

# Elevate Florida Program Snapshot Reporting Period: October 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**

Key:

Completed

🔵 In-Progress

Not Started

All Property Owners are either in the Application Review Stage or FEMA Decision & Approval Stage.

Application Submittal Feb 2025 – Apr 2025 Application Review\*\*
Apr 2025 - Dec 2025

FEMA Decision & Approval Jul 2025 - Early 2026 Begin Construction
Upon FEMA Approval

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 2025 – Early 2026 Submit Applications to FEMA

(rolling basis)

Fall 2025 - Mid 2026
Projects receive
ongoing FEMA Notice
of Award (rolling
basis)

Upon FEMA Approval
Begin Construction
Upon FEMA Approval
(rolling basis)

Jan 2027 Begin Program Project Closeout

\*\*Elevate Florida's prioritization process has been completed.

### **Program Accomplishments as of November 7, 2025**



Elevate Florida program hosted a successful in-person **General Contractor Kick-Off** on October 15 and 16 to prepare construction contractors for next steps.



Over 729 Property Owners returned Pre-Mitigation Agreements (PMA) and costshares to Elevate Florida, demonstrating strong preliminary commitment for the project.



Elevate Florida is continuing to schedule and complete pre-construction inspections to confirm project scopes and estimates before submitting applications for FEMA review and award decision.

Disclaimer: Statistics are accurate as of the publication date of this document.

# **Program Update**

The Elevate Florida program is actively scheduling preconstruction inspections and assessments for Property Owners, a critical step that finalizes grant applications and prepares projects to advance after Pre-Mitigation Agreement (PMA) signing, for FEMA final review and award decision.

The General Contractor Kick-Off held in-person on October 15 and 16 marked an important milestone for the Elevate Florida program. The event equipped contractors with key information and resources, enabling a smooth transition from preconstruction to on-the-ground work.



The Elevate Florida program is clearing up misunderstandings by sharing timely, accurate information.

Myth: "The Elevate Florida program has run out of money."

Fact: Here's what Property Owners need to know: Funding is available for Property Owners whose projects have been selected to advance within the program. Once a property has successfully completed the application and selection process, the program will directly manage and disburse all approved funding on behalf of the Property Owner, as we mitigate to enhance resilience.

# Hot Topic: Mitigation Reconstruction Federal Cost-Share Increase

In September 2025, the federal funding cap for mitigation reconstruction projects through Elevate Florida was raised from \$220,000 to \$375,000 to reflect rising construction costs. Now, federal support for eligible "hard costs" (such as demolition, rebuilding, utility connections, framing, and flooring) is capped at \$375,000, up from the previous \$220,000. The cap applies only to direct building expenses and does not include design, permits, or accessibility upgrades. Property Owners will have to pay for all hard costs above the hard cost funding cap, in addition to their cost-share of the project.

This positive change provides Property Owners more opportunity and flexibility, particularly as construction costs rise. While the adjustment does not add new program funding or change waitlist positions, it makes Mitigation Reconstruction far more accessible for those with larger projects.