

# **NATIONALLY COMPETITIVE MITIGATION GRANT OPPORTUNITY** **BUILDING RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE & COMMUNITIES (BRIC)**

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## **WHAT IS THE BRIC GRANT PROGRAM?**

The Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities (BRIC) grant program is a *new* nationally competitive annual FEMA grant opportunity offering pre-disaster mitigation funds for projects associated with disaster and natural hazard risk reduction. The BRIC program guiding principles are supporting communities through capability- and capacity-building; encouraging and enabling innovation; promoting partnerships; enabling large projects; maintaining flexibility; and providing consistency. The BRIC program aims to categorically shift the federal focus away from reactive disaster spending and toward research-supported, proactive investment in community resilience. This funding is available to successful applicants at a 75% federal, 25% non-federal cost share with \$500 million in total available funding for fiscal year 2020.

## **WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

States, territories, federally recognized tribes and local communities are eligible to serve as sub-applicants for the BRIC grant. Applicants must be participating in a FEMA approved County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

## **HOW DO I APPLY?**

Eligible applicants who wish to apply should email the State Hazard Mitigation Officer, Anne Fuchs, to state their interest and project intent by **October 30, 2020**. Each applicant will also need to register as a sub-applicant in the new FEMA GO web portal located at <https://go.fema.gov/login?redirect=%2F>.

## **WHAT IS THE FEMA GO SYSTEM?**

FEMA GO is the grants management system to use for applying for the Building Resilient Infrastructures and Communities (BRIC) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) non-disaster hazard mitigation grant programs. FEMA GO will ultimately replace the eGrants system which will remain online to manage fiscal year 2019 and prior year grants. Steps required to register and submit an application are clearly outlined on pages 11-14 of the *FY20 BRIC Notice of Funding Opportunity*.

## **WHAT IS THE FEMA GO APPLICATION PROCESS?**

In the application process, sub-applicant users complete sub-grant applications and submit them to their State Hazard Mitigation Officer. Sub-applicants should consult the State Hazard Mitigation Officer in their state for more information regarding the application process. The State Hazard Mitigation Officer will review and approve the sub-grant applications submitted from sub-applicants and create a grant application on behalf of the state for submittal to FEMA.

## WHAT TYPES OF PROJECTS ARE ELIGIBLE THROUGH BRIC?

FEMA will fund the following uses of assistance through BRIC:

**Capability- and Capacity-Building Activities** can be submitted under the State/Territory Allocation and Tribal Set-Aside. These are activities that enhance the knowledge, skills, and expertise of the current workforce to expand or improve the administration of mitigation assistance.

**Mitigation Projects** can be submitted under the State/Territory Allocation, Tribal Set-Aside, and the national competition. Mitigation projects are cost-effective projects designed to increase resilience and public safety; reduce injuries and loss of life; and reduce damage and destruction to property, critical services, facilities, and infrastructure.

**Management Costs** can be submitted under the State/Territory Allocation, Tribal Set-Aside, and national competition. Management costs allow FEMA to provide financial assistance to reimburse the recipient and subrecipient for eligible and reasonable indirect costs, direct administrative costs, and other administrative expenses associated with a specific mitigation project or C&CB activity.

FEMA will provide the following assistance through BRIC:

**Non-Financial Direct Technical Assistance** to communities to build a community's capacity and capability to improve its resiliency to natural hazards and to ensure stakeholders are capable of building and sustaining successful mitigation programs, submitting high-quality applications, and implementing new and innovative projects that reduce risk from a wide range of natural hazards.

## WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF MITIGATION PROJECTS?

Some common examples of hazard mitigation projects include, but are not limited to:

- Culvert Upsizing/Drainage Improvement
- Acquisition/Demolition
- Structure Elevation
- Critical Infrastructure Retrofits/Upgrades
- Road/Bank Stabilization
- Building Code Adoption & Enforcement Activities
- Hazard Mitigation Planning
- Project Scoping to Obtain Data for Future Flood Mitigation Projects

## WHEN ARE APPLICATIONS DUE?

Sub-applicant applications are to be submitted via the FEMA GO system no later than end of business on **December 15, 2020**. Applications will then be reviewed and ranked by the State Hazard Mitigation Officer before formal submission to FEMA on **January 29, 2021**.

## TRAINING RESOURCES

A number of resources have been included on MEMA's mitigation grants webpage for easy access, however additional information can be found on the "Resources for the Building Resilient Infrastructure Communities Program (BRIC)" website:

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/building-resilient-infrastructure-communities/resources>

## FEMA GO HELPDESK

For assistance with the FEMA GO system, users can contact the FEMA GO Helpdesk via email at [femago@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:femago@fema.dhs.gov) or phone at 1-877-611-4700.