

**Frequently Asked Questions (“FAQs”)
Construction Industry Licensing Board
Florida Homeowners’ Construction Recovery Fund Shortfall**

Q. Is the Florida Homeowners’ Construction Recovery Fund paying claims?

A. Due to a shortfall in funding there are not sufficient funds available to pay claims at this time. The Department will monitor revenues for the construction recovery fund and make payments as funds become available.

Q. Where do funds for the Florida Homeowners’ Construction Recovery Fund come from?

A. The Florida Homeowners’ Construction Recovery Fund is funded by a surcharge on building permits that local building departments collect. The building departments forward revenues from the surcharge to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. Florida law requires that the surcharge revenue first be used to fund the Florida Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board. The remaining funds are then used for the Florida Homeowners’ Construction Recovery Fund.

Q. Why is Florida Homeowners’ Construction Recovery Fund experiencing a shortfall?

A. The total money generated by the surcharge dropped by more than \$2.3 million in the past two years, compared to what would have been collected if the number of permits had remained at the 2005 level. The number of building permits issued is projected to decline even more this year resulting in still lower levels of funding. This decrease could result in insufficient revenues to fund the Florida Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board. If that occurs, the Recovery Fund would not have money to reimburse claims in the current fiscal year.

Q. What if I have already been approved for payment from the Florida Homeowners’ Construction Recovery Fund?

A. Due to a decrease in building permits that resulted in a shortfall in funding, the processing of your payment has been temporarily suspended until funding is available. We realize that delaying the reimbursement of your approved claim may cause additional financial difficulty, and we will make every effort to process your payment as quickly as funds become available.

Q. Will the Department continue to process claims?

A. The Department will continue to process claims until the claims are complete and ready for review by the Construction Industry Licensing Board. The

Department will then present claims to the Board, in the order they are completed, as funds become available.

Q. Will I be notified when my claim is complete and scheduled for review by the Construction Industry Licensing Board?

A. Yes, you will be notified by mail when your claim is complete. When funds become available, you will be notified by mail when your claim is scheduled for presentation to the Construction Industry Licensing Board.