

DUVAL PREPARES

LMS Advisory Group



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OPENING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS



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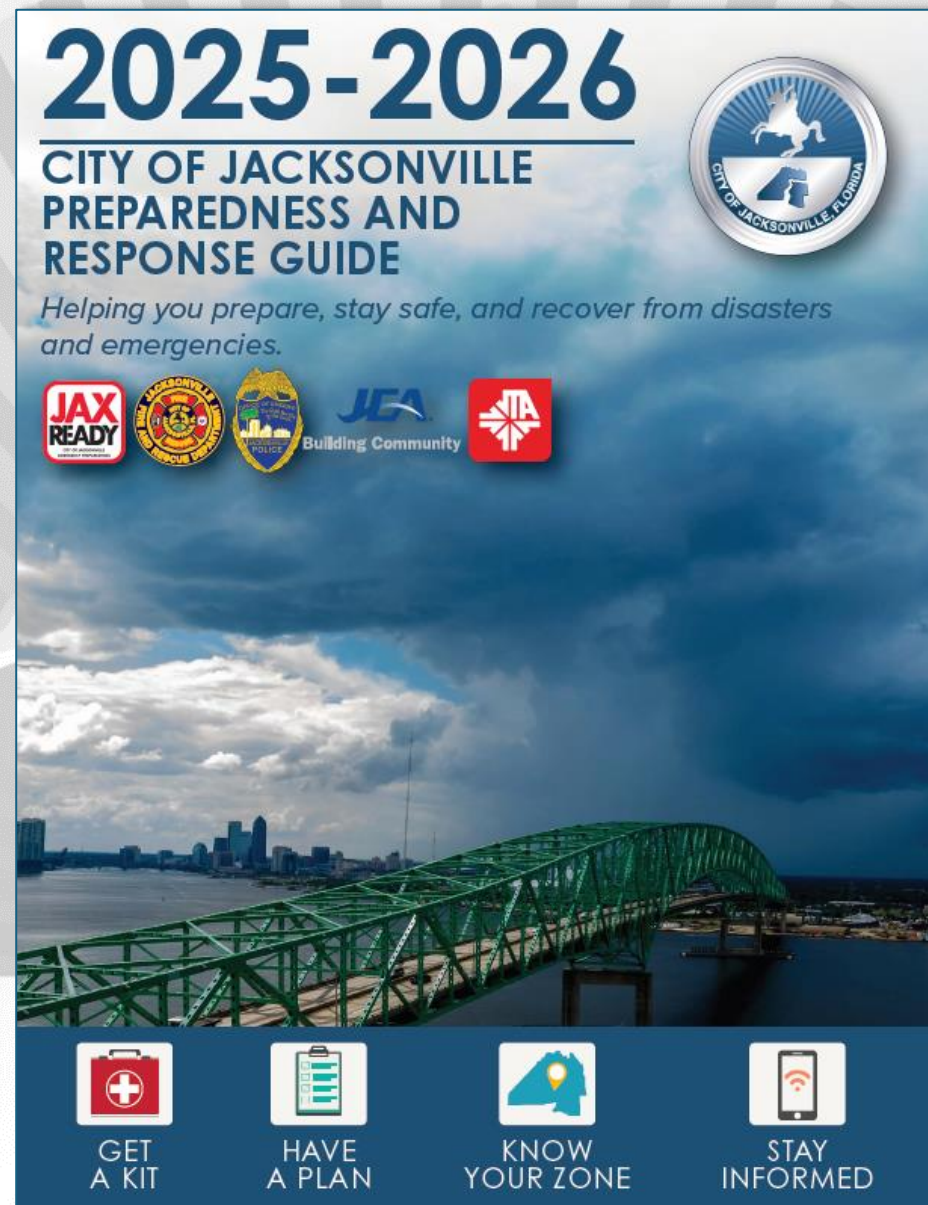


2025 Preparedness and Response Guide

Mailed to all ~450,000 Duval County residents with a valid USPS mailing address.

