# Elevate Florida Program Snapshot
# Reporting Period: August 2026

Elevate Florida is an innovative statewide initiative designed to improve the resilience of approximately 2,000* homes through nearly $400 million in federal funding.

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

## Elevate Florida Status

**Key:** Completed | In-Progress | Not Started

**As of August 31, Elevate Florida has received 71 property awards and completed over 40 bid walks.** These completed bid walks represent the continued progress and movement for properties participating in the Elevate Florida program.

Application Submittal → Application Review → FEMA Decision & Approval → Begin Construction → Close Out

| Date | Milestone | Status |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Feb 7 – Apr 11, 2025** | Elevate Florida Application Period | Completed |
| **May 22, 2025** | Began Scheduling Inspections | Completed |
| **Jul 2025 – Mid 2026** | Submit Applications to FEMA *(rolling basis)* | In-Progress |
| **Early 2026 – Onward** | Projects Receive Ongoing FEMA Notice of Award *(rolling basis)* | In-Progress |
| **Mar 10, 2026** | Received First 4 Property Awards Under Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) | Completed |
| **Upon FEMA Approval** | Begin Construction Activities Upon FEMA Approval *(rolling basis)* | In-Progress |
| **Jan 2027** | Begin Project Closeout *(rolling basis)* | Not Started |

*Note: Applicants under review may be designated as alternates and may move forward if an awarded applicant withdraws – awarded properties will not move forward if the property owner withdraws.*

## Mythbusters

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

**Myth:** "I might not get funded if I am one of the last applications submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for funding determination."

**Fact: Timing of submission to FEMA does not impact availability of funding.** If an application has moved through application preparation, State Technical Review, and has been submitted to FEMA for review, the total project funding has already been accounted for.

However, this funding allocation is not a guarantee of FEMA approval and award. FEMA must complete its review and make the final funding determination.

## Program Highlight: FEMA Review Process, Obligation, and Award

Process steps after the program packages and submits applications to FEMA for final funding determination.

### FEMA Review

- **Application & Program Review:** Confirm the application is complete, the proposed activity is eligible, and costs are necessary and reasonable; request additional information as needed to meet program requirements.
- **Technical Feasibility & Cost-Effectiveness Review:** Confirm the project is technically sound, reduces future hazard risk, and is expected to deliver risk reduction benefits at least equal to or greater than its cost.
- **Environmental & Historic Review:** Assess potential environmental and historic preservation impacts.
- **Approval Preparation:** Document the completed reviews and prepare the project for formal approval.

### Project Approval & Funding Obligation

- FEMA approves the project and obligates the federal funding, formally committing the approved federal share. *Depending on the award amount, additional administrative notifications may be required and could delay funding for several weeks.*

### Project Award

- FEMA completes the administrative steps to finalize and issue the project award to the Florida Division of Emergency Management, which outlines the approved funding, project scope, and award conditions. Upon receipt, Elevate Florida notifies property owners of the next steps.

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