



Notice of Funding Opportunity for Hazard Mitigation Grants

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)



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Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities



Legislation



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- Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) Section 1234, which amends Section 203 of the Stafford Act
- Funded by a 6% set-aside from federal post-disaster grant funding
- Eligible applicants – states and territories with major disaster declarations in past seven years
 - Federally recognized tribes with major disaster declaration in past seven years or located in a state with major disaster declaration in past seven years
 - Federally recognized tribes eligible to apply as applicant or subapplicant
- Will replace FEMA's existing pre-disaster mitigation (PDM) program

BRIC's Guiding Principles

Guiding Principles



Support Community Capability & Capacity Building



Encourage and Enable Innovation



Promote Partnerships



Enable Large Infrastructure Projects



Maintain Flexibility



Provide Consistency

Supports FEMA's Strategic Plan

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Build a Culture of Preparedness

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Ready the Nation for Catastrophic Disasters

3

Reduce the Complexity of FEMA



BRIC Priorities

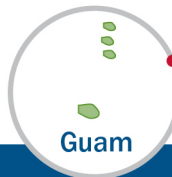
- Incentivize public infrastructure projects
- Incentivize projects that mitigate risk to one or more lifelines
- Incentivize projects that incorporate nature-based solutions
- Incentivize adoption and enforcement of modern building codes

Applicant and Subapplicant Eligibility

Who is eligible for BRIC funding?

Applicants:

- ✓ All 50 States
- ✓ U.S. territories
- ✓ Federally recognized Tribal Governments
- ✓ District of Columbia



Subapplicants:

- ✓ Local Governments
- ✓ Tribal Governments
- ✓ State Agencies
- ✓ Tribal Agencies



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Applying as an Applicant

- ✓ Develop an application and subapplication
- ✓ BRIC Tribal Set-Aside
- ✓ Management Costs (subapplication and application)
- ✓ Eligible for small impoverished community designation
- ✓ Must have a Tribal Mitigation Plan by the application deadline and at the time of obligation of the award

Applying as an Subapplicant

- ✓ Develop a subapplication
- ✓ BRIC Funding Mechanisms
- ✓ Management Costs (subapplication)
- ✓ Eligible for small impoverished community designation
- ✓ Must have a FEMA-approved Tribal Hazard Mitigation Plan by the application deadline and at the time of obligation of grant funds for mitigation projects.

FY20 BRIC – Available Funding



\$500 Million

- **State/Territory Allocation: \$33.6 million** (up to \$600,000 per Applicant)
 - All 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories may apply under the State/Territory Allocation
- **Tribal Set-Aside: \$20 million**
 - All Indian tribal governments (federally recognized) may apply under the Tribal Set-Aside
- **National Competition for Mitigation Projects: \$446.4 million (estimated)**
 - Remaining funds which are not awarded from the State/Territory Allocation or Tribal Set-Aside will be included in the national competition



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FY20 BRIC – Uses of Assistance

Total Available BRIC FUNDING
\$500 Million

Uses of Assistance	\$33.6 M State/Territory Allocations	\$20M Tribal Set-Aside	\$446.4M National Competition for Mitigation Projects
Management Costs	✓	✓	✓
Capability and Capacity Building Activities	✓	✓	
Mitigation Projects	✓	✓	✓



BRIC Funding Limits

- **State/Territory Allocation:** The combined cost for any C&CB activities and/or mitigation projects under the State/Territory Allocation must not exceed \$600,000 federal cost share per Applicant
 - Up to \$300,000 may be used for mitigation planning and planning-related activities per Applicant
- **Tribal Set-Aside:** The combined cost (federal share) of the Applicant's C&CB activities under the Tribal Set-Aside must not exceed \$600,000 federal cost share per Applicant
 - Up to \$300,000 may be used for mitigation planning and planning-related activities per Applicant
- **National Competition:** \$50 million (federal share) per subapplication
 - No limit on the number of project subapplications submitted per Applicant

