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Florida Sells Bonds to Backstop Its Homeowner's Insurance Industry.

- The \$600 million bond sale is the first of its kind since 1993
- Insurers had to close after Hurricane Ian, deluge of lawsuits

A Florida state agency is selling municipal bonds to backstop the state's homeowner's insurance industry after a surge of claims and litigation drove some insurers to shutter.

The Florida Insurance Guaranty Association, which handles the claims of insolvent insurers, plans to borrow \$600 million of bonds, according to preliminary offering documents. It is the first time in three decades the agency has tapped the municipal bond market to help support insurance claims.

The borrowing provides the agency with needed liquidity. "Our funding sources are somewhat limited," said Corey Neal, FIGA's executive director.

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