FEMA Mitigation Grant Programs

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Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

- The Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program aims to shift the federal focus away from reactive disaster spending and toward research-supported, proactive investment in community resilience.
- Encourage public infrastructure projects
- Increase projects that mitigate risk to one or more lifelines
- Promote projects that incorporate nature-based solutions
- Incentivize adoption and enforcement of modern building codes



Funding

BRIC is funded by a 6% set-aside from federal post-disaster grant funding

- State and Territory Allocation: An allocation for each state, territory, and the District of Columbia (DC).
- Tribal Set-Aside: A set-aside for federally recognized Tribal Governments.
- National Mitigation Project Competition: For all eligible Applicants, the remainder of the funding will be available competitively for mitigation projects.

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Disaster Grants:

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Post-Fire

Non-Disaster Grants:

- Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grants
- Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)
- National Dam Safety Program (NDSP) and the High Hazard Potential Dam Program (HHPD)

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On the Horizon:

- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)
- Safeguarding Tomorrow through Ongoing Risk Mitigation (STORM) Act

Eligible Applicants and Projects for Mitigation Funding



Eligible activities are listed in the HMA Guidance and BRIC NOFO:

- Wildfire mitigation
- Drought and flood projects
- Seismic retrofits
- Property acquisition
- Building code activities
- Early warning systems
- Wildfire and wind implementation
- Hazard mitigation planning
- Project scoping and pre-award costs

