



LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Appropriations (Pizzo) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Amendment (with directory and title amendments)**

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3 Delete lines 114 - 169

4 and insert:

5 for a grant under sub-subparagraph (5) (e)1.a. subparagraph
6 ~~(5)(e)1.~~ for association property or condominium property unless
7 the windows of the association property or condominium property
8 are established as common elements in the declaration.

9 (e)1e) In order to apply for a grant under subsection (5)
10 which improves one or more units within a condominium, an



11 association must receive both of the following:

12 1. Approval by a majority vote of the board of
13 administration or a majority vote of the total voting interests
14 of the association to participate in a mitigation inspection.

15 2. Approval by at least 75 percent of all unit owners who
16 reside within the structure or building that is the subject of
17 the mitigation grant.

18 (f)-(d) A unit owner may participate in the pilot program
19 through a mitigation grant awarded to the association but may
20 not participate individually in the pilot program.

21 (g)-(e) The votes required under this subsection may take
22 place at the annual budget meeting of the association or at a
23 unit owner meeting called for the purpose of taking such vote.
24 Before a vote of the unit owners may be taken, the association
25 must provide to the unit owners a clear disclosure of the pilot
26 program on a form created by the department. The president and
27 the treasurer of the board of administration must sign the
28 disclosure form indicating that a copy of the form was provided
29 to each unit owner of the association. The signed disclosure
30 form and the minutes from the meeting at which the unit owners
31 voted to participate in the pilot program must be maintained as
32 part of the official records of the association. Within 14 days
33 after an affirmative vote to participate in the pilot program,
34 the association must provide written notice in the same manner
35 as required under s. 718.112(2)(d) to all unit owners of the
36 decision to participate in the pilot program.

37 (5) MITIGATION GRANTS.—Financial grants may be used by
38 associations to make improvements that recommended in a
39 ~~hurricane mitigation inspection report which~~ increase the



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40 condominium's resistance to hurricane damage as provided in this
41 subsection.

42 (a) An application for a mitigation grant must:

43 1. Contain a signed or electronically verified statement
44 made under penalty of perjury by the president of the board of
45 administration that the association has submitted only a single
46 application for each property that the association operates or
47 maintains.

48 2. Include a notarized statement from the president of the
49 board of administration containing the name and license number
50 of each contractor the association intends to use for the
51 mitigation project.

52 3. Include a notarized statement from the president of the
53 board of administration which commits to the department that the
54 association will complete the mitigation improvements. If the
55 grant will be used to improve units, the application must also
56 include an acknowledged statement from each unit owner who is
57 required to provide approval for a grant under paragraph (2) (e)
58 ~~(2) (e)~~.

59 4. Include documentation deemed sufficient by the
60 department under paragraph (2) (b) for verifying household
61 income.

62 (b) An association may select its own contractors for the
63 mitigation project as long as each contractor meets all
64 qualification, certification, or licensing requirements in
65 general law. A mitigation project must be performed by a
66 properly licensed contractor who has secured all required local
67 permits necessary for the project. The department must
68 electronically verify that the contractor's state license number



69 is accurate and up to date before approving a grant application.

70 (c) An association awarded a grant must complete the entire
71 mitigation project in order to receive the final grant award and
72 must agree to make the property available for a final inspection
73 once the mitigation project is finished to ensure the mitigation
74 improvements are completed in a manner consistent with the
75 intent of the pilot program and meet or exceed the applicable
76 Florida Building Code requirements. Construction must be
77 completed and the association must submit a request to the
78 department for a final inspection, or request an extension of
79 time, within 1 year after receiving grant approval. If the
80 association fails to comply with this paragraph, the application
81 is deemed abandoned and the grant money reverts back to the
82 department.

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

84 1. All grants must be matched on the basis of \$1 provided
85 by the association for \$2 provided by the state toward the
86 actual cost of the project.

87 2. An association may receive grant funds for both roof-
88 related and opening protection-related projects, but the maximum
89 total grant award may not exceed \$175,000 per association.

90 3. The department may not accept grant applications or
91 maintain a waiting list for grants after the cumulative value of
92 the grants awarded have fully obligated the appropriation,
93 unless otherwise expressly authorized by the Legislature.

94 (e) Grant funds may only be used for the following:

95 1. ~~water intrusion mitigation devices or~~ Mitigation
96 improvements recommended in a hurricane mitigation inspection
97 report which that will result in a mitigation credit, discount,



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98 or other rate differential for the building or structure to
99 which the improvement is such device or improvement is applied
100 or made, including. When recommended by a hurricane mitigation
101 inspection report, grants for eligible associations may be used
102 for the following improvements:

103 a.1. Opening protection improvements, including all of the
104 following:

- (I)a. Exterior doors.
- (II)b. Garage doors.
- (III)c. Windows.
- (IV)d. Skylights.

109 b.2. Roof improvements, including all of the following:

- (I)a. Reinforcing roof-to-wall connections.
- (II)b. Improving the strength of roof-deck attachments.
- (III)c. Installing secondary water resistance for the roof.
- (IV)d. Replacing the roof covering.

114 2. Water intrusion mitigation devices designed to prevent
115 wind-driven rainwater intrusion through the tracks of sliding
116 glass doors. Grant funds authorized under this subparagraph are
117 not contingent upon a recommendation in a hurricane mitigation
118 inspection report. However, a hurricane mitigation inspector
119 must verify the use of such a device.

120 (f) Except for the water intrusion mitigation devices as
121 specified in subparagraph (e)2., mitigation improvements must be
122 identified in the final hurricane mitigation inspection report
123 in order for an association to receive grant funds.

124 (g) If improvements to protect the property which that
125 complied with the current applicable building code at the time
126 have been previously installed, the association must use a



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127 mitigation grant to install improvements that do both of the
128 following:

129 1. Comply with or exceed the applicable building code in
130 effect at the time the association applied for the grant.

131 2. Provide more hurricane protection than the improvements
132 that the association previously installed.

133 (h) The association may not use a mitigation grant to:

134 1. Install the same type of improvements that were
135 previously installed; or

136 2. Pay a deductible for a pending insurance claim for
137 damage that is part of the property for which grant funds are
138 being received.

139 (i) The department shall develop a process that ensures the
140 most efficient means to collect and verify inspection and grant
141 applications to determine eligibility. The department may direct
142 hurricane mitigation inspectors to collect and verify inspection
143 and grant application information or use the Internet or other
144 electronic means to collect information and determine
145 eligibility.

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147 ===== D I R E C T O R Y C L A U S E A M E N D M E N T =====

148 And the directory clause is amended as follows:

149 Delete lines 22 - 23

150 and insert:

151 Section 1. Subsections (1), (2), and (5) of section
152 215.55871, Florida Statutes,

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154 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

155 And the title is amended as follows:



156 Delete lines 13 - 16
157 and insert:
158 program under certain circumstances; authorizing
159 financial grants to be used by associations for a
160 specified purpose; requiring that an application for a
161 mitigation grant include documentation to verify
162 household income; requiring limiting the award of
163 grant funds; making clarifying changes; requiring a
164 hurricane mitigation inspector to verify the
165 possession of water intrusion mitigation devices;
166 requiring an association to