Available online at **JaxReady.com** for download.

Special thank you to our partners at **JEA** and **JTA** for making it happen!





Florida Senate Bill 180

[<https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2025/180>]



SB 180: *Emergencies* passed by legislature on May 2, 2025; Governor DeSantis signed into law on June 26.

Numerous impacts to local governments, including:

- Informational requirements for local government websites,
- CEMP requirements,
- Post-storm building permitting,
- Debris management,
- Local building inspections and fees
- Post-storm construction moratoriums,
- Substantial improvements and repairs, including assessment values



FEMA BCA Toolkit Updates

On June 04, 2025, FEMA released the following changes:

- Discount Rate Update (3.1% to 7%)
- Removal of Social Benefits
- Removal of Riverine Future Precipitation Impacts and Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS)
- Removal of Distributional Weights
- Updated Inflation Index for May 2025 (1.67 to 1.7)
- **Pre-calculated benefits** for certain project types updated



FEMA BCA Toolkit

Pre-calculated Benefits

Project Type & new pre-calculated benefit values:

- Acquisition Projects: \$365,747
- Elevation Projects: \$231,640
- Mitigation Reconstruction: \$231,640



FEMA BCA Toolkit

New Project Types

Additional project types incorporated:

- Hurricane Wind Retrofit for Residences
- Hurricane Wind Retrofit for Non-Residential Structures
- Hospital Generators
- Post Wildfire projects

LMS MAINTENANCE 2025 UPDATE

Work Completed / In Progress





Duval County

Local Mitigation Strategy

*“The local mitigation plan is the representation of the jurisdiction’s commitment to **reduce risks** from natural hazards, serving as a guide for decision makers as they **commit resources** to reducing the effects of natural hazards. Local plans will also serve as the basis for the State to **provide technical assistance** and to **prioritize project funding**.”*

