



Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)
Notice of Funding Opportunity

Purpose:

Fiscal Year 2021 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program

BRIC is a new FEMA pre-disaster hazard mitigation program that replaces the existing Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program. The Disaster Recovery Reform Act, Section 1234; amended Section 203 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act) to authorize BRIC. The priorities for the BRIC program are to:

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

FEMA has published a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the BRIC grant program. The Fiscal Year 2021 (FY 21) BRIC NOFO can be accessed at [FY 2021 BRIC NOFO](#). RIEMA encourages reviewing the BRIC NOFO before applying, as it provides detailed program information and other grant application and administration requirements.

Cost Share:

A cost share is required for all sub-applications funded under this program. The non-federal cost share may consist of cash, donated or third-party in-kind services, materials, or any combination thereof. FEMA will provide 100 percent federal funding for management costs. The cost share for BRIC is as follows:

- Generally, the cost share for this program is 75 percent federal/25 percent non-federal.

Initial Eligibility Information

To be eligible for BRIC funding, FEMA requires all sub applicants to have a current FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation Plan by the application deadline AND at the time of obligated funding. All activities submitted for consideration must be consistent with the Grantee's State/Tribal standard or enhanced hazard mitigation plan and the Applicant's Hazard Mitigation plan for the local jurisdiction in which the activity is located.

Eligible Applicant/Sub-applicants:

- State Agencies;
- Local Governments;

- Tribal Governments/Communities - Indian tribes or authorized non-profit tribal organizations; and
- Private Non-profit Organizations - Certain private non-profit organizations or institutions providing like-government services and facilities.
- Individuals or businesses may not apply directly to the State or FEMA; however, eligible local governments or private non-profit organizations may apply on their behalf.

Available Funding:

For FY 21, FEMA will distribute up to \$1 billion through the BRIC grant program in the following manner:

- State/Territory Allocation: \$56 million (up to \$1 million per applicant.) All 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories may apply under the State/Territory Allocation.
- Tribal Set-Aside: \$25 million. All Indian tribal governments (federally recognized) may apply under the Tribal Set-Aside.
- National Competition for Mitigation Projects: \$919,000,000 (estimated). Any funds that are not awarded from the State/Territory Allocation will be re-allocated to the national competition. Any funds that are not awarded from the Tribal Set-Aside will be re-allocated to the non-financial Direct Technical Assistance for tribes.

Total Available BRIC FUNDING \$1 Billion			
Uses of Assistance	\$56M State/Territory Allocations	\$25M Tribal Set-Aside	\$919M National Competition for Mitigation Projects
Management Costs	✓	✓	✓
Capability and Capacity Building Activities	✓	✓	
Mitigation Projects	✓	✓	✓

The funding caps (federal share) for the BRIC program are as follows:

- Set aside for Rhode Island as an Applicant is: \$1,000,000
 - Up to \$500,000 may be used for mitigation planning and planning-related activities per applicant.
- Tribal Set-Aside Activity Caps: The combined cost of the applicant’s capability- and-capacity building activities under the Tribal Set-Aside must not exceed \$1,000,000 per applicant.



- Mitigation Projects that exceed the \$1,000,000.00 will be submitted through the National Competition Cap for funding: Sub-applicants are limited to \$50 million per sub application.

Eligible Activities:

FEMA will fund the following uses of assistance through BRIC:

- Capability- and Capacity-Building Activities can be submitted under the State/Territory Allocation and Tribal Set-Aside. These are activities that enhance the knowledge, skills, and expertise of the current workforce to expand or improve the administration of mitigation assistance.
- Mitigation Projects can be submitted under the State/Territory Allocation, Tribal Set-Aside, and the national competition. Mitigation projects are 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.
- Management Costs can be submitted under the State/Territory Allocation, Tribal Set-Aside, and national competition. Management costs allow FEMA to provide financial assistance to reimburse the recipient and subrecipient for eligible and reasonable indirect costs, direct administrative costs, and other administrative expenses associated with a specific mitigation project or C&CB activity.

Application Process:

1. Sub-recipients will submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) via email to the State Hazard Mitigation Officer at Melinda.Hopkins@ema.ri.gov. **The deadline to submit a NOI for funding consideration is 9/17/2021.** NOIs received by RIEMA after the established due date for NOI submission will be considered late and will not be considered for funding.
2. Upon approval of NOI, Eligible sub-applicants will be required to submit project applications through FEMA Grants Outcome (FEMA GO), which is the award management system for BRIC. <https://go.fema.gov/> . Application period for FY 21 BRIC opens on 09/31/2021.
 - a. Registering and applying for an award under FEMA GO portal is a multi-step process and requires time to complete. Sub-applicants should read the registration instructions carefully and prepare the information requested before beginning the registration process provided in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) FY 2021 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities. [FY 2021 BRIC NOFO](#)
 - b. NOTE: Reviewing and assembling the required information before beginning the registration process will alleviate last-minute searches for required information.
 - c. The registration process can take up to 4 weeks to complete. To ensure a project application meets the deadline, sub-applicants are advised to start the required steps well in advance of their submission.
3. Sub-applications will be reviewed and required to meet Project Eligibility, Application Completeness, Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA), Engineering Feasibility, Mitigation Plan Status, and Environmental and Historic Preservation Review eligibility. Sub-applications



that are incomplete by 1/07/2022 will be considered late and will not be submitted for funding consideration.

- Final FY 20 BRIC Application with completed sub applications is to be completed by RIEMA by 1/21/2022, with submittal to FEMA by 1/28/2022.

Other Key Dates in FEMA GO Application Process

Event	Suggested Deadline for Completion
Obtain DUNS Number	Four weeks before Application period opens
Obtain a valid EIN	Four weeks before Application period opens
Create an account with login.gov	Four weeks before Application period opens
Register in SAM or updating SAM registration	Four weeks before Application period opens
Register with FEMA GO	One week before Application period opens
Submit the final Application in FEMA GO	RIEMA deadline-1/07/2021

Links:

Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency (RIEMA) – Hazard Mitigation Section
<http://www.riema.ri.gov//planning/hazardmitigation/index.php>

Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency (RIEMA) – Hazard Mitigation Section
<http://www.riema.ri.gov//grants/index.php>

FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities
<https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/building-resilient-infrastructure-communities>

FEMA Grants Outcome (FEMA GO) <https://go.fema.gov/> . The step-by-step instructional desktop guides can be found by visiting www.fema.gov/grants/guidance-tools/fema-go/assistance-firefighters-grants .

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