



Elevate Florida Program Snapshot

Reporting Period: April 2026



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*.



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Feb 7, 2025	Apr 11, 2025	May 22, 2025	Aug 2025	Jul 2025 – May 2026	Early 2026 – Mid 2026	Upon FEMA Approval	Jan 2027
Application Portal Opened	Application Portal Closed	Began Scheduling Inspections	Applicants Received Project Status Update	Submit Applications to FEMA (rolling basis)	Projects Receive Ongoing FEMA Notice of Award (rolling basis)	Begin Construction Activities Upon FEMA Approval (rolling basis)	Begin Project Closeout (rolling basis)

Mythbusters

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

Myth: "I have heard that Elevate Florida has been accepting new applications for the program. How can I apply or be considered by Elevate Florida?"

Fact: Elevate Florida has not re-opened the application submission portal or accepted any additional applications after the application period from 2/7/2025 – 4/11/2025 and received over 12,000 applications from residents spanning 64 Florida counties. In August 2025, the program completed its prioritization process and notified applicants whether they would proceed in the program, be placed on a waitlist, or be withdrawn due to limited funds. As withdrawals exceeded initial projections, and to fully utilize the federal funding for Elevate Florida, the program contacted waitlisted and previously withdrawn applicants to confirm their interest in proceeding with the program. **These applicants were not required to reapply, as their applications remained active in the system.**

Post-FEMA Award Next-Steps: Bid Walk Basics

Upon receipt of FEMA award, Elevate Florida team members will schedule bid walks for the awarded Property Owners. Property Owners may be required to be in attendance for the bid walk process to allow Construction Contractors into their property and answer any questions about their property during the walkthrough, should they arise. As of May 2026, Elevate Florida has completed three bid walks and is actively working to schedule the fourth. A breakdown of the bid walk process is outlined below.

BID WALK SCHEDULING & DESIGN MEETING

Contractors are assigned to a property to complete bid walks. Bid walks are scheduled and the date is sent to the Property Owner via the Portal and their assigned Case Manager. The assigned Contractors, Engineer of Record, and Bid Walk Specialist attend the bid walk. For some project types, the Property Owner may be required to attend the design meeting.

"All in all, I thought it was a great success!"
- Lee County Property Owner post-bid walk

DESIGN & CONTRACTOR SELECTION

After the bid walk the design process will begin and once complete, Elevate Florida will select and assign a pre-approved Construction Contractor to the project; this Contractor will be responsible for completion of the project.

"It's just so awesome to see everybody in person finally ... It's happening. It's real."
- Pasco County Property Owner post-bid walk

FINANCIAL PACKET, HGA & CONSTRUCTION PREPARATION

The Property Owner will then receive their Financial Packet that outlines the initial expected construction costs. Upon the return of the signed Financial Packet, the Property Owner receives their Homeowner Grant Agreement (HGA), that outlines expected cost-share responsibility and temporary relocation (if applicable). Upon HGA signing, construction preparation may begin.