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The Florida's Division of Emergency Management created the Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program to act as a specialized, state-funded mitigation program aimed at minimizing damages caused by hurricanes. The program began as an active response to the devastation brought by Hurricane Andrew, specifically to the insurance Market in the State of Florida. With an annual budget of \$7 million, provided by the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Trust Fund, the program is funding activities that promote property resiliency through retrofits made to residential, commercial, and mobile home properties, the promotion of public education and public information, and through hurricane research activities.

Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program Retrofit Grant

Up to \$3.4 million is to be used on improving community resiliency through the Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program Grant. Through partnering with local housing authorities and non-profit organizations, the Division has been able to promote wind and flood mitigation and provide hazard mitigation retrofitting to residential and commercial properties. Funded activities include retrofits, inspections, and construction or modification of building components designed to increase a structure's ability to withstand hurricane-force winds and flooding. The Retrofit Program utilizes the Florida Building Code as its standard for all retrofitting. The \$194,000 reimbursement grant may also be used for Local Mitigation Strategy projects.

How to Apply

Grant funds awarded under the HLMP qualify as state financial assistance under the Florida Single Audit Act. See Section 215.971, Florida Statutes. The Catalog of State Financial Assistance number (CSFA#) for HLMP is 31.066. Because the Legislature provides the Division with HLMP funds through the grants and aid appropriation category, eligible proposers under this RFP include governmental entities, nonprofit organizations, and qualified for-profit organizations; individual homeowners are ineligible to apply.

DEADLINE TO APPLY:

RFPs are advertised in the Florida Administrative Register and issued via the www.myflorida.com web portal. Email HLMP@em.myflorida.com to request being added to announcements in funding opportunities.

CONTRACT/GRANT PERIOD

Contracts and grants can begin at any time during the fiscal year, but must all be terminated by June 30 of the same fiscal year. The state fiscal year is July 1 through June 30.

Grant Management Tools

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Florida International University Hurricane Research Program

Of moneys provided to the Division, ten percent is allocated to Florida International University to be applied to research and outreach conducted by the International Hurricane Research Center. The IHRC is a multi-disciplinary research and education organization focused on a single mission: to reduce hurricane damage and loss of life through more effective mitigation. As a University entity, the IHRC conducts both basic and applied research. The IHRC research tries to answer fundamental questions in order to reduce the hurricane threat. The Center's current studies involve such areas as: household mitigation and evacuation; storm hazard and vulnerability mapping, long-term community recovery; and economic loss modeling.

<http://www.ihrc.fiu.edu/>

Tallahassee Community College Mobile Home Tie-Down Program

Forty-percent of the \$7 million total (\$2.8 million) appropriated by the Legislature shall be used to inspect and improve tie-downs for mobile homes. Section 215.559, *Florida Statutes*, authorizes the Department to contract with Tallahassee Community College to administer the mobile home tie-down program.

The Mobile Home Tie-Down Program is a pilot project designed to demonstrate, test and raise awareness of new techniques to enhance manufactured home wind resistance. The goal is to reduce property damage from high wind events. A tie-down system is designed to secure the manufactured homes to the ground. Traditional tie-down systems use the longitudinal ground anchors and straps which sometimes corrode and disintegrate. The new tie-down system include lateral foundation systems with longitudinal stabilizer devices or ground stabilizer plates wherever possible. Tie-down retrofit services provided through this program must comply with the Rules of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, Division of Motor Vehicles, Chapter 15C-1, General.

For more information concerning the Mobile Home Tie-Down Program, contact Albert Wynn 850-201-8508 or wynna@tcc.fl.edu.

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Other information sources

- National Flood Insurance Program
- Association of State Floodplain Managers
- Florida Floodplain Managers Association
- Community Status Report

- Community Rating System (CRS)