-44 CFR 201.6

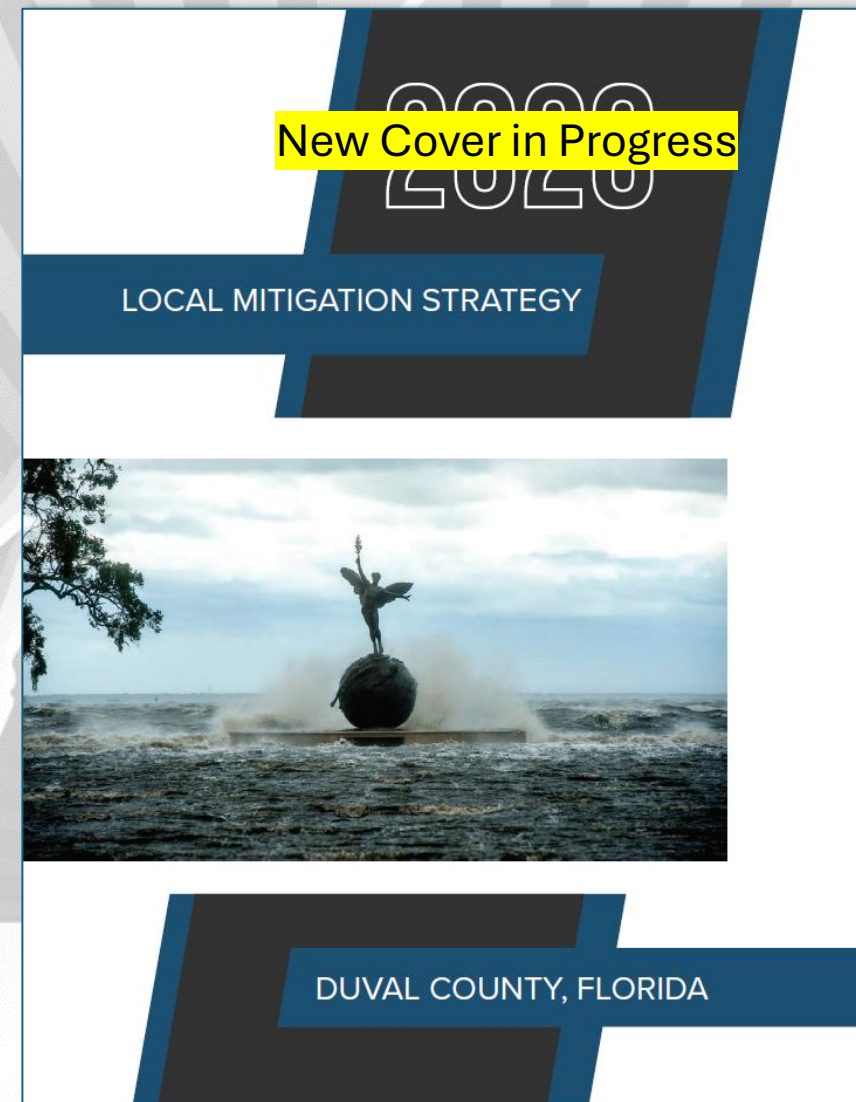


Duval County Local Mitigation Strategy

LMS 2025 draft received preliminary feedback from FDEM. FDEM is currently reviewing Revision #3.

Most current draft is always maintained at:
jaxready.com/Mitigation

REMINDER: Once approved, each jurisdiction must adopt the plan through legislation.



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LMS PROJECT LIST

REVISION





LMS Project List Updates

No new projects were submitted during this quarter.

- Funding source for one project: *Animal Care and Protective Services Generator* (#33), was updated due to elimination of the BRIC program.
- Please remember to send status updates for any ongoing projects throughout the quarter (esp. if awarded).

Most current project list is always maintained at:

<https://www.jaxready.com/Mitigation/Local-Mitigation-Strategy>

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Local Mitigation Strategy

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Duval County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS)

The LMS is a planning process required by the State of Florida to oversee a plan of mitigation initiatives to help the county be resilient and anticipate and prepare for hazard avoidance. FEMA and the State of Florida have approved the 2020 Duval County LMS. The process is overseen by the Duval County Local Mitigation Strategy Advisory Committee, also known as the [Duval Prepares](#). Members meet quarterly to review and add new projects to the current mitigation initiatives.

[View the current list of mitigation initiatives at this link.](#)

[View the approved 2020 Local Mitigation Strategy at this link.](#)

Periodic updates are made to the approved plan during the document's five year life cycle. These updates may include demographic changes, revised hazard profiles, vulnerability assessments, and more. These updates will be captured below.

Please contact the Emergency Preparedness Division (JaxReady@coj.net or 255-3110) for meeting minutes from previous meetings.

MITIGATION GRANT UPDATES





Grant Updates

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

In April 2025, FEMA eliminated the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program and canceled all BRIC applications from Fiscal Years 2020-2023. Any funds not yet distributed were returned to the Disaster Relief Fund or the U.S. Treasury.

See FEMA Press release #HQ-25-40 [[Link](#)]:

- *“FEMA Ends Wasteful, Politicized Grant Program, Returning Agency to Core Mission of Helping Americans Recovering from Natural Disasters”*



Grant Updates

Elevate Florida

Program Highlights

- **Application Status:** Property owners will receive updates on their application status by the end of August 2025.
- **Key Accomplishments:**
 - 302 property owner cost share matches received
 - 13 inspection vendors onboarded
 - 11,560 calls handled through the call center
 - Successful outreach events with 1,128 in-person attendees
- **Program Updates:**
 - Over 12,000 applications from residents across 64 counties



Grant Updates

Elevate Florida

Program Status

- Each Elevate Florida applicant is moving at a different pace depending on position in priority, responsiveness, and other factors such as National Flood Insurance Program status and individual circumstances..

Cost-Share

- Due to the large number of applications received, **reduced cost-shares for Repetitive Loss and Severe Repetitive Loss properties are no longer available.** Cost-shares for the Program are 75% federal and 25% residential to support more homeowners across Florida.

