



Bill No. SB 4-A

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1 following:

2 (2) GRANTS.--Financial grants shall be used to  
3 encourage single-family, site-built, owner-occupied,  
4 residential property owners to protect ~~retrofit~~ their  
5 properties to make them less vulnerable to hurricane damage.

6 (a) To be eligible for a grant, a residential property  
7 must:

8 1. Have been granted a homestead exemption under  
9 chapter 196.

10 2. Be a dwelling with an insured value of \$500,000 or  
11 less.

12 3. Have undergone an acceptable wind certification and  
13 hurricane mitigation inspection or use hurricane-protection  
14 products tested by the International Hurricane Research Center  
15 at Florida International University.

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17 A residential property which is part of a multifamily  
18 residential unit may receive a grant only if all homeowners  
19 participate and the total number of units does not exceed  
20 four.

21 (b) All grants must be matched on a dollar-for-dollar  
22 basis for a total of \$10,000 for the mitigation project with  
23 the state's contribution not to exceed \$5,000.

24 (c) The program shall create a process in which  
25 mitigation contractors agree to participate and seek  
26 reimbursement from the state and homeowners select from a list  
27 of participating contractors. All mitigation must be based  
28 upon the securing of all required local permits and  
29 inspections. Mitigation projects are subject to random  
30 reinspection of up to at least 10 percent of all projects.

31 (d) Matching fund grants shall also be made available

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1 to local governments and nonprofit entities for projects that  
2 will reduce hurricane damage to single-family, site-built,  
3 owner-occupied, residential property.

4 (e) Grants may be used for the following improvements:

- 5 1. Roof deck attachment;
- 6 2. Secondary water barrier;
- 7 3. Roof covering, including a weighted roof-protection  
8 system that may be installed by an approved contractor or  
9 homeowner;

- 10 4. Brace gable ends;
- 11 5. Reinforce roof-to-wall connections;
- 12 6. Opening protection; and
- 13 7. Exterior doors, including garage doors.

14 (f) Low-income homeowners, as defined in s.  
15 420.0004(9), who otherwise meet the requirements of paragraphs  
16 (a) and (c) are eligible for a grant of up to \$5,000 and are  
17 not required to provide a matching amount to receive the  
18 grant. Such grants shall be used to retrofit single-family,  
19 site-built, owner-occupied, residential properties in order to  
20 make them less vulnerable to hurricane damage.

21 Section 7. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section  
22 215.559, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

23 215.559 Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program.--

24 (3)(a) Forty percent of the total appropriation in  
25 paragraph (2)(a) shall be used to inspect and improve  
26 tie-downs or other securing fixtures for mobile homes.

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28 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)  
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2 And the title is amended as follows:

3            On page 3, line 12, after the first semicolon,

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5 insert:

6            amending s. 215.5586, F.S., relating to the  
7            Florida Comprehensive Hurricane Damage  
8            Mitigation Program; providing for grants to  
9            homeowners to protect rather than retrofit  
10           their properties; revising certain other  
11           eligibility criteria for a grant; authorizing  
12           the use of grants for roof-protection systems;  
13           amending s. 215.559, F.S., relating to the  
14           Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program; providing  
15           for a certain portion of the appropriation  
16           under the program to be used for securing  
17           fixtures for mobile homes;

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