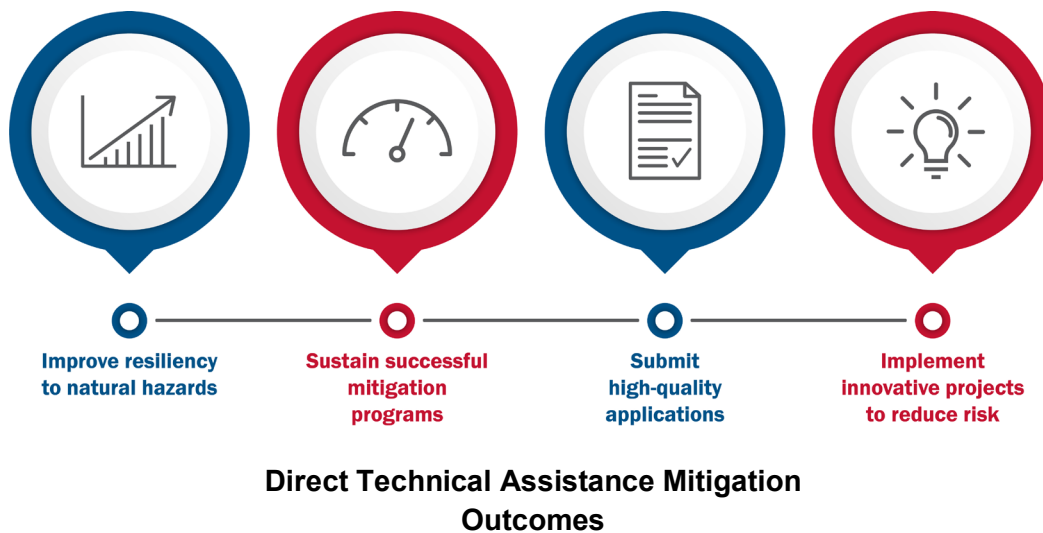


BRIC Non-Financial Direct Technical Assistance

This Program Support Material (PSM) provides detailed information about the non-financial Direct Technical Assistance (DTA) offered through the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is expanding its ability to provide non-financial DTA to selected communities to support mitigation activities.



Background

FEMA received an overwhelming number of requests during the last BRIC application cycle from communities in need of technical assistance. Requests addressed a range of topics, including:

- Local hazard mitigation plan development initial support
- Identifying solutions for specific hazards
- Assistance with hazard mitigation project planning
- Requesting application development support
- Demonstrating cost-effectiveness of a BRIC subapplication submission
- Understanding hazard mitigation grant management



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BRIC DTA gives full support to communities that may not have the resources to begin climate resilience planning and project solution design on their own. Through process-oriented, hands-on support, BRIC DTA will work to enhance a community's capacity to design holistic, equitable climate adaptation solutions that advance numerous community-driven objectives.

FEMA will give wide-ranging support to BRIC DTA communities in their efforts on climate risk assessments, community engagement, partnership building, mitigation and climate adaptation planning, and BRIC program requests throughout the grant lifecycle. FEMA will support BRIC DTA communities from pre-application activities to grant closeout.

Support Available

Through Direct Technical Assistance, FEMA will provide support for mitigation planning, project development, and BRIC application-specific needs throughout the grant lifecycle from pre-application activities to closeout.

FEMA recognizes that communities have diverse needs and different capability and capacity levels. FEMA will consider requests for all types of Direct Technical Assistance if they meet the eligibility and submission information requirements outlined on the BRIC Direct Technical Assistance webpage.

Eligibility Information

BRIC Direct Technical Assistance defines communities as cities, towns/townships, municipalities, counties, parishes, Special District Governments, territories, federally recognized tribal governments, and groups of two or more communities that fit the above criteria. FEMA considers all eligible for non-financial Direct Technical Assistance.

A BRIC grant subapplication or award under the state/territory allocation, tribal set-aside, or national competition is not a prerequisite or requirement for consideration for Direct Technical Assistance. Additionally, an approved hazard mitigation plan is not a prerequisite or requirement for consideration for Direct Technical Assistance. However, Direct Technical Assistance must improve the community's capacity and capability to conduct mitigation activities, increase the community's resilience to natural hazards, or identify projects that will holistically improve the community's resilience and reduce risk.

FEMA will review each submitted request and select communities based on the compelling need, the specific request, and the extent to which the request demonstrates that the assistance will further BRIC's goals to build community capability and resilience. FEMA will notify the community of its selection to receive non-financial Direct Technical Assistance.

How Assistance Is Prioritized

FEMA will review each request and prioritize assistance for communities that meet one or more of the definitions below.

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- Noted in [Executive Order \(EO\) 14008](#), Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad, including tribal nation governments.
- Have demonstrated that the community, or areas within the community, have a [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's \(CDC\)/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry \(ATSDR\) Social Vulnerability Index \(SVI\)](#) score greater than or equal to 0.6.
- Qualify as an economically disadvantaged rural community. (This is defined in 42 U.S.C. § 5133(a) as a small impoverished community.) It includes a community of 3,000 or fewer individuals, where residents have an average per capita annual income that does not exceed 80% of the national per capita income. It is based on best available data.
- Have shown a compelling need. This includes communities with disadvantaged populations as referenced in EO 14008, multiple major disaster declarations within the past 5 years, limited funds, and strong community engagement but that need technical expertise.
- Have not received a grant award, including Advance Assistance or Capability- and Capacity-Building subaward under [Pre-Disaster Mitigation \(PDM\)](#) or [BRIC, Flood Mitigation Assistance \(FMA\)](#), or [Hazard Mitigation Grant Program \(HMGP\)](#) awards within the past 5 years.

How to Request Non-Financial Direct Technical Assistance

FEMA intends to significantly grow the non-financial Direct Technical Assistance initiative in future years for communities and federally recognized tribal governments across the nation. Communities interested in requesting assistance should visit [BRIC Direct Technical Assistance | FEMA.gov](#) to find information and detailed instructions on submitting requests. Communities send a request through the online submission form that can be found [here](#). A Spanish version of the submission form can be found [here](#). FEMA will select requests for non-financial BRIC DTA from those that are submitted no later than **3 p.m. Eastern time on Jan. 27, 2023**.

There is no requirement for a previous BRIC grant sub-application or award, or an approved hazard mitigation plan, to be considered for DTA.

Communities that do not have access to a computer or the internet, or that need assistance submitting a request, should contact their [State Hazard Mitigation Officer](#) or [Regional Tribal Liaison](#) for assistance.

Delivery

FEMA will notify the communities and their respective applicant (states, territories, or federally recognized tribal governments) if they are selected to receive non-financial Direct Technical Assistance. Once communities are selected for this non-financial Direct Technical Assistance, FEMA will coordinate with them on next steps to accomplish their goals and objectives along with developing a timeline.

Please send all questions to fema-bricdirecttechnicalassistance@fema.dhs.gov.

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