



Elevate Florida Program Snapshot

Reporting Period: March 2026

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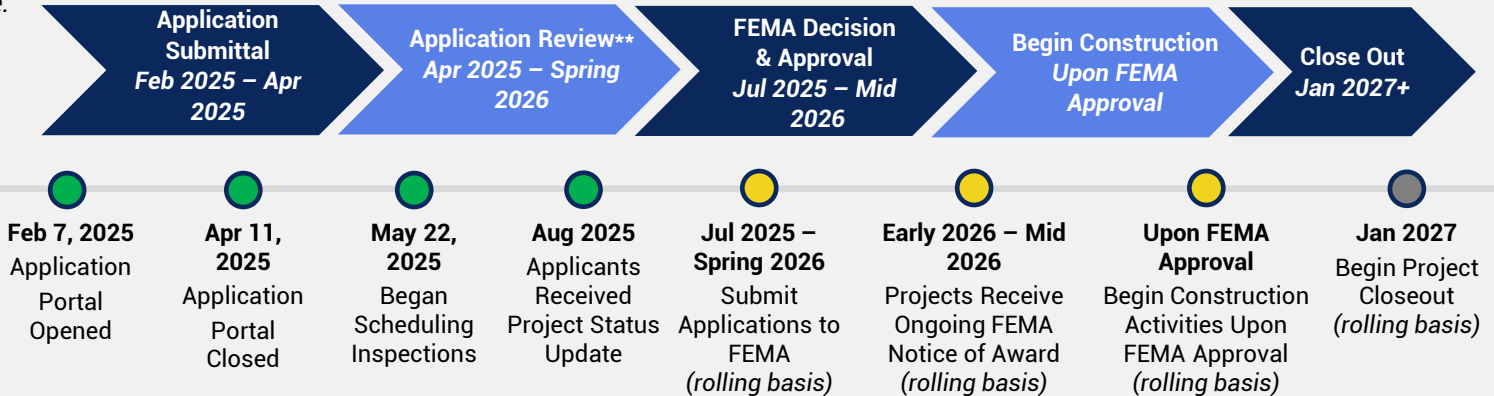
Elevate Florida is an innovative statewide initiative aimed at improving the resilience of **around 2,000+** homes by using approximately **\$400 million** in federal funding.

**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, FEMA Decision & Approval Stage, or progressed to Construction Stage.



Program Accomplishments as of March 25, 2026



Received **4 property FEMA award determinations** to begin construction preparation activities; additional awards are expected in the coming months.



Over the past month, **packaged 240+ Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) applications** for the State's technical review prior to FEMA submission.



Over the past month, **submitted 110+ additional properties** to FEMA for final award determination.



Mythbusters

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

Myth: "FEMA is not involved in the review, approval, denial, or administration of Elevate Florida and the program's funding. The program's funding is solely the State of Florida and FDEM's responsibility."

Fact: Elevate Florida is funded by federal grant dollars; the program follows federal grant guidelines which requires FEMA review and approval of projects. Elevate Florida submits applications to FEMA for funding approval, following the State's technical review.

Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Swift Current applications are fully reviewed by FEMA, whereas FDEM completes all programmatic and technical reviews for HMGP, subject to FEMA's final approval. In both instances, FEMA obligates the funding with the final project approvals. FEMA approval is required before construction activities covered under each specific award can begin.



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Elevate Florida Progress: State Review & FEMA Decision

In the first week of March 2026, the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) received the first, initial awards for Elevate Florida properties from FEMA. For the approved applicants, Elevate Florida has begun the next steps for these Property Owners. Bidding is underway, which includes bid walks, bid review, and contractor selection. This process is followed by the Financial Packet and Homeowner Grant Agreement.

As there continues to be positive movement forward across applications, the program expects to continue receiving award decisions from FEMA within the coming months. Over 400 HMGP applicants are within the final *Review Stage* - the State technical review that is required before FEMA submission to develop a complete, compliant application package. Elevate Florida continues to remain on track to submit remaining HMGP applicants by the Spring 2026 deadline to FEMA, which occurs on a rolling basis.



As FEMA completes application reviews for the 335+ HMGP applications submitted to date, Elevate Florida will begin to rollout the necessary construction activities for the subsequent approvals as they are awarded. These activities, mentioned above, are outlined in Section 5 of the [Property Owner Guide](#). If a project is awarded funding, Property Owners will receive a notification from their Case Manager via the portal and email with the award notification and information on the following actions needed from them to continue to the next phase of the program.

Post-FEMA Award Next-Steps: Homeowner Grant Agreement

After receiving a FEMA award determination, Property Owners have a set of required next steps to prepare for groundbreaking and official construction start. As highlighted in last month's Snapshot, the three significant pre-construction activities include: scheduling a bid walk and design meeting (*if applicable*), receiving and returning a Financial Packet that outlines the project's projected costs, and returning a signed Homeowner Grant Agreement (HGA). More information on the required documentation process is outlined in the graphic below:

