



# FUNDING ALERT!

Professional Assistance for Today's Unprecedented Funding Opportunities

## FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities

### Program Name

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### Background

- **Administrator:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- **Total Fund Size:** \$2.295 billion
- **Program Purpose:** To help communities increase resilience to heat waves, drought, wildfires, flood, hurricanes, and other hazards

**\$2.295 billion**

### Key Dates

- **September 30, 2022** – Applications open
- **January 27, 2023 - Applications Due**
- **Extensions** – FEMA may extend the deadline for technical problems outside of the applicant's control that prevent submission by the deadline

### Eligible Applicants

- **State, Local, or Tribal Governments Only**
  - Funds are directly allocated to States, Territories, and Tribal Governments
  - Individuals, businesses, and non-profit organizations are not eligible to apply for BRIC funds
  - However, an eligible applicant or sub applicant may apply for funding on behalf of individuals, businesses, and non-profit organizations.
- Sub applicants
  - Local governments (cities, townships, counties, special district governments, state agencies, and federally recognized tribal governments)
  - Sub applicants must 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) Federally recognized tribal governments and non-federally recognized tribes can choose to apply as a sub applicant to an eligible state or territory
  - If a tribal government requests to apply through the state, the state must have received a major disaster declaration under the Stafford Act in the 7 years prior to the annual grant application period start date

### Allocation Amounts per Applicant

**Total Fund Size:** \$2.295 billion

- State/Territory Allocation: \$112 million (max allocation is \$2 million)
- Tribal Set-Aside: \$50 million (max set-aside is \$2 million)
- National Competition: \$2.133 billion (max application is \$50 million)

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## Eligible and Ineligible Uses

- **Capability and Capacity-Building** – Activities that enhance knowledge, skills, expertise of the current workforce to expand or improve the administration of mitigation assistance.
  - Includes activities in these sub-categories: building codes activities, partnerships, project scoping, mitigation planning and planning-related activities, and others
- **Mitigation Projects** – Cost-effective projects designed to increase resilience and public safety; reduce injuries and loss of life; and reduce damage and destruction to property, critical services, facilities, and infrastructure from natural hazards and the effects of climate change
- **Management Costs** – eligible and reasonable indirect costs, direct administrative costs, and other administrative expenses associated with a specific mitigation measure or project up to 15% of the total amount of the grant award. For such costs generally, not more than:
  - 10% of the total award amount used by the recipient
  - 5% of the total award amount used by the subrecipient

## Process Overview

- States, Territories, and Tribal Governments designate one agency to serve as the applicant for BRIC funding
- Sub applications under which 2 or more entities would carry out the award are eligible (i.e., multi-state or multi-tribal initiative)
  - Only one entity may be responsible for carrying out the award
- **Period of Performance (POP)**
- 36 months from award
  - Applicant may submit request for longer POP in application

## Application Sections

### Standard Required Application Forms and Information

- SF 424: Application for Federal Assistance
- Grants.gov Lobbying Form: Certification Regarding Lobbying
- SF-424A: Non-Construction Budget Information
  - SF-424C: Construction Budget Information
- SF-424B: Non-Construction Standard Assurances
  - SF-424D: Construction Standard Assurances
- SF-LLL: Disclosure of Lobbying Activities
- Indirect Cost Agreement or Proposal

### Program-Specific Required Forms and Information

- Non-Financial Direct Technical Assistance Letter of Interest
- Management Costs

### Other Submission Requirements

- Benefit-Cost Analysis for Mitigation Projects
- Go/No-Go Milestones
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Requirements for Mitigation Projects
- Acquisition Project Requirements

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## Match Requirement

- 25% match must come from non-federal sources
- Economically Disadvantaged Rural Communities are eligible for, up to 90% federal/10% non-federal
  - Economically Disadvantaged Rural Communities defined as a community of  $\leq 3,000$  individuals with residents having an average per capita annual income of no more than 80% of the national per capita income

## Eligible & Ineligible Project Costs

### Eligible Project Costs

- State or Tribal Governments may use not more than 5% for technical assistance and administrative expenses combined

### Ineligible Project Costs

- Awardees and sub awardees may not use grant funds, directly or indirectly, to support or oppose union organizing

## Selection Criteria

### Technical Evaluation Criteria – National Competition

- Infrastructure Project – **20 points**
- Incorporates nature-based solutions – **20 points possible**
- Mandatory tribal, territory, or state-wide building code adoption requirement – **20 points** for 2018/2021 versions of International Building Code and Residential Code or **10 points** for 2015 version
- Sub applicant has Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule Rating of 1 to 5 – **20 points**
- Application generated from a previous qualifying award or sub applicant is a past recipient of BRIC non-financial Direct Technical Assistance – **10 points**
- Non-federal cost share of at least 30% - **5 points**
- Any community with a CDC SVI of 0.60 to 0.79 - **15 points** OR Designation as an Economically Disadvantaged Rural Community – **30 points**

### Qualitative Evaluation Criteria

- Risk Reduction/Resiliency Effectiveness – **35 points**
- Climate Change and Other Future Conditions – **20 points**
- Implementation Measures – **15 points**
- Population Impacted – **25 points**
- Outreach Activities – **5 points**
- Leveraging Partners – **15 points**

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## Tasks To Be Performed

1. Project Management & Administration

### Phase I – Planning

2. Technical Assistance & Planning

3. Resilience Project Approval

### Phase II – Project Execution

4. Resilience Project Execution

a) Monitor performance of entity/awardee to assure Terms and Conditions of the subaward

b) Collect necessary information for Recipient to provide measurable progress towards completion of funded activity

c) Collect necessary information for Recipient to verify extent to which established objectives are being realized

## Deliverables

- Project Management Plan (PMP)
  - Due 45 days after start of budget period 1
  - Submitted 90 days prior to start of subsequent budget period
  - Revised PMP's because of major project plan changes
- Program Narrative
  - Submitted 90 days prior to start of subsequent budget periods
- Resilience Project Package
  - Submitted prior to execution of projects and/or issuance of subawards
- Subaward Monitoring Reports
  - Due quarterly with Quarterly Progress Report (QPR)

## Links & Emails

- [FY 2022 BRIC NOFO \(fema.gov\)](https://www.fema.gov)
- **Program Landing Page:** [Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities | FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov)
- **Questions go to:** [BCHelpline@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:BCHelpline@fema.dhs.gov)

- Opportunity Evaluation
- Effective Grant Writing
- Track Record of Success