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# Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)



Preparedness



Response



Recovery



Mitigation

Over the last several years, the U.S. has experienced an increase in extreme hazards – from hurricanes, floods, and earthquakes to wildfires and tornadoes – drastically affecting families, communities, businesses and the economy. As a result, governments have taken proactive steps to reduce risks associated with hazards through mitigation and other programs.

Developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the BRIC grant program supports state, local, territorial, and tribal communities with proactively implementing hazard mitigation and resilience projects to reduce the risks from disasters and natural hazards.

## Funding and Applications

FEMA funds the BRIC program with a 6% set-aside from federal post-disaster grant funds, such as Public Assistance and Individual Assistance grants. As a competitive grant program, applicants can apply on a yearly basis; the application period typically begins at the end of September / early October and runs through the following January or February.

## Program Allocations

BRIC grants are awarded to states, local communities, tribes, and territories for hazard mitigation projects that:

- Reduce risk to one or more community lifelines
- Incorporate nature-based solutions
- Enforce modern building codes
- Assist with public infrastructure projects

States and territories who have received a major disaster declaration within the last seven years are eligible to apply for BRIC funding. Eligible applicants will receive financial assistance for the following activities:

- Technical assistance
- Capability- and capacity-building
- Mitigation projects
- Management costs



FEMA allocated

**\$1B**

in BRIC funding  
for FY2023



## The goals of FEMA's BRIC program include:

- **Program priorities**
  - Risk reduction for community lifelines and infrastructure
  - Enhance climate resilience and adaptation
  - Shared responsibilities and partnerships
  - Updated building codes
  - Nature-based solutions
  - Promote equity and prioritize disadvantaged communities
- **Increased flexibility**
  - Reduces limitations
  - Increases caps
  - Allows pre-award costs
- **Capability- and capacity-building**
  - Capability- and capacity-building activities
  - In-person non-financial technical assistance
  - Mitigation Action Portfolio projects

### Expanded Eligibility

Existing pre-disaster mitigation activities are still eligible, but BRIC expands eligibility to include:

- Project scoping
- Building code projects
- Additional activities for wildfire and wind implementation (DRRA Section 1205)
- Earthquake early warning (DRRA Section 1233)
- Incorporation of nature-based solutions

### Cost Share

The cost share for BRIC is 75% federal / 25% nonfederal. However, Community Disaster Resilience Zone designated projects are eligible for an increased cost share up to 90% federal / 10% non-federal. The non-federal cost share can consist of cash, donated or third-party in-kind services, materials, or any combination thereof. FEMA encourages innovative use of public/private partnerships to meet the non-federal cost share.

### Management Costs

Management costs include indirect costs, direct administrative costs and any other administrative expenses that are reasonably incurred for administering a BRIC award or sub-award.

Recipients may receive reimbursement for management costs up to 10% of the total BRIC grant award. Sub-recipients may receive an additional 5% management cost reimbursement of their total capability- and capacity-building activity or mitigation project sub-application. Management costs are 100% covered by federal funds and can also be used for hiring outside assistance to implement.

### Building Code Plus-Up

FEMA added this category in FY2023 to demonstrate the importance of building codes. The following funding will be set aside for this initiative:

- \$112M for states and territories (up to \$2M allocation per state or territory)
- \$25M for tribal nations

Plus-up funds are to be used to carry out eligible building code adoption and enforcement activities and may not be used for other BRIC eligible projects or activities.

### Tidal Basin's BRIC support includes:

- Hazard mitigation planning
- Eligible project identification
- Grant implementation approach
- Benefit Cost Analysis (BCAs)
- BRIC application completion including the following key project elements:
  - Risk reduction and future conditions for infrastructure and community lifelines
  - Innovative climate resilience and adaptation initiatives
  - Incorporation of nature-based solutions and green infrastructure
  - Building code updates
- Grant and program / project management
- Program / project closeout

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