

Wisconsin Project Announced Under FEMA Pre-Selection for \$6M in Mitigation Grant Funding to Build Community Resilience

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CHICAGO – On August 1, FEMA announced the city of Madison, Wisc., was included in the pre-selection of subapplicants to receive a portion of \$1B in funding through the [Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities \(BRIC\) program](#) to assist communities across the nation enhance climate and disaster resiliency. The city's proposed \$8.6M project will focus on protecting the Pheasant Branch Tributary Greenway by increasing the capacity and flood storage of greenway channels, consolidating and expanding stormwater ponds into greenway storage, and improving culverts and storm sewers to reduce local flooding.

These selection announcements are not awards; rather, it's a decision on the status of all subapplications for this grant cycle. FEMA will work with applicants "Identified for Further Review" to conduct programmatic reviews before making a final award decision for funding.

"FEMA's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities or BRIC program seeks to shift the focus from reactive disaster spending toward proactive investment in community resilience," said Tom Sivak, regional administrator, FEMA Region 5. "This project has the potential to protect more than 30,000 Madison residents while reducing the risk of flood damage to homes and businesses throughout the west side of the city."

BRIC is FEMA's new pre-disaster mitigation grant program providing funds to states, local communities, tribes and territories for eligible mitigation activities to strengthen our nation's ability to build a culture of preparedness. This program funds activities and projects that invest in a more resilient nation, reduce disaster suffering and avoid future disaster costs.



As part of FEMA's commitment to the Justice40 initiative to instill equity as a foundation of emergency management, FEMA is prioritizing at least 40% of the overall benefits of climate, clean energy, affordable and sustainable housing, clean water and other investments to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized, overburdened, and underserved. This year, FEMA established a baseline within this grant program to achieve that goal and will continue to build on the work we have done to ensure equitable outcomes.

Through BRIC, FEMA would pay 70% of eligible project costs. The remainder of the project cost will be provided by the state or local community. To learn more about FEMA's BRIC grant program, visit www.fema.gov/bric.

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