

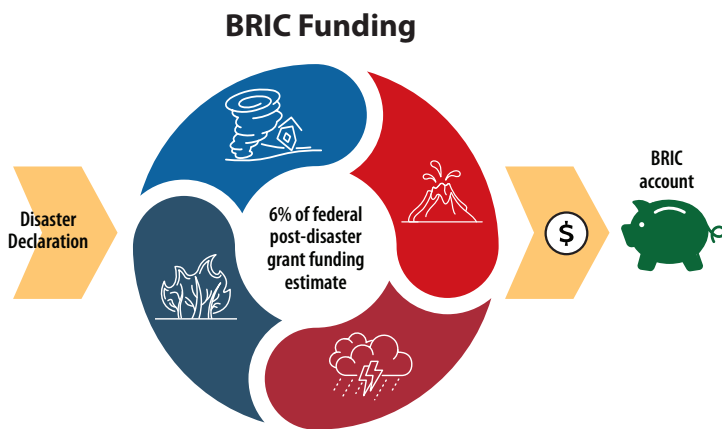
Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

In recent years, the U.S. has experienced an increase in extreme hazards - from hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, wildfires, tornadoes and other catastrophic events - drastically affecting families, communities, businesses and our economy.

As a result, governments have taken a much more proactive stance to reduce risks associated with hazards through various mitigation tactics and programs.

What is BRIC?

FEMA created a new pre-disaster hazard mitigation grant program called Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) to replace its predecessor Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program. The BRIC program is funded by a **6% set-aside from post-disaster grant expenditures.**



The BRIC application period began on September 30, 2020. Eligible applicants must apply for funding using the new FEMA Grants Outcome (FEMA GO) portal by **January 29, 2021.**

It is important to know that applications received after that date will not be considered for funding.

How is BRIC Different Than FEMA's Prior Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program?



Sets Clear Priorities

- Lifelines and infrastructure
- Building codes
- Shared responsibilities and partnerships
- Innovative projects
- Adoption and enforcement of building codes
- Nature-based solutions



Builds Capacity

- Innovative projects
- Capability and capacity-building activities
- In-person non-financial technical assistance
- The Mitigation Action Portfolio-selection of case studies



Increases Flexibility

- Reduces limitations
- Increases caps
- Allows pre-award costs



Streamlines Processes

- New application process through FEMA GO
- Project extensions
- Phased projects

Elements of Good Mitigation Projects

- Risk reduction
- Grant implementation approach
- Innovation in project planning and implementation
- Populations impacted
- Partnerships and outreach
- Future conditions
- Infrastructure and community lifelines



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Lifeline-focused mitigation projects may involve a wide variety of public, private, and non-profit organizations.



Safety and Security



Food, Water, Shelter



Health and Medical



Energy (Power & Fuel)



Communications



Transportation



Hazardous Waste

Program Allocations

Total Available BRIC Funding \$500 Million			
Use of Assistance	\$33.6M State/Territory Allocation	\$20M Tribal Set-Aside	\$446.4M National Competition for Mitigation Projects
Management Costs	✓	✓	✓
Capability and Capacity Building Activities	✓	✓	
Mitigation Projects	✓	✓	✓

In FY2020, FEMA will distribute up to \$500 million in BRIC grants to states, local communities, tribes and territories (SLTTs) for hazard mitigation projects that:

- Reduce risk to one or more 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 BRIC applicants will receive financial assistance for the following activities:

- Technical assistance
- Mitigation projects
- Capability and capacity building (C&CB)
- Management costs

Expanded Eligibility Allowances Under BRIC

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

- 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

Generally, the cost share for BRIC is 75% federal / 25% non-federal. However, small or impoverished communities are eligible for an increased cost share up to 90% federal / 10% non-federal.

The non-federal cost share may 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 are any indirect costs, any direct administrative costs and any other administrative expenses that are reasonably incurred for administering a BRIC award or sub-award.

Applicants may apply for management costs up to 10% of the total BRIC grant application. Sub-applicants may include management costs up to 5% of their total C&CB activity or mitigation project sub-application. **Management costs are covered 100% by federal funds and can be used for hiring outside assistance to implement.**

How We Can Help

The Tidal Basin mitigation team is at the cutting edge of issues related to BRIC funding, with in-depth, applied knowledge of all pre-disaster mitigation policies, regulations, and eligibility criteria. Our team is passionate about helping our clients build more resilient communities. Let us help you with the following:

- Hazard mitigation planning
- Identification of eligible projects
- Completion of BRIC applications
- Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA)
- Grant and program management
- Project implementation
- Project closeout

Contact us today!



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