



Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grant Program

ELIGIBLE SUBAPPLICANTS

Cities, Counties, Towns, Planning Districts, State Agencies, Tribal Government

APPLICATIONS OPEN
January 6, 2025

APPLICATIONS CLOSE
March 6, 2025

FEMA may assist Economically Disadvantaged Rural Communities (EDRCs), federal recognized tribal governments, or disadvantaged communities (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Social Vulnerability Index score greater than .80) with developing a Benefit-Cost Analysis.

The intent of the grant, Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC), is to support states, local communities, tribes, and territories as they undertake hazard mitigation projects, reducing the risks they face from natural hazards. BRIC is a FEMA pre-disaster hazard mitigation program that has replaced the previously-existing Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program. The Federal Emergency Management Agency will distribute up to \$750 million for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program for the Fiscal Year 2024. The BRIC program's priorities are to:

- ✓ Incentivize natural hazard risk reduction activities that mitigate risk to public infrastructure and disadvantaged communities, as referenced in [Executive Order 14008](#) - Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad
- ✓ Enhance climate resilience and adaptation
- ✓ Increase funding for the adoption and enforcement of the latest published editions of building codes
- ✓ Incorporate nature-based solutions, including those designed to reduce carbon emissions
- ✓ Encourages hazard mitigation projects that meet multiple program priorities

Cost Share

100%

Federal funding for management costs provided by FEMA

75%

Federal Funding

25%

Non-Federal Funding

EDRCs are eligible for an increase in cost share up to 90% federal funding and 10% non-federal funding

Capability and Capacity Building Activities

Each state has a set-aside amount (\$1.5M federal funds) for activities that enhance the knowledge, skills, and expertise of the current workforce, to expand or improve the administration of hazard mitigation assistance:

Building Codes

Partnerships

Project Scoping

Hazard Mitigation Planning and Planning-Related Activities

APPLICATION REVIEW TECHNICAL CRITERIA

POINTS

15 Infrastructure Project

5-15 Incorporation of Nature-Based Solutions or Structural Seismic Activity

5-20 Building Code Adoption and Enforcement Requirement

POINTS

10 Application Generated from a Previous FEMA HMA Project Scoping Award or Any Other Federal Grant Award, or Subapplicant is a Past Recipient of BRIC DTA

30-40 Designation as a Federally Recognized Tribal Government or Economically Disadvantaged Rural Community (EDRC), or a Subapplication Within or That Primarily Benefits a Disadvantaged Community (Under Justice40/Identified by CEJST) or CRDZ

QUALITATIVE CRITERIA

POINTS

30 Risk Reduction/Resiliency Effectiveness

20 Climate Change and Other Future Conditions

15 Implementation Measures

25 Population Impacted

5 Outreach Activities

5 Leveraging Partners

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Katie Vugdalic, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, at (804) 461-0242 or katie.vugdalic@vdem.virginia.gov

For more information, please visit www.vaemergency.gov/BRIC and www.fema.gov/BRIC