

FEMA Mitigation Funds Help Homeowners Rebuild Stronger

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LAKE MARY, Fla. – To date 1,928 Florida homeowners have received funds from FEMA to rebuild their homes stronger after the severe storms, flooding and tornadoes in Broward County.

As part of its commitment to increase resilience, FEMA has provided more than \$628 thousand for mitigation assistance to homeowners.

Homeowners who are approved for home repair assistance through the agency's Individuals and Households Program may receive additional funds for specific mitigation measures. Funding for mitigation measures is awarded for owner-occupied primary residences with specific damaged items and causes of damage. For more information visit: [Hazard Mitigation Under the Individuals and Households Program | FEMA.gov](#)

Because disasters can happen unexpectedly, taking steps to strengthen, repair and rebuild is vital for community and personal resilience. The following mitigation measures may be covered for eligible applicants:

- Roof repair to withstand higher wind speed and help prevent water infiltration.
- Elevating a water heater or furnace to avoid future flood damage.
- Elevating or moving an electrical panel to avoid future flood damage.

These measures will allow homeowners to reduce disaster damage in the future and the likelihood that future federal assistance will be needed.

For the latest information on Florida's recovery from Broward County severe storms, tornadoes and flooding, visit floridadisaster.org/info and fema.gov/disaster/4709. Follow [FEMA Region 4 \(@femaregion4\)](#) / [Twitter](#) and at facebook.com/fema.

