

26 | is established within the Department of Financial Services the
27 | My Safe Florida Condominium Pilot Program to be implemented
28 | pursuant to appropriations. The department shall provide fiscal
29 | accountability, contract management, and strategic leadership
30 | for the pilot program, consistent with this section. This
31 | section does not create an entitlement for associations or unit
32 | owners or obligate the state in any way to fund the inspection
33 | or retrofitting of condominiums in the state. Implementation of
34 | this pilot program is subject to annual legislative
35 | appropriations. It is the intent of the Legislature that the My
36 | Safe Florida Condominium Pilot Program provide licensed
37 | inspectors to perform inspections for and grants to eligible
38 | associations as funding allows.

39 | (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

40 | (d) "Condominium" has the same meaning as in s. 718.103.

41 | For purposes of this section, the term does not include detached
42 | units on individual parcels of land.

43 | (2) PARTICIPATION.—

44 | (a) In order to apply for an inspection under subsection
45 | (4) or a grant under subsection (5) for association property or
46 | condominium property, an association must receive approval by a
47 | majority vote of the board of administration or a majority vote
48 | of the total voting interests of the association to participate
49 | in the pilot program. An association may not apply for an
50 | inspection under subsection (4) or a grant under subsection (5)

51 for association property or condominium property unless the
52 windows of the association property or condominium property are
53 established as common elements in the declaration and the
54 association has complied with the inspection requirements in ss.
55 553.899 and 718.112(2)(g) and (h).

56 (b) In order to apply for a grant under subsection (5)
57 which improves one or more units within a condominium, an
58 association must receive both of the following:

59 1. Approval by a majority vote of the board of
60 administration or a majority vote of the total voting interests
61 of the association to participate in a mitigation inspection.

62 2. Approval by at least 75 percent ~~A unanimous vote~~ of all
63 unit owners who reside within the structure or building that is
64 the subject of the mitigation grant.

65 (5) MITIGATION GRANTS.—Financial grants may be used by
66 associations to make improvements recommended in a hurricane
67 mitigation inspection report which increase the condominium's
68 resistance to hurricane damage.

69 (d) Grant projects shall be funded as follows:

70 1. All grants must be matched on the basis of \$1 provided
71 by the association for \$2 provided by the state toward the
72 actual cost of the project.

73 ~~2. For roof-related projects, the grant contribution is~~
74 ~~\$11 per square foot multiplied by the square footage of the~~
75 ~~replacement roof, not to exceed \$1,000 per unit, with a maximum~~

76 ~~grant award of 50 percent of the cost of the project.~~

77 ~~3. For opening protection-related projects, the grant~~
 78 ~~contribution is a maximum of \$750 per replacement window or~~
 79 ~~door, not to exceed \$1,500 per unit, with a maximum grant award~~
 80 ~~of 50 percent of the cost of the project.~~

81 2.4. An association may receive grant funds for both roof-
 82 related and opening protection-related projects, but the maximum
 83 total grant award may not exceed \$175,000 per association.

84 3.5. The department may not accept grant applications or
 85 maintain a waiting list for grants after the cumulative value of
 86 the grants awarded have fully obligated the appropriation,
 87 unless otherwise expressly authorized by the Legislature.

88 (e) When recommended by a hurricane mitigation inspection
 89 report, grants for eligible associations may be used for the
 90 following improvements:

91 1. Opening protection improvements, including all of the
 92 following:

93 a. Exterior doors.~~7~~

94 b. Garage doors.~~7~~

95 c. Windows.~~7~~ and

96 d. Skylights.

97 2. Roof improvements, including all of the following:

98 a.2. Reinforcing roof-to-wall connections.

99 b.3. Improving the strength of roof-deck attachments.

100 c.4. Installing secondary water resistance for the roof.

101 d. Replacing the roof covering.

102 (f) Improvements must be identified in the final hurricane
103 mitigation inspection in order for an association to receive
104 grant funds ~~Grants may be used for a previously inspected~~
105 ~~existing structure on the property.~~

106 (g)~~1.~~ If improvements to protect the property that ~~which~~
107 complied with the current applicable building code at the time
108 have been previously installed, the association must use a
109 mitigation grant to install improvements that do both of the
110 following:

111 ~~1.a.~~ Comply with or exceed the applicable building code in
112 effect at the time the association applied for the grant.

113 ~~2.b.~~ Provide more hurricane protection than the
114 improvements that the association previously installed.

115 (h)2. The association may not use a mitigation grant to:

116 ~~1.a.~~ Install the same type of improvements that were
117 previously installed; or

118 ~~2.b.~~ Pay a deductible for a pending insurance claim for
119 damage that is part of the property for which grant funds are
120 being received.

121 (i)~~(h)~~ The department shall develop a process that ensures
122 the most efficient means to collect and verify inspection and
123 grant applications to determine eligibility. The department may
124 direct hurricane mitigation inspectors to collect and verify
125 inspection and grant application information or use the Internet

126 | or other electronic means to collect information and determine
127 | eligibility.

128 | **Section 2.** This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.