

The State Legislature allocated \$115 million for hurricane mitigation and retrofit grants. Grants are capped at \$10,000 per homeowner and only dispersed AFTER eligible improvement work has been completed by an approved contractor and payment has been made by the homeowner. There is a validation process for grants and not every homeowner will qualify. Receiving a free inspection does not guarantee a homeowner will receive a grant under the Program. We created this Quick Guide to assist homeowners with the grant process.

A wind mitigation inspection is a type of inspection that assesses the wind resistance of a home. It is specifically designed to identify the structural and non-structural elements of a home that can help reduce the amount of damage that a home sustains during a hurricane or other wind event.

There are several reasons why homeowners in hurricane zones should consider getting a wind mitigation inspection:

1. **Insurance Discounts:** Many insurance companies offer discounts to homeowners who have undergone a wind mitigation inspection and made any necessary repairs or upgrades. This can help homeowners save money on their insurance premiums.
2. **Improved Safety:** A wind mitigation inspection can identify potential hazards or vulnerabilities in a home that could make it more susceptible to damage during a hurricane. By addressing these issues, homeowners can help protect their families and their property during a wind event.
3. **Increased Resale Value:** Homes that have undergone a wind mitigation inspection and made necessary repairs or upgrades may be more attractive to potential buyers. This can increase the resale value of the home.
4. **Peace of Mind:** A wind mitigation inspection can provide homeowners with peace of mind by giving them a better understanding of their home's wind resistance and what they can do to improve it.

In summary, homeowners in hurricane zones should consider getting a wind mitigation inspection to potentially save on insurance premiums, improve safety, increase resale value, and gain peace of mind.