

# Resource List for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grant Program

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These Program Support Materials provide important information on various activities under the new Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program to support building codes, partnerships, project scoping, mitigation planning, direct technical assistance, competition criteria and more. The materials listed below can be found under [Additional Resources](#) on the [BRIC webpage](#) on FEMA.gov.

## Program Support Materials:

### [Mitigation Action Portfolio](#)

This portfolio has been created to introduce stakeholders to the BRIC program and the array of eligible hazard mitigation activities that can benefit stakeholders.

### [BRIC Building Code Activities](#)

The adoption and enforcement of building codes is an important mitigation activity that provides significant resilience benefits. This program support material provides applicants and subapplicants of the BRIC program with information relative to eligible building code-related activities under the state or territory allocation and tribal set-aside.

### [BRIC Partnership Activities](#)

FEMA promotes partnerships and provides financial assistance as an eligible capability- and capacity-building activity. This program support material provides information about partnership activities eligible under the state or territory allocation and tribal set-aside of the BRIC program.

### [BRIC Project Scoping Activities](#)

Project scoping is the successor to Advance Assistance and designed to develop mitigation strategies and obtain data to prioritize, select, and develop complete applications in a timely manner. Project scoping may result in either an improvement in the capability to identify appropriate mitigation projects or in the development of an application-ready mitigation project for BRIC or another funding opportunity.



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## **BRIC Mitigation Planning Activities**

Under BRIC, mitigation planning activities should result in a FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan or contribute new information to an existing hazard mitigation plan. This program support information provides applicants and subapplicants eligible mitigation planning activities under the state or territory allocation and tribal set-aside. Subapplicants are required to 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.

## **BRIC Direct Technical Assistance**

FEMA will provide non-financial Direct Technical Assistance to up to 10 selected communities to support the mitigation outcomes outlined and referenced in the BRIC NOFO. This includes providing technical assistance to communities to build a community's capacity and capability to improve its resiliency to natural hazards and to ensure stakeholders are capable of building and sustaining successful mitigation programs, submitting high-quality applications, and implementing new and innovative projects that reduce risk from a wide range of natural hazards.

## **BRIC Technical Criteria**

FEMA uses technical evaluation criteria to score subapplications submitted to the national competition. This program support material provides detailed information about the eight technical evaluation criteria that will be used in the BRIC national competition and explains how to meet the criteria.

## **BRIC Qualitative Criteria**

FEMA will convene a national review panel to score subapplications submitted for consideration under the national competition based on a qualitative review. The program support material is intended to increase transparency in decision-making and discusses the six scoring criteria. Additionally, application instructions are included for each respective criterion to guide information submission in FEMA Grants Outcomes (FEMA GO).

## **Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Cost Share Guidance**

This guidance is a tool for applicants, subapplicants and FEMA to assist with understanding match requirements for FEMA's HMA grants. The guide encourages early coordination for cost share strategies and provides helpful examples for various approaches such as donated resources for the non-Federal cost share.

# **Additional Resources**

General questions about the BRIC program can be directed to the appropriate State Hazard Mitigation Officer (SHMO), which can be found on the [SHMO webpage](#) on FEMA.gov, or you can contact the FEMA Regional Office, which can be found on the [FEMA Regional Office webpage](#) also on FEMA.gov.

### **FEMA GO Helplines:**

[femago@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:femago@fema.dhs.gov) or 1-877-611-4700

### **Environmental and Historic Preservation:**

[EHPHelpline@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:EHPHelpline@fema.dhs.gov) or 1-866-222-3580

### **BCA Helplines:**

[BCHelpline@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:BCHelpline@fema.dhs.gov) or 1-855-540-6744

### **HMA Helplines:**

1-866-222-3580

### **Feasibility and Effectiveness Helpline:**

[FEMA-BuildingScienceHelp@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-BuildingScienceHelp@fema.dhs.gov)

[BRIC webpage](#) and [NOFO webpage](#) on FEMA.gov (FY20 BRIC Fact Sheet and NOFO)