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HURRICANE LOSS MITIGATION PROGRAMFiscal Year 2025-2026 Application Cycle

PURPOSE:

The Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) is soliciting applications for the State Fiscal Year 2025–2026 Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program (HLMP). The Legislature provides the Division with Hurricane Loss Mitigation funds through section 215.555(7)(c), Florida Statutes. HLMP is a specialized, state-funded mitigation program aimed at minimizing damage caused by hurricanes. Provided by the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Trust Fund, the program funds activities that promote structure resiliency.

The application process for HLMP has changed and is outlined below.

COMMON ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES:

Eligible project types under the HLMP include:

- Residential/Non-Residential Wind Retrofit
- Tree Trimming
- Property Acquisition and Demolition
- Localized Flood Risk Reduction

INELIGIBLE EXPENSES:

Ineligible expenses under the HLMP include:

- Work on non-site-built homes
- Equipment purchases
- Generators and related wiring
- Work on mobile or manufactured homes
- Work on a portion of a structure connected to a non-mitigated structure

ALLOCATION AND COST SHARE:

Total HLMP Funding for FY 2025-2026: \$3,500,000.00

Each applicant may submit one application totaling no more than \$250,000.00. HLMP is 100 percent state funded with no local cost share. Additionally, HLMP is a cost-reimbursement grant with up to 100 percent of total project costs eligible for reimbursable.

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ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

Government entities (cities and counties), Nonprofit organizations, and public and private education institutions. For Government entities, only 1 project can be awarded for each city and county.

PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE:

The period of performance will begin upon the issuance of an Award Letter (no earlier than July 1st, 2025) and be effective through June 30, 2026. More information about the application and award process is outlined below.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

All HLMP notifications will be announced through FDEM's GovDelivery communications via <u>Mitigation Grant</u> <u>Announcements</u>.

For FY 2025-2026, the application process for submitting applications has changed. A Notice of Interest (NOI) period will precede the official application period in which applications are due for funding consideration. Completion of the NOI Form and applicable supporting documentation is not required but it is highly recommended to receive feedback on the proposed project prior to submitting an official application. The NOI submission period will remain open for 30 days and responses from FDEM shall be provided up to one week after the NOI period closes. Submission of an NOI form does not guarantee an award.

Following the NOI period, a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) will be published with the application details and deadline. Application materials and information will also be posted to the <u>HLMP webpage</u>. Only complete applications will be accepted. The application period will remain open for 45 days.

Application review will occur immediately following the deadline outlined on the NOFA. Each application will be reviewed for programmatic eligibility, feasibility, and cost effectiveness. After scoring and ranking approved applications, Notice of Award letters will be issued to awarded applicants and FDEM will begin contracting.

RESOURCES AND CONTACT INFORMATION:

FDEM HLMP details and applicable forms can be found at https://www.floridadisaster.org/dem/mitigation/hurricane-loss-mitigation-program/.

Questions may be directed to HLMP@em.myflorida.com.

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