FEMA Announces \$700 million in Hazard Mitigation Selections

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WASHINGTON FEMA has selected the subapplications for the \$700 million being made available in fiscal year 2020 (FY20) for Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant programs.

These competitive programs provide funding to states, tribes, territories and local governments for eligible mitigation activities to strengthen our nation's ability to reduce disaster losses and protect life and property from disaster damage.

"Mitigation is an investment that makes a real difference in our communities," said FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell. "We're seeing the effects of climate change now. We must continue to identify opportunities to combat the impacts of climate change and help our communities become more resilient against the threats of future disasters."

These FY20 selections are a first for the BRIC program which was authorized by Section 1234 of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018.

Over the last several months, FEMA reviewed subapplications to ensure that they are eligible, long-term, cost-effective and technically feasible in reducing the impacts of hazards. A subapplication can be determined as one of three categories: "Identified for Further Review," "Not Selected" or "Does not Meet HMA Requirements."

FEMA regions will work with applicants to conduct programmatic reviews of the selected "Identified for Further Review" subapplications before making a final decision for funding.

Through the <u>FEMA Grants Outcomes</u> (FEMA GO) system, FEMA will notify applicants and subapplicants that a determination has been made regarding the



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status of their FY20 grant application.

The determinations can be reviewed online at the <u>Building Resilient Infrastructure</u> and Communities and <u>Flood Mitigation Assistance</u> web pages.

The top five project types selected for BRIC by total project cost are:

- Flood Control, \$550 million
- Utility/Infrastructure Protection, \$91.3 million
- Wildfire Management, \$49.3 million
- Relocation, \$21.9 million
- Safe Room/shelters, \$15.2 million

The top five project types selected for FMA total project cost are:

- Flood Control, \$187.7 million
- Elevation, \$159.3 million
- Acquisition, \$75.2 million
- Relocation, \$11.8 million
- Mitigation Reconstruction, \$8.3 million

For additional information or any questions, grant applicants can contact their FEMA regional office. More information about Hazard Mitigation Assistance is available <u>online</u>.

For additional information about the funding priorities for both programs, visit the Notice of Funding Opportunities available at <u>FEMA.gov</u>.



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