Cost Share Requirements

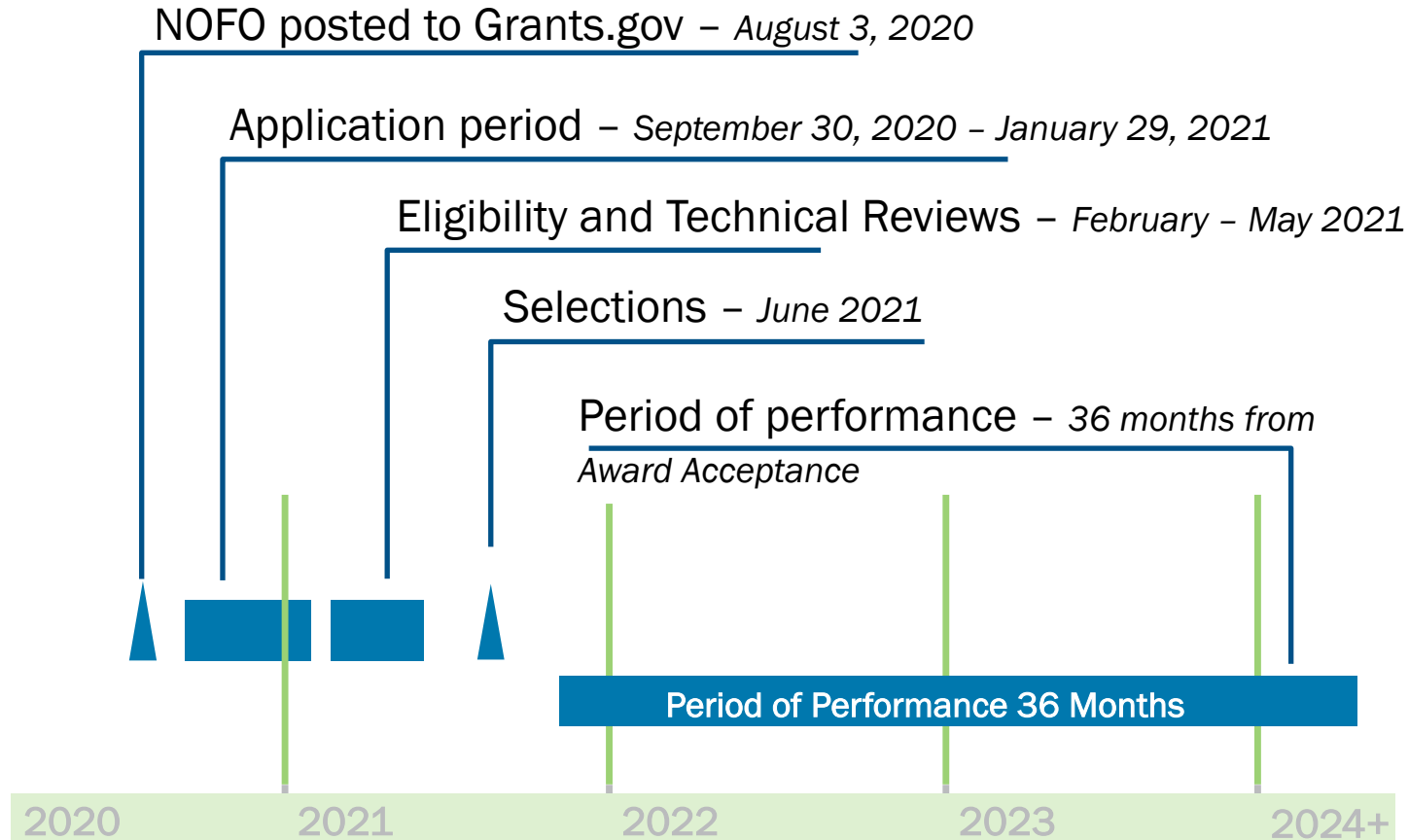
Cost Share:

Generally FEMA will pay up to 75 percent of the total cost

- **BRIC:**
 - FEMA will pay up to 90 percent for small impoverished communities
 - FEMA will pay up to 100 percent for management costs



Application Cycle and Funding Deadlines



Application period opens on **September 30, 2020**

Submission deadline for applications is **3:00 PM ET on January 29, 2021**

System-related issues must be addressed by **3:00 PM ET on January 27, 2021**

Pre-Award Selection Notice: **Anticipated in June 2021**

Period of Performance:

Start Date: **When the recipient accepts the Award**

End Date: All projects are **36 months** from the date of the Award



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Sampling of Requirements*

- Applicants and subapplicants must have a FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation Plan by the application deadline AND at the time of obligated funding
- Applicants and subapplicants applying for mitigation projects must provide a BCA or other documentation that validates cost-effectiveness
- Applicants and subapplicants applying for mitigation projects must provide information needed to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and related DHS and FEMA instructions and directives

**Please refer to the NOFOs for a full list of all requirements*



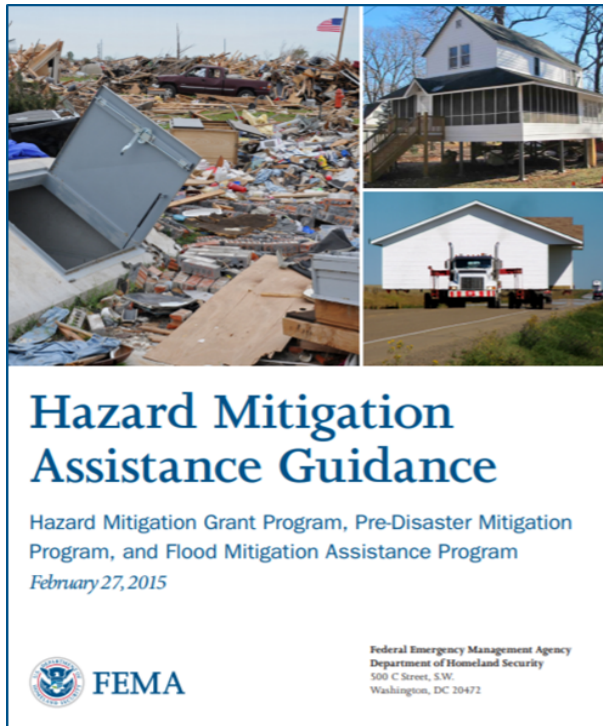
BRIC Capability- and Capacity- Building Activities



