



FEMA's BRIC Codes Plus Up Grant Funding

Deep Dive

November 29, 2023

AGENDA

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- How the Code Council can help you apply
- How to use BRIC for code activities
- The application process and FEMA GO
- Ways the Code Council can help
- Open Q&A

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Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

FEMA describes BRIC Building Code Activities as “Low-Cost, High Impact Hazard Mitigation.”

- Enhance climate resilience and adaptation.
- Increase funding to applicants that facilitate the adoption and enforcement of the newest editions of building codes.

****BRIC encourages mitigation projects that meet multiple program priorities****

- States/tribes can use their set-aside funding and Codes Plus Up funding for codes-related projects
- Federal cost share is no less than 75% and, in some communities, may cover 90% of the cost.
- Sub Applicant Deadlines are here, Applicant deadline is February 29th, 2024

Available Funding for FY23 BRIC

\$1 billion is available for the BRIC program in Fiscal Year 2023.

- **State/Territory Allocation: \$112 million (up to \$2 million per applicant)**
 - A total of \$1.5 million must be used for capability- and capacity-building activities per applicant.
- **Building Code Plus-Ups Added**
 - **State/Territory Building Code Plus-Up: \$112 million (up to \$2 million per applicant).**
 - **Tribal Building Code Plus-Up: \$25 million**
- **Tribal Set-Aside: \$50 million**
 - The combined cost of the applicant's capability- and capacity-building activities under the Tribal Set-Aside must not exceed \$2 million per applicant.
 - Up to \$1 million may be used for hazard mitigation planning and planning-related activities per applicant.



Building Code Plus-Up Overview

- \$112M State/Territory Building Code Plus-Up (\$2M per state or territory)
- \$25M Tribal Building Code Plus-Up
- In addition to FY23 State/Territory Allocation (\$112M) and Tribal Set-Aside (\$50M)
- Purpose is to incentivize 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 through technical assistance and training.






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Building Code Plus-Up Overview

- The Building Code Plus-Up is similar to the BRIC State/Territory Allocation and Tribal Set-Aside funding in previous fiscal years but is limited to building code activities. *This Building Code Plus-Up cannot be used for any other activities.*
 - Note that the State/Territory Allocation and Tribal Set-Aside can still be used for building code activities as well.
- The adoption and enforcement of building codes, specifications, and/or standards is an important mitigation activity that provides significant resilience benefits.



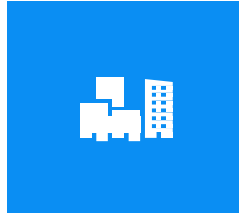
BRIC Building Code Activities Examples

Subrecipient	Project Description	Building Code Activity Type
Augustine Band of Cahuilla Mission Indians, California (FY21)	Determine the resilient building and residential code edition for adoption. Results of the Cost and Constructability Report will help inform this effort. 2021 IRC and IBC.	 <p>Evaluate Adoption and/or Implementation of Codes</p>
Territorial Office of Fiscal Reform, American Samoa (FY20)	Adopt the International Codes with legislation specifying American Samoa amendments. By adopting the International Codes, American Samoa will become like other US Territories CNMI, Guam, and Puerto Rico that have adopted the International Codes.	
Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, Washington (FY21)	Use data generated in the wildfire mapping project along with procured legal services to evaluate and develop code updates for the Tribe.	 <p>Enhance Existing Adopted Codes</p>
Indiana Department of Homeland Security, Indiana (FY20)	Update or enhancement of Indiana's existing building codes to incorporate the most recent editions or more current requirements to eliminate risk and damage from future natural hazards, increase resiliency, and promote a culture of preparedness. In conjunction with enhancement of Indiana's existing building codes.	
City of Saint Paul, Minnesota (FY21)	Ability to inspect virtually for building codes and standards in order to accommodate and create equity for staff, residents, contractors and whole community.	 <p>Develop Professional Workforce Capabilities</p>
Maine Office of State Fire Marshall, Maine (FY20)	Develop virtual training for Code Officials.	
City of Hartford, Connecticut (FY20)	Implement code enforcement throughout the complete geographical area of the City of Hartford. Pursuing accreditation through the IAS, a subsidiary of the International Code Council, a founding entity of the Alliance for National & Community Resilience ANCR™.	

Building Code Adoption and Enforcement Activities



Help You Establish Your Scope
of Work



Previous Successful Applications
Template Materials



Application and Grant
Process Webinars and
Training

- Purchasing print or online publications to support building code activities.
- Code official training and certification, including ICC's When Disaster Strikes Institute.
- Electronic permitting, virtual inspection technology, and remote building codes administration.
- Building department accreditation.
- Consulting services to support activities related to building codes, including adoptions and updates.

How to Apply

- Eligible applicants must apply for funding using FEMA Grants Outcomes (FEMA GO) at the [FEMA GO Portal](#).
- Visit [FEMA GO for Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants](#) to view the technical user manuals and support materials.

BRIC Application Deadlines

- The application period opened on Oct. 16, 2023.
- Applicants who experience system-related issues will be addressed until 3 p.m. on Feb. 27, 2024.
- Applications must be received in FEMA GO by Feb. 29, 2024, at 3 p.m. Eastern Time.



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FEMA GO Information

- To begin a building code activity subapplication in FEMA GO, select the “Project” Subapplication Type
- In the Scope of Work section, select “Codes and Standards” as the Primary Activity Type.
- Choose a Sub-Activity Type that best describes your building code activity
- Select a Primary Community Lifeline; if applicable, select secondary and tertiary lifelines as well
- In the Additional Comments section, provide insight on how education and outreach will be used to facilitate the building code activity
- In the Cost Effectiveness Section, select “Not Applicable”



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Questions

- *"Are you doing construction during this project?"*
 - Please answer "No" for building code activities
- *"Please identify the entity that will perform any long-term maintenance and cost information. The subapplicant or owner of the area to be mitigated is responsible for maintenance (including costs of long-term care) after the project is completed."*
 - To fully address this question, focus on describing how building codes will be enforced and updated.

Code Council Solutions Eligible for BRIC Grant Funding

- ✓ [Digital Codes Premium](#)
- ✓ [Third Party Plan Review](#)
- ✓ E-permitting with [Municipity](#)
- ✓ E-process and Records Management with [Laserfiche](#)
- ✓ [Remote Virtual Inspections](#)
- ✓ [Custom Local Building Codes](#) and
- ✓ [MapLink](#) for Tracking Zoning Requirements



Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Resources

- [BRIC Website](#)
- [FY 2023 BRIC Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)
- [Mitigation Action Portfolio](#)
- [BRIC Program Support Materials](#) (PSMs)
 - BRIC Tribal Information
 - BRIC Direct Technical Assistance
 - BRIC Technical Evaluation Criteria
 - BRIC Qualitative Evaluation Criteria
 - BRIC Building Code Activities
 - BRIC Hazard Mitigation Planning Activities
 - BRIC Partnership Activities
 - BRIC System-Based Mitigation
 - BRIC Project Scoping Activities
 - BRIC Project Subapplicant Tips
 - BRIC & FMA Submitting Phased Projects
 - BRIC & FMA Benefiting Area Map
 - BRIC & FMA Cybersecurity
 - BRIC & FMA Cost-Effectiveness and Benefit-Cost Analysis
- General questions about the BRIC program can be directed to the appropriate State Hazard Mitigation Officer or FEMA Regional Office.
- General BRIC Questions and State Application Deadlines: State Hazard Mitigation Officer





Family of Solutions

Thank you!

Questions: FederalGrants@iccsafe.org

