



HURRICANE RESTORATION REIMBURSEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How much funding is available through this reimbursement grant program?

The Hurricane Restoration Reimbursement Grant Program will distribute up to \$50 million to qualifying coastal homeowners to help remedy the damages from coastal erosion sustained from Hurricane Ian or Hurricane Nicole.

This program provides reimbursement grants up to \$150,000 per parcel with a 50/50 homeowner match requirement.

Who is eligible?

To be eligible to apply for the \$50 million through the reimbursement grant program, the homeowner must be a coastal property owner with coastal beach erosion from either Hurricanes Ian or Nicole or both within the listed impacted counties: Brevard, Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Duval, Flagler, Indian River, Lee, Manatee, Martin, Nassau, Palm Beach, Saint Johns, Saint Lucie, Sarasota, and Volusia. If your county is not listed, your property is not in an eligible county.

The grant program applies to single family homes, residential condominiums and cooperatives. The activity must be permitted prior to implementation, be related to sand placement, temporary or permanent armoring and have occurred after Sept. 23, 2022. The complete list of eligibility requirements are adopted by [Rule 62ER23-2, F.A.C.](#)

The application is divided into four steps. These steps are designed to help you understand your eligibility, as well as ensure completeness of the application to expedite processing. During the application process you will be prompted to upload documentation necessary to establish eligibility.

What activities are eligible for reimbursement under this program?

This grant will cover reimbursement of construction costs associated with sand placement or temporary or permanent coastal armoring. Construction costs may include design, engineering, construction related monitoring, surveys, materials, labor, contractors and construction oversight. Permit fees are not an eligible cost.

To be eligible for reimbursement, activities must have been made in preparation for or to remedy coastal beach erosion or damage sustained from Hurricane Ian or Hurricane Nicole.

How will my eligibility be determined? What documentation will I need to submit?

The application is divided into four steps. These steps are designed to help you understand your eligibility, as well as ensure completeness of the application to expedite processing. During the application process you will be prompted to upload documentation necessary to establish eligibility.

It will be helpful to become familiar with and compile the necessary documentation before completing the application process.

The documentation you will need to have available to submit a complete application includes:

- A copy of any issued permit (e.g., issued under Ch. 161, F.S.) or applicable statutory exemption or other authorization, if required.
- If applicable, Form 3, Affidavit of Low-Income or Moderate-Income Persons.
- Photos of the completed project (e.g., completed projects must show the project and the house/property).
- Paid invoices, receipts and associated documentation. The documentation must provide:
 - Description of work completed
 - The dates of work
 - The invoice, receipts and paid amounts
 - The paid amount covers the request for reimbursement and the homeowner match. The Department will not process a reimbursement for more than 50% of the total paid invoice(s) submitted as documentation of eligible cost.
- If applicable, a valid driver's license showing your address or other documentation showing both name of the applicant and address to which you are requesting payment be mailed (e.g., a utility bill).
- If applicable, for properties where the property appraiser's website does not reflect the owner or homestead status, alternative documentation proving ownership of eligible property or homestead exemption.

How do I submit an application?

Applications may be submitted beginning at 9 a.m. on Feb. 1, 2023. The department encourages you to submit an application online at FloridaDEP.gov/hurricane.

You must sign up for an account prior to submitting an application. Visit FloridaDEP.gov/hurricane for more information.

Alternatively, you may submit a paper copy of the application via certified mail to:
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
2600 Blair Stone Road, MS 3522
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400

A date and time stamp will be made upon receipt by the department. Applications not sent via certified mail will not be considered eligible.

How do I upload a document?

The department has developed a [tutorial](#) to assist applicants with understanding how best to complete an application through the online portal, including uploading all necessary supporting documentation.

What if I have questions or need assistance completing the application?

Call or email the Hurricane Restoration Reimbursement Grant Program at 850-245-8558 or HRRGP@FloridaDEP.gov.

How will I know if my application is complete?

The application is divided into four steps. These steps are designed to help you understand your eligibility, as well as ensure completeness of the application to expedite processing. During the application process you will be prompted to upload documentation necessary to establish eligibility.

The department will review all applications received, including the associated documentation, and will contact the applicant with regard to its determination.

What counties are considered impacted through this program?

Brevard, Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Duval, Flagler, Indian River, Lee, Manatee, Martin, Nassau, Palm Beach, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Sarasota and Volusia counties.

If I have more than one eligible project can I apply for grants for each of them?

You may apply for multiple projects on one grant application or may submit multiple applications so long as you meet all eligibility criteria and the total requested reimbursable funding per parcel does not exceed \$150,000.

Are low-income and moderate-income households being prioritized?

The department will review all applications submitted daily. They will be placed in rank order based on the date and time they were submitted. Any applications associated with a low- or moderate-income household will be prioritized before all others submitted on that date.

How do I know if I qualify as a low- and moderate-income household?

The department has created a form (can be accessed at FloridaDEP@gov/hurricane) to help you identify whether you are low-income or moderate-income household. This is based on your household income as compared to the state and your local census area. If you qualify, this form must be submitted as part of your application if you seek to be considered a low- or moderate-income household.

Do I need a permit for sand placement or temporary or permanent coastal armoring?

A permit issued under chapter 161, F.S., is required, if applicable, prior to the commencement of work for which a grant is sought.

If you are unsure if your project requires permitting, you are encouraged to contact DEP to confirm exemption or permitting requirements. For information on permitting, you can visit our webpage at FloridaDEP.gov/CCCL or contact CCCL@dep.state.fl.us or 850-245-8558.

How do I get a permit for sand placement or temporary or permanent coastal armoring?

Apply to DEP for all three activities. Alternatively, if you know that your local government is utilizing the CCCL delegation authority under the EFO, then you can apply to your local government for sand placement and / or temporary armoring projects. For information on permitting, you can visit our webpage at FloridaDEP.gov/CCCL or contact CCCL@dep.state.fl.us or 850-245-8558.

Does this grant cover exterior damage to my home/condo?

No, this grant will not cover the costs of any projects other than construction costs associated with sand placement or temporary or permanent coastal armoring.

I live several blocks from the beach or have damage associated with impacts other than coastal erosion. Am I eligible?

Unfortunately, this grant only covers construction costs associated with coastal beach erosion incurred as a result of preparation for or damage sustained from Hurricane Ian or Hurricane Nicole after Sept. 23, 2022. Projects not on the beach and associated with coastal beach erosion are not eligible.

My single-family home, which I use seasonally or as a rental, has an eligible project, but I am not homesteaded. Can I get a grant?

For single-family homes, only those that are homesteaded are eligible residential properties.

My home is owned by a trust. Am I eligible?

The trust is eligible and any check will be made out in the name of the trustee of the trust. You must submit documentation proving you are the trustee of the trust, and meet all other requirements, to be eligible for this grant.

My county is not on the eligible county list, but I sustained damage in a storm. Can I apply?

Unfortunately, only those properties located in one of the eligible counties may seek reimbursement under this grant program.

As a condominium association/cooperative officer or member, am I eligible for this grant?

Condominium associations and cooperatives are eligible grantees if they meet all the required eligibility requirements. An agent for the condominium association or cooperative may make application on the condominium association's or cooperative's behalf. The condominium association or cooperative would become the Grantee and all reimbursements would be issued in the condominium association's or cooperative's name.

I am a condo owner. Will each condo owner be eligible for \$150,000?

Likely not. Each beachfront parcel is eligible for \$150,000, so who owns that parcel will determine who will be eligible to receive the check. In the case of a condo association owning the parcel, they would receive the reimbursement.

