Duplication of Benefits

Duplication of Benefits (DOB) refers to situations where an entity receives financial assistance from multiple sources for the same purpose, loss, or need, resulting in an overpayment or "duplication" of aid. Federal law (the Stafford Act – 42 U.S.C. § 5155 and 44 CFR 206.191) prohibits DOB.

During the Application Review stage, applicants submit a DOB Disclosure form and, if necessary, documentation of other assistance, reinvestments, support for funding received, and receipts showing that previous funding was spent in accordance with outlined requirements. DOB review is a continuous process; the program conducts another review for DOB before the Homeowner Grant Agreement is signed and construction begins. At that time, unspent funds would count as DOB. Property owners are responsible for maintaining receipts and documentation, reporting any changes in payouts, settlements, awards, and gifts, filing insurance claims prior to receiving hazard mitigation grants, and communicating with their Case Manager. These tasks must be completed directly by the property owner to align with compliance and proper grant processing. We will review again at project closeout to comply with federal requirements. For more information, see Elevate Florida's DOB Information Guide.

For example, Applicant A's total eligible project cost for structure elevation is expected to be \$100,000 but they previously received \$10,000 for foundation repairs from an NFIP payout. If they hadn't yet spent the NFIP funds, their total eligible project cost under Elevate Florida would be reduced to \$90,000. If the applicant spent the NFIP payout appropriately, documented all costs, and submitted adequate documentation on time to Elevate Florida, it may not be considered a DOB, and the eligible project cost could remain at \$100,000.

^{**}Elevate Florida's prioritization process has been completed.