

Quick Facts

My Safe Florida Home

Mitigation Program

Data as of November 30, 2006

- Total Calls – 166,758
- Inspections requested – 126,639
- Hard copy inspection applications with proof of homestead exemption and insurance received at DFS – 58,280 (Note: This number fluctuates because of duplicate applications submitted by homeowners.)
- Federal Alliance for Safe Homes (FLASH) – Inspection pilot phase coordinator handling the pilot inspection program, the development of the inspection report form, and inspector curriculum and standards.
 - i. Inspection requests referred to wind certification entities – 14,080
 - ii. Wind inspectors who attended class and passed test - 557
 - iii. Inspections completed – 12,606 (Exceeded goal of 12,000 inspections by November 30, 2006.)
- Participating contractor applicants – 643
- Individual grants awarded – *Working toward individual grant awards by December 31, 2006 while continuing to beta test inspection reports outlining mitigation improvements.*
- Local government grant applications received – 17
- Volunteer Florida Foundation (VFF) grants awarded – 1 (Note: Approximately \$5 million has initially been awarded to VFF to serve low-income homeowners.)

Process

1. Homeowner applies on-line or by phone for inspection.
2. Homeowner submits (by mail to Department of Financial Services (DFS)) proof of homestead exemption and insurance.
3. Inspector calls homeowner and arranges the home inspection.
4. Home inspection is completed; homeowner receives inspection report within 30 days that details mitigation improvements, hurricane rating scale information and estimated premium.
5. In grant eligible areas* homeowners will receive a grant application package by mail from DFS.
6. Homeowner submits the grant application.
7. The homeowner receives grant award letter and then selects a participating contractor.
8. Contractor completes work and submits mitigation verification form for homeowner to submit to insurance company.

* FSU's mapping staff will assist in prioritizing homeowners eligible for grants in hurricane-vulnerable counties.