



HURRICANE RESTORATION REIMBURSEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection
Florida Department of Environmental Protection



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HRR Grant Program Overview

- Ch. 2024-228, Laws of Florida.
- Emergency Rule 62ER24-2.
- Two separate programs:
 - Residential Property Grants.
 - Local Government Grants.



Hurricane Ian track

Source: Zoom Earth

Hurricane Nicole track

Source: Zoom Earth





HRR GRANT PROGRAM

- Passed by the Florida Legislature and signed by Governor DeSantis.
- Establishes the Hurricane Restoration Reimbursement Grant Program.
- Required DEP to establish emergency rules related to grant program, were initially published on Jan. 31, 2023, and revised on July 1, 2024.
- Program expires July 1, 2025.
- Allows for application submittal under the new rule beginning July 1, 2024.
 - Grants awarded on first-come, first-served basis, based on eligibility and submittal of a **complete** application.
 - For residential property owners, priority given by calendar day to low-income and moderate-income applicants.
 - Grants given until funds run out or the program expires (July 1, 2025), whichever comes first.



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- Eligible counties include Brevard, Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Duval, Flagler, Indian River, Lee, Manatee, Martin, Nassau, Palm Beach, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Sarasota and Volusia.
- 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.
- You must meet all eligibility requirements and provide necessary documentation:
 - Eligible Applicant/Grantee.
 - Eligible Property.
 - Eligible Project.
 - Eligible Costs.



RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY GRANT DEFINITIONS

“Eligible Applicant” means the individual, corporation, trust or other legal entity eligible to be a grantee. An agent may make application upon behalf of an applicant, but such agent is not the applicant, grantee or otherwise eligible for reimbursement.

“Grantee” means an eligible applicant that is the recorded deeded landowner for the eligible residential property who has complied with all documentation requirements and received a grant from the department.

“Eligible residential property” means a parcel that is a coastal property on the beach located in Brevard, Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Duval, Flagler, Indian River, Lee, Manatee, Martin, Nassau, Palm Beach, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Sarasota or Volusia County that is either:

1. A single-family, site-built, residential property where the homeowner has been granted a homestead exemption on the home under Chapter 196, Florida Statutes (F.S.);
2. A residential condominium, as defined in Chapter 718, F.S.; or
3. A cooperative, as defined in Chapter 719, F.S.



RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY GRANT DEFINITIONS

“Eligible project” means construction activities that occurred after Sept. 23, 2022, related to sand placement, temporary coastal armoring or permanent coastal armoring construction projects intended to prepare for or remedy coastal beach erosion or damage sustained from Hurricane Ian or Hurricane Nicole.

- Project must be at eligible residential property.
- Projects must be permitted or authorized under Chapter 161, F.S., prior to the commencement of authorized work, exempt from permitting requirements, or otherwise authorized by law.
- The address on any issued permit under chapter 161, F.S., must match the address on the eligible residential property.





RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY GRANT DEFINITIONS

“Eligible costs” construction costs associated with execution of an eligible project that have been incurred and for which the grantee has evidence of payment. Construction costs may include design, engineering, construction-related monitoring required by permit or contract, surveys, materials, labor, contractors, and construction oversight. Eligible costs do not include permit fees or repair of residential structures. Reimbursement of eligible costs may be no greater than \$300,000 per parcel for armoring projects on eligible single family or multi-family residential property as defined in (f)1. and \$600,000 for armoring projects on eligible residential condominium or cooperative properties as defined in (f)2. and 3. Reimbursement of eligible costs for armoring projects shall be no greater than 50 percent of the total cost incurred for the construction. Costs for sand placement projects shall be reimbursed at 100 percent of the total construction cost.





RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY GRANT REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

- a. The parcel identification number for the applicable county;
- b. A valid social security number or tax identification number;
- c. Proof the eligible applicant resides at the address to which a check is asked to be mailed, if different than the eligible residential property address;
- d. A copy of the permit issued under Chapter 161, F.S., prior to the commencement of work for which a grant is sought, or applicable statutory exemption or other authorization;
- e. Documentation of eligible project expenses (e.g., for a completed project, photos of the completed project; for projects not yet fully complete, a copy of the design and engineering plans or similar evidence of work);
- f. Paid invoices and associated documentation showing work conducted for the eligible project, dates of work and proof of payment;
- g. If applicable, Form 3, DEP-62ER23-2, Attestation of Low-Income or Moderate-Income;
- h. Any other information required by the application or rule.



RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY GRANT: LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME ATTESTATION – FORM 3

Income is based **on household income**. That is, the adjusted gross income (as reported to the Internal Revenue Service) of all persons in a housing unit, excluding boarders or renters therein.

Is your household income less than \$95,160? If so, your household qualifies as a low- or moderate-income household.

If not, is your household income less than the figure to the right for your county? If so, your household qualifies as a low- or moderate-income household. If not, you do not qualify as a low- or moderate-income household.

County	Threshold
Lee	\$99,840
Flagler	\$89,520
Volusia	\$87,960
Duval	\$103,800
Nassau	\$103,800
St. Johns	\$103,800
Broward	\$98,520
Palm Beach	\$108,360
Collier	\$118,320
Manatee	\$108,480
Sarasota	\$108,480
Brevard	\$98,760
Martin	\$101,400
St. Lucie	\$101,400
Charlotte	\$91,200
Indian River	\$95,880



RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY GRANT APPLICATION ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- By making application, the applicant agrees to enter into a grant agreement with the department and agrees to FORM 2 DEP-62ER24-2, Grant Terms and Conditions.
- The department will enter into a cost-share agreement with eligible applicants until funding is exhausted or the program expires.
- The online portal will automatically validate completion of many of the answers in sections 1, 2 and 3. However, DEP will also need to verify eligibility prior to grant award.
- DEP will review required submittals in section 4, and if not sufficient, will contact the applicant and provide seven calendar days to provide the necessary supplemental information. Failure to cure within that time may result in the application being declined.



RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY GRANT PAPER APPLICATION – CERTIFIED MAIL

- Applicants can also apply via **certified mail** to the department.
Mailing address:
Department of Environmental Protection
2600 Blair Stone Road, MS 3522
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400
- The application is available at <https://floridadep.gov/hrrgp>, entitled Form 1 DEP-62ER24-2, Hurricane Restoration Reimbursement Grant Program Residential Property Application
- The application will be date and time stamped when received by the department.



RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY GRANT APPLICATION STEPS

- 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.
- Failure to accurately complete this information can result in your grant application being found incomplete.

Section

Information Needed

Step 1	Answer home ownership questions to determine if applicant and property are eligible
Step 2	Answer project questions to determine if project is eligible
Step 3	Answer costs questions to determine if you have incurred eligible costs for reimbursement
Step 4	Upload submittal requirements (documents needed for reimbursement)



RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY GRANT PROGRAM SUMMARY

Eligible Applicant



Eligible Residential Property



Eligible Project



Eligible Costs



Required Documentation

Required Submittals:

- Parcel ID.
- Social Security Number or Tax ID.
- Proof of address where check will be mailed.
 - Permit or similar.
 - Project documentation (photos, plans).
- Invoices and documentation of payment.
- If applicable – Low/moderate income form.
- Other documentation as may be necessary.

Eligibility Confirmed



Availability of Funding



Grant Award



Check Mailed to Verified Address



LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT DEFINITIONS

“Eligible Applicant” local governments and municipalities in Brevard, Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Duval, Flagler, Indian River, Lee, Manatee, Martin, Nassau, Palm Beach, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Sarasota, or Volusia County.

“Eligible project” large scale sand placement projects along the beach. For purposes of this subsection, “large scale sand placement projects” means any sand project conducted by local governments that is intended to protect multiple upland owners.

“Eligible costs” include any costs required to implement large scale sand placement projects that are incurred between July 1, 2024, and July 1, 2025.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

- a. The county name and project location (R-Monument range);
- b. Cubic yards and source of sand to be placed as part of the project;
- c. Number of upland structures and associated benefits with the project;
- d. A copy of the permit which was issued prior to the commencement of work for which a grant is sought, or applicable statutory exemption or other authorization;
- e. Construction start and end dates;
- f. Documentation of eligible project expenses (e.g., for a completed project, photos of the completed project; for projects not yet fully complete, a copy of the design and engineering plans or similar evidence of work);
- g. Paid invoices and associated documentation showing work conducted for the eligible project, dates of work and proof of payment; these items should be submitted as payments are made rather than after the entire project is complete;
- h. Any other information required by the application or rule.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT APPLICATION ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- By making application, the applicant agrees to enter into a grant agreement with the department to receive any approved funding.
- The department will enter into a cost-share agreement with eligible applicants until funding is exhausted or the program expires.
- The online portal will automatically validate completion of many of the answers in the application; however, DEP will also need to verify eligibility and documentation prior to grant award.
- DEP will review required submittals, and if not sufficient, will contact the applicant and provide seven calendar days to provide the necessary supplemental information. Failure to cure within that time may result in the application being declined.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT APPLICATION STEPS

- The local government application is divided into two phases. Completion of phase 1 is to confirm eligibility of applicant and project but **does not** constitute a grant award. These steps are designed to help you understand your eligibility, as well as ensure completeness of the application to expedite processing.
- Completion of phase 2 constitutes an application for reimbursement and may only be made once the large scale sand placement construction project has begun, and the applicant has evidence of payment. Phase 2 invoices **do not** have to be held until the entire project is complete and can be submitted as proof of payments for eligible project costs become available.
- Available funds shall be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, based on receipt of phase 2 documentation.
- Failure to accurately complete this information can result in your grant application being found incomplete.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT APPLICATION STEPS

Phase 1

Eligibility Determination

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| Step 1 | Answer applicant questions to determine eligibility |
| Step 2 | Answer project questions to determine eligibility |
| Step 3 | Upload submittal requirements (documents needed for eligibility determination) |

Phase 2

Reimbursement Request

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| Step 1 | Select application that has been determined eligible in Phase 1 |
| Step 2 | Enter the disbursement amount being requested |
| Step 3 | Upload submittal requirements (documents needed for reimbursement) |



LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT SUMMARY

Eligible Applicant



Eligible Location



Eligible Project



Eligible Costs



Required Documentation

Required Submittals:

- Documentation of construction project plan.
 - Permits or similar.
 - Project documentation (photos, plans).
- Invoices and documentation of payment.
- Other documentation as may be necessary.

Eligibility Confirmed



Availability of Funding



Invoice & Proof of Payment



Grant award made through amending an existing grant or award of a new grant



ONLINE SUBMISSION – HRR PORTAL

- Applications under the new rule can be submitted beginning July 1, 2024, at 9 a.m. via the grant portal.

<https://floridadep.gov/hrrgp>

- Applicants must sign up for a user account at the portal to submit an application (instructions online).
- If an applicant is not eligible, they will not be able to submit the grant application.



THANK YOU

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