



# Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) FY2023



The Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program makes federal funds available to states, U.S territories, Indian tribal governments, and local communities for pre-disaster mitigation activities.

## Sub-Applications are due to the State in *FEMA Go* no later than January 23, 2024.

To apply to the BRIC program go to:

<https://go.fema.gov/>

*Paper or email sub-applications cannot be accepted.*

### Eligible Sub-Applicants

- State and Local Governmental Agencies
  - Indian Tribal Governments
- \*Local governments are eligible Sub-applicants and can sponsor applications on behalf of homeowners to submit to the Applicant\**

### Cost Share Breakdown by Property Type (Percentage of Federal/Non-Federal Share)

- Project selection is a nationally competitive basis once the state set aside has been reached 75/25

## SUB-APPLICANTS MUST HAVE A FEMA APPROVED MITIGATION PLAN BY February 29, 2024 TO BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR PROJECT FUNDING

### 2023 Priority Projects

The BRIC Program will focus on Capability and Capacity Building Activities and Traditional Mitigation Projects:

- Activities that incentivize natural hazard risk reduction activities that mitigate risk to public infrastructure
- Activities that prioritize benefits to disadvantaged communities
- Activities that incorporate nature-based solutions including those designed to reduce carbon emissions
- Activities that enhance climate resilience and adaptation
- Activities that facilitate the adoption and enforcement of the latest published editions of building codes

*\* Current mitigation plans are not required for applicants and sub-applicants submitting planning sub-applications to develop a new mitigation plan or to update a mitigation plan\**

### Projects will be ranked following the FEMA Priorities and the 12/19/2023-12/19/2028 State Hazard Mitigation Plan Priorities

*FEMA will perform the technical evaluation according to the identified technical evaluation criteria and scoring. A National Review Panel will perform the qualitative evaluation according to the identified qualitative evaluation criteria and scoring. A project's cumulative score from both qualitative and technical evaluations will determine its priority order*

### Building Code Plus-Up:

New this year, FEMA is setting aside an additional amount of funding dedicated to building codes we are referring to as a plus-up. The program will focus on eligible building code adoption and enforcement activities such as:

- Evaluate adoption and or implementation of codes that reduce risk.
- Enhance existing, adopted codes to incorporate more current requirements or higher standards.
- Develop professional workforce capabilities related to building codes through technical assistance and training.

**Available Funding for the NOFO: \$1,000,000,000**

**State Set Aside Funding: Up to \$2,000,000**

**Building Codes Plus Up Funding: \$2,000,000**

**Period of Performance: 36 months**

**All projects must be cost-effective using FEMA's Benefit Cost Analysis Software or Pre-Calculated Benefits Projects will be ranked within their category by Benefit Cost Ratio. FEMA will accept version 6.0 as the only version as documentation for demonstrating cost effectiveness.**

**For information on the new BCA 6.0 Tool click or go to: <https://www.fema.gov/benefit-cost-analysis>**

For more information about the 2023 BRIC Grant, [click here](#) or go to <https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/building-resilient-infrastructure-communities>

For more information about other HMA programmatic requirements, [click for the 2023 HMA Guide](#) or go to [https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema\\_hma\\_guide\\_08232023\\_v1.pdf](https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_hma_guide_08232023_v1.pdf)

For video tutorials on using FEMA GO for subapplication development for BRIC or FMA Grant Programs, click [here](#) or go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cbEVqOQpdUo>

For questions or more information regarding the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Program please contact HMGP Staff at [demhs.hmgrp@ct.gov](mailto:demhs.hmgrp@ct.gov)  
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Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security

**Sub Applications for funding must be received via *FEMA Go* no later than 3pm on January 9, 2024**