Note: FEMA policy limits federal funding to \$220,000 (hard costs) for Mitigation Reconstruction projects. Property owners will need to pay for any extra costs beyond this \$220,000 amount.



Elevate Florida Program Snapshot

Month of May 2025

ELEVATE
FLORIDA

Elevate Florida is a groundbreaking statewide residential mitigation program to enhance resilience of approximately **2,000** homes utilizing **over \$400 million in federal funds**.

Estimated Elevate Florida Timeline

Key: Activities Completed Activities In-Progress Activities Not Started

Property owners will receive an update on their application status by the end of August.



* Application Review will occur on a rolling basis as applications are prioritized

Program Accomplishments



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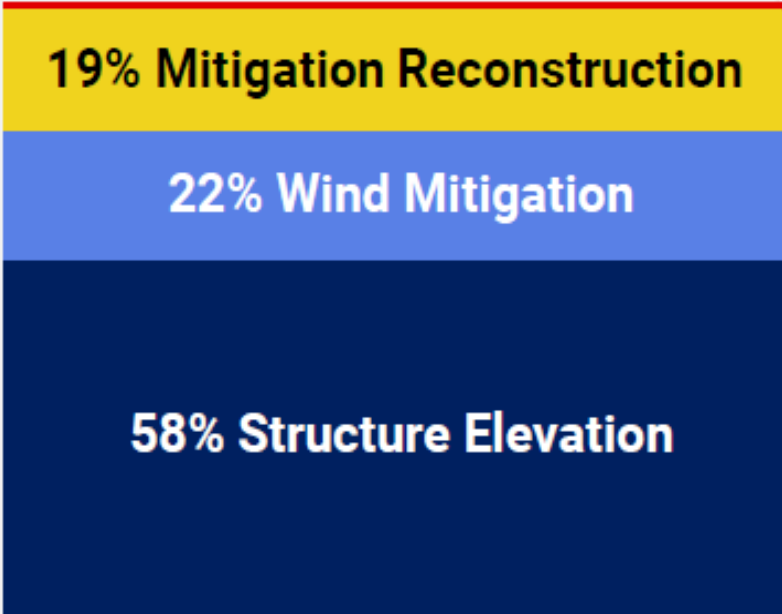


1,128 attendees
for in-person
outreach events

Elevate Florida Update

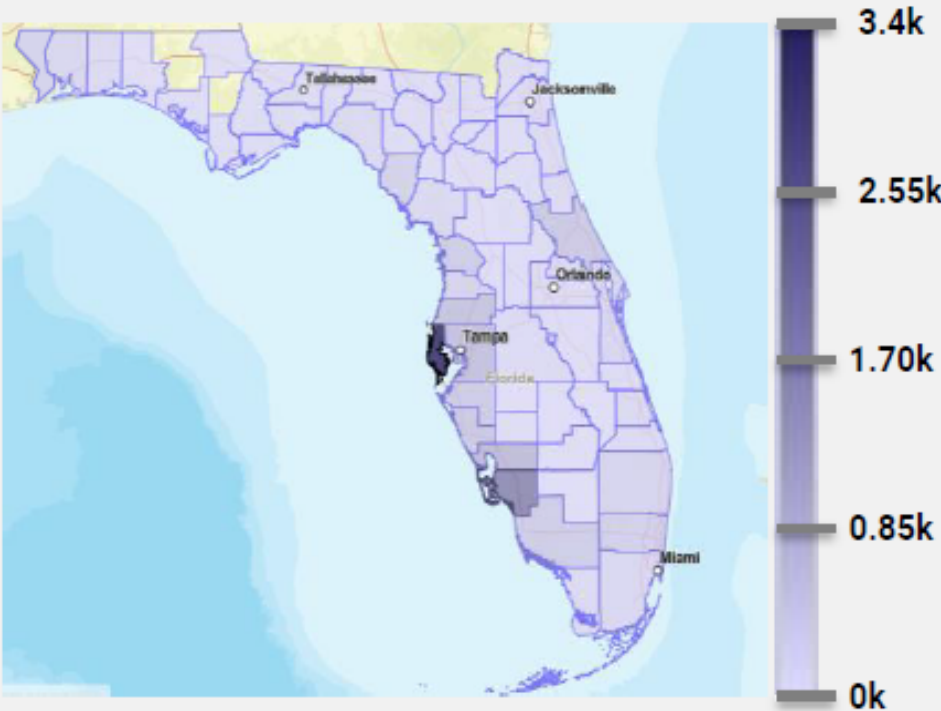
There are more than **12,000** applications from residents across **64 counties**.