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BRIC Eligible Activities

Existing Activities are Still Eligible



Expanded Eligibility Includes:

- Project scoping
- Building code activities
- Pre-award costs
- Additional activities for wildfire and wind implementation (DRRA Section 1205)
- Earthquake early warning (DRRA Section 1233)

Projects Must:

- Be cost-effective
- Reduce/eliminate risk and damage from future natural hazards
- Meet latest two consensus codes (i.e., 2015 or 2018 international building code)
- Align with Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Meet all environmental and historic preservation requirements



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BRIC – Technical Criteria



Infrastructure project



Mitigating risk to one or more lifelines



Incorporation of nature-based solutions



Applicant has mandatory building code adoption requirement
(2015 or 2018 versions of International Building Code and International Residential Code)



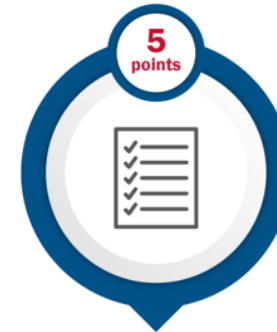
Subapplicant has Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule Rating of 1 to 5



Application generated from a previous FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Advance Assistance award



Increased non-federal cost share



Designation as a small impoverished community



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BRIC – Qualitative Criteria



**Risk Reduction /
Resiliency Effectiveness**



**Future
Conditions**



**Implementation
Measures**



**Population
Impacted**



**Outreach
Activities**



**Leveraging
Partners**



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BRIC – Direct Technical Assistance

- Non-financial Direct Technical Assistance will be provided to up to 10 selected communities to support the mitigation outcomes listed below:



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BRIC – Direct Technical Assistance

FEMA may prioritize Direct Technical Assistance for communities that:

- Have not received a project award under the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program, FMA, or the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) within the past 5 years
- Have not received an Advance Assistance award under PDM, FMA, or HMGP within the past 5 years
- Are Tribal entities
- Are small impoverished communities
- Have demonstrated a compelling need (e.g., have significant social vulnerability, multiple major disaster declarations within the past 5 years, etc.)



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BRIC – Go/No-Go Milestones



- The subapplicant, in coordination with the Applicant, must identify a series of Go/No-Go milestones throughout the work schedule for mitigation activities that FEMA will review and approve



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BRIC – Phased Projects



- Phased projects are where FEMA provides funding for complex mitigation projects to Applicants to allow them to develop all the technical and environmental information, including design, engineering studies, and permitting, before issuing a full construction approval
- Phasing projects allow monies to flow and good mitigation projects to be developed and evaluated without a community assuming risk of not being funded, which can be especially helpful for smaller communities



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An aerial photograph of a coastal town, likely Nantucket, featuring a harbor filled with numerous sailboats. The town is surrounded by dense green trees, and a prominent white church steeple is visible on the right side. The entire image is covered with a semi-transparent blue gradient.

Next Steps

How to Apply

- Eligible Applicants must apply for funding using the new FEMA Grants Outcomes (FEMA GO) at the [FEMA GO Portal](#)
- Visit [FEMA GO Guides and Resources](#) to view the technical user manuals and support materials
- For FEMA GO Technical Support, contact the Help Desk by calling 1-877-611-4700 or by email at: femago@fema.dhs.gov



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FEMA GO

Application Deadlines

- The Application period opens on September 30, 2020
- Applications must be received in FEMA GO at by January 29, 2021, at 3:00 PM Eastern Time (ET)

Technical Assistance

- Applicants experiencing technical problems outside of their control must notify FEMA by 3:00 PM ET on January 27, 2021

BRIC Program Support Materials

- [Mitigation Action Portfolio](#)
- [BRIC Building Code Activities](#)
- [BRIC Partnership Activities](#)
- [BRIC Project Scoping Activities](#)
- [BRIC Mitigation Planning Activities](#)
- [BRIC Direct Technical Assistance](#)
- [BRIC Technical Criteria](#)
- [BRIC Qualitative Criteria](#)
- [HMA Cost Share Guide](#)
- [FY20 BRIC Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)



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Additional Resources

FEMA Program Website:

BRIC- www.fema.gov/bric

FEMA GO Helpline:

femago@fema.dhs.gov

1-877-611-4700

BCA Helpline:

BCHelpline@fema.dhs.gov

1-855-540-6744

Feasibility and Effectiveness Helpline:

FEMA-BuildingScienceHelp@fema.dhs.gov

Environmental and Historic Preservation:

EHPHelpline@fema.dhs.gov

1-866-222-3580

HMA Helpline:

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Q&A



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