

Resource List for the BRIC Grant Program

Access these resources online in the Resource List collection, at [fema.gov/bric-resources](https://www.fema.gov/bric-resources).

These program support materials provide important information on key elements of the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program. They further explain the [FY21 BRIC Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) and [NOFO Factsheet](#). The program support materials illustrate example projects and clarify program focus areas.

Program Support Materials

Mitigation Action Portfolio

This portfolio displays mitigation projects depicting an array of eligible hazard mitigation activities.

BRIC Building Code Activities

The adoption and enforcement of building codes is an important mitigation activity that provides significant resilience benefits. This program support material provides information on eligible building code-related activities under the State/Territory Allocation and Tribal Set-Aside portion of the BRIC grant program.



BRIC Partnership Activities

FEMA promotes partnerships and provides financial assistance for eligible capability- and capacity-building activities. This program support material provides information about partnership activities eligible under the State/Territory Allocation and Tribal Set-Aside portion of the BRIC grant program.

BRIC Project Scoping Activities

Project scoping is designed to provide funding to communities to develop mitigation strategies and obtain data to prioritize, select, and develop complete applications in a timely manner. Project scoping may result in an improvement to the community's capability to identify appropriate mitigation projects or in the development of an application-ready mitigation project for the BRIC grant program or another funding opportunity. This program support material provides information about project scoping activities eligible under the State/Territory Allocation and Tribal Set-Aside portion of the BRIC grant program.



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BRIC Mitigation Planning Activities

Under BRIC, mitigation planning activities should result in a FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan or contribute new information to an existing hazard mitigation plan. This program support material provides information on mitigation planning activities that are eligible under the State/Territory Allocation and Tribal Set-Aside portion of BRIC. Subapplicants are required to have a FEMA-approved Local or Tribal Hazard Mitigation Plan by the application deadline and at the time of obligation of grant funds for mitigation projects and capability-and capacity-building activities, with the exception of mitigation planning.

BRIC Direct Technical Assistance

FEMA will provide non-financial Direct Technical Assistance to a maximum of 20 communities to support the mitigation outcomes of the BRIC grant program. Technical assistance may include working with communities to ensure stakeholders are capable of building and sustaining successful mitigation programs, helping communities develop high-quality applications, developing local partnership networks, and assistance with implementing new and innovative projects that reduce risk from a wide range of natural hazards.

BRIC Technical Criteria

FEMA uses technical evaluation criteria to score subapplications submitted to the national competition portion of BRIC. This program support material provides detailed information about the eight technical evaluation criteria, explains how to meet the criteria, and how to document it within a subapplication.

BRIC Qualitative Criteria

A qualitative review will be conducted on the subapplications submitted for consideration under the national competition portion of BRIC. FEMA will convene a national review panel to score the subapplications using the qualitative criteria. This program support material discusses the six qualitative scoring criteria and provides transparency on how FEMA will use the criteria to score the subapplications.

BRIC Phased Projects

Phased projects are complex projects for which FEMA provides funding in phases to subapplicants to prepare the technical and/or environmental information, including design, engineering studies, final benefit-cost analysis (BCA), and permitting, before issuing a full construction approval. Phasing is intended for projects that are in development, but for which funding is lacking to complete certain technical pieces. This program support material provides detailed information about phased projects eligible for funding under BRIC, including an overview of the phased projects process, an explanation of how they differ from project scoping activities, and a description of when and how to use the phased project approach.

BRIC Tribal Information

This program support material provides an overview of the BRIC program with respect to federally recognized tribal governments. The document explains the differences between applying as an applicant and subapplicant, explains the BRIC Tribal Set-Aside funding process, and provides general tips for developing an effective BRIC application.

Also included is information on the BRIC Technical and Qualitative Criteria, how a tribal community can apply for BRIC non-financial Direct Technical Assistance, and links to additional tribal resources.

Hazard Mitigation Assistance Cost Share Guidance

This guidance is a tool for applicants and subapplicants to assist with understanding match requirements for FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grants, including BRIC. The guide encourages early coordination for cost share strategies and provides examples of different ways to meet the non-federal cost share requirement, including the use of donated resources.

Additional Resources

General questions about the BRIC program can be directed to the appropriate [State Hazard Mitigation Officer](#) or [FEMA Regional Office](#).

General BRIC Questions and State Application Deadlines
[State Hazard Mitigation Officer](#)

FEMA GO Helpline
femago@fema.dhs.gov or 877-611-4700

BCA Helpline
BCHelpline@fema.dhs.gov or 855-540-6744

Building Science Helpline
FEMA-BuildingScienceHelp@fema.dhs.gov

Environmental and Historic Preservation
EHPHelpline@fema.dhs.gov or 866-222-3580

Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Helpline
866-222-3580

[BRIC webpage](#) and [NOFO webpage](#) on FEMA.gov