



# ELEVATE FLORIDA

Elevate Florida is a first-of-its-kind, groundbreaking statewide residential mitigation program. Led by the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM), this program is designed to protect homes and communities by reducing damage caused by natural disasters like hurricanes and floods.

## Benefits For Property Owners

Elevate Florida expedites the process and completes a resident's mitigation project the following ways:

- May reduce insurance premiums
- Can increase property value
- With only a cost-share up to 25 percent, much of the project cost is covered
- Enjoy end-to-end assistance, from application to construction, including contractor services, temporary housing support, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accommodations

## Property Owner Eligibility

To become a potential customer of the Elevate Florida program, applicants must:

- Be over 18
- Be a U.S. citizen
- Contribute a portion of the project's total cost
- Be the legal property owner of a residential property in the State of Florida

Multi-family real estate such as duplexes, triplexes, condos, townhomes, semi-detached homes, apartments and manufactured homes may be eligible.

## Eligible Projects



### Structure Elevation

Physically raising an existing structure.



### Mitigation Reconstruction

The construction of an improved, elevated building on the same site where an existing building and/or foundation has been partially or completely demolished or destroyed. These activities result in the construction of code-compliant and hazard-resistant structures. Mitigation Reconstruction is the alternative to Structure Elevation when the structure is not sound enough to elevate, as determined during application review.



### Acquisition/Demolition

A structure is purchased from voluntary sellers and demolished, to be maintained by the local community as open space. The local community must agree to participate in this project type.



### Wind Mitigation

Measures that reduce the risk of future wind damage to structures. This may include alterations to roofs, windows, doors, and other vulnerable components of structures.

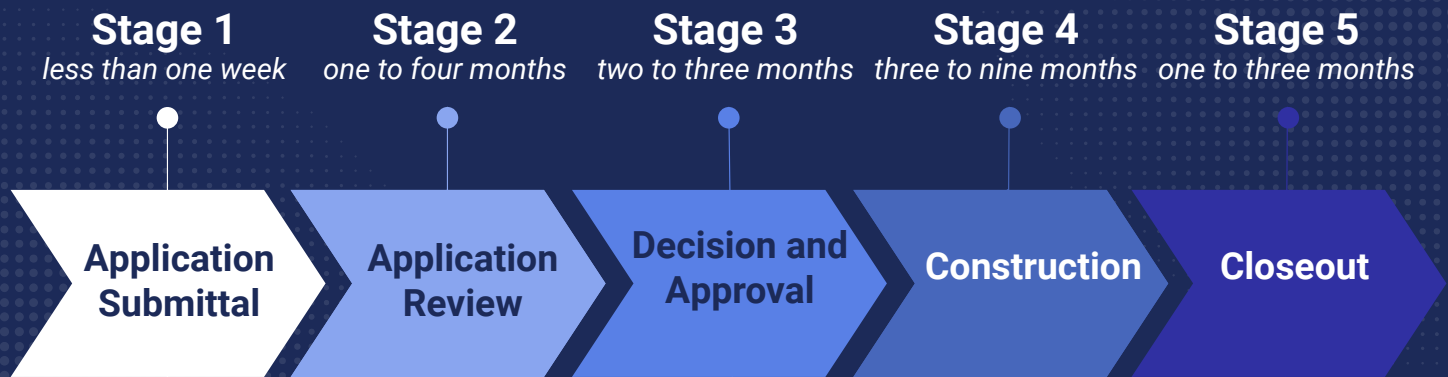
## Application

Create an account and complete the application on the Elevate Florida Portal at [fdem-resmit.my.site.com/Elevate/](https://fdem-resmit.my.site.com/Elevate/).

For questions, technical support, or application assistance, submit a “Contact Us” form at the Elevate Florida Portal or email [info@elevatefl.org](mailto:info@elevatefl.org). You can also call the contact center Mon-Fri, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. EST at **877-ELEV8FL (877-353-8835)**.

## Project Timeline

Timelines vary based on project type, with some projects taking up to two years. There are five stages with estimated time periods of:



The property does not need to have experienced flooding or damage in the past to be considered. However, applications may be prioritized based on history of loss.

## Funding and Cost-share

Federal grant funding will cover at least 75 percent of the project cost, meaning property owners only need to invest up to 25 percent—a significant savings.

- Property owners will be required to provide up to 25 percent of initial inspection costs prior to inspections being completed.
- The total construction cost for each property will be determined during the initial review period based on factors such as project type, square footage of living space, foundation and construction type, and any necessary project activities.
- Approved property owners will receive a detailed breakdown of their construction cost-share and will have time to decide if they would like to move forward with the project’s next phase.
- The cost-share will also include relocation expenses during construction, meaning the program will pay at least 75 percent of these expenses.

For more information, visit the [Elevate Florida Portal](#) and view our frequently asked questions.

