FEMA Announces Funding Opportunities for \$660 Million in Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants

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WASHINGTON - FEMA posted funding notices today for two hazard mitigation grant programs for more than \$660 million.

The two grant programs, the Flood Mitigation Assistance grant and the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities, or BRIC, will provide funds to states, local communities, tribes and territories for eligible mitigation activities to strengthen our nation's ability to build a culture of preparedness. These programs allow for funding to be used on projects that will reduce future disaster losses.

The funding notices are available on <u>Grants.gov</u>, and the application period opens on Sept. 30.

Eligible applicants must apply for funding using the new FEMA Grants Outcome (FEMA GO). Please submit applications at <u>FEMA Go Portal</u> no later than 3 p.m. EST on Jan. 29, 2021. Applications received by FEMA after this deadline will not be considered for funding.

FEMA Offering Webinars

FEMA is offering informational webinars for interested applicants to provide an overview of the grant programs and details about the agency's funding priorities and review process. The presentation materials as well as the time and call-in information is the same for each session.

Any state, tribal or territory prospective applicant may attend. Each webinar will be at 2 p.m. EST on Aug. 18, 20 and 25. A webinar for tribal applicants will be held at 2 p.m. EST on Aug. 27.



Additional webinars are also scheduled about the new FEMA Grants Outcome (FEMA GO), which is now the management system for these grant programs. The development of FEMA GO is a multi-year effort to modernize and transform the way FEMA conducts grants management. FEMA GO will streamline the process to apply for, track and manage FEMA grants.

In September, FEMA will host two webinars on "Avoiding Application Pitfalls." Registration information for all upcoming webinars will be provided soon.

Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant

The National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 establishes the goal of reducing or eliminating claims under the <u>National Flood Insurance Program</u> through long-term mitigation actions. For the program, the agency's predetermined funding priorities include flood mitigation planning and efforts for repetitive as well as severe repetitive loss properties.

In this application cycle, \$160 million is available in Flood Mitigation Assistance grant funds. There is a set-aside of \$70 million for community advance assistance and flood mitigation projects. View the Notice of Funding Opportunity at:

<u>Grants.gov</u>. Funding Opportunity Number: DHS-20-MT-029-000-99.

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grants

The new BRIC grant program is for pre-disaster mitigation activities and replaces FEMA's existing Pre-Disaster Mitigation program.

The BRIC priorities are to:

- incentivize public infrastructure projects.
- incentivize projects that mitigate risk to one or more lifelines.
- incentivize projects that incorporate nature-based solutions.
- incentivize the adoptions and enforcement of modern building codes.

View the NOFO at: <u>Grants.gov</u>. Funding Opportunity Number: DHS-20-MT-047-00-99.



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