Applications based on Project Type



1%
Acquisition/
Demolition

Elevate Florida: Applications Map





Grant Updates

Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) FY24

Three projects submitted by COJ:

- Pat Road Acquisition and Demolition
 - **Status:** Recommended by FDEM, submitted to FEMA for review
- Martha Ann Drive Acquisition and Demolition
 - **Status:** *Recommended by FDEM, submitted to FEMA for review*
- Ribault Scenic Drive Acquisition and Demolition
 - **Status:** *Withdrawn at homeowner request*



Grant Updates

HMGP Helene/Milton (Combined NOFA)

30 Day Estimate

DR-4828 Helene	
\$ 5,413,556.16	(75% Federal)
\$ 1,804,518.72	(25% Local Match)
DR-4834 Milton	
\$ 2,845,024.61	(75% Federal)
\$ 948,341.54	(25% Local Match)

6 Month Estimate

DR-4828 Helene	
\$ 3,752,784.92	(75% Federal)
\$ 1,250,928.31	(25% Local Match)
DR-4834 Milton	
\$ 1,395,228.11	(75% Federal)
\$ 465,076.04	(25% Local Match)

Helene Reduction		Milton Reduction	
\$1,660,771.24	\$553,590.41	\$1,449,796.5	\$483,265.5



Grant Updates: HMGP Funding Requests

HMGP Helene/Milton (Combined NOFA)

Three projects were recommended for funding through these HMGP opportunities During Q1 meeting:

- Hopkins Creek Regional Stormwater Improvements (\$9,000,000)
- NW Quadrant Multipurpose Facility (Legends Center) Generator (\$1,340,000)
- Martha Ann Drive Acquisition (Removed from further consideration due to FMAFY24 application being recommended by FDEM)

One additional project has been submitted for recommendation:

- Animal Shelter Generator - \$892,410
 - Previously submitted to BRIC, resubmitting through HMGP due to BRIC application being terminated



Grant Updates: HMGP Funding Estimate

HMGP Debby/Helene

(TIER 1)

(TIER 2)

DR-4828 Helene		Hopkins Creek	Hopkins Shortfall
\$ 3,752,784.92	(75%)	\$ 6,750,000	\$ 2,997,215.08
\$ 1,250,928.31	(25%)	\$ 2,250,000	

(TIER 1)

(TIER 2)

DR-4834 Milton		Legends Gen.	Elevate FL	ACPS Gen.
\$ 1,395,228.11	(75%)	\$ 1,005,000	\$ 343,286.81	\$ 669,307.5
\$ 465,076.04	(25%)	\$ 335,000	\$ -	\$ 223,102.5



HMGP Project Funding Recommendation

The recommendation is to prioritize the three proposed projects for funding as follows:

- Hopkins Creek Regional Stormwater Improvements
 - DR-4828 Helene *Tier 1 and Tier 2 (NO CHANGE)*
- Northwest Quadrant Multipurpose Facility (Legends Center) Generator
 - DR-4834 Milton *Tier 1 (First Priority) (NO CHANGE)*
- ACPS Building Generator
 - DR-4834 Milton *Tier 2 (Second Priority)*

Motion: Recommend three projects listed above for HMGP funding

Second?

Discussion?

OPEN DISCUSSION



CLOSING REMARKS

