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\$2.295B
Available

FEMA's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program

BRIC is Federal Emergency Management Agency FEMA's primary pre-disaster mitigation grant program, now in its third year. BRIC funding can be used to support building code adoptions and code implementation, such as adoption/implementation of a code, enhance existing codes, workforce technical assistance and training. The Agency also considers applicants' adopted codes and code implementation in its evaluation of brick-and-mortar mitigation project proposals. BRIC provides equal funding to state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) governments for Capability- and Capacity-building (C&CB) activities with remaining funds to be provided for mitigation projects through a national competition. State, tribal, and territorial governments are BRIC "applicants," while local governments are "sub-applicants," meaning they need to apply through their state or territory for projects.



\$122M
States &
Territories
(\$2M each)

This year (FY2022), \$2.295B is available, more than double the FY2021 funding level, including \$122M allocated to states and territories (\$2M per state/territory), with \$50M set aside for tribal governments. \$2.133B is available for competitive grants. The non-federal cost share is generally 25% (10% for small/impo-



\$50M
Tribal
Government

verished communities). FEMA has identified "increas[ing] funding to applicants that facilitate the adoption and enforcement of the latest published editions of building codes" as one of the three priorities for the program this year. The application period opened September 30, 2022 and closed January 27, 2023. [FEMA's fact sheet](#) and the [FY22 Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) have additional information. Award data is available [here](#). FEMA is expanding investment in the BRIC non-financial Direct Technical Assistance to at least 40 communities in FY22 to help build capacity and capability at the local level.



\$2.133B
Competitive
Grants

To date BRIC program is expected to provide nearly \$3.925 million in grants to state, local, tribal, and territorial governments for 23 distinct code adoption and implementation efforts.



BRIC Building Code Activities

FEMA describes code projects as “Low-Cost, High Impact Hazard Mitigation.” They must be paid for out of funding allocations for C&CB activities. Subapplicants are exempt from the hazard mitigation plan requirement for building codes. Eligible building code activities are detailed [here](#). Funding can be used:

- To “[Purchase publications](#), or obtain digital license or printing permissions of publications, to support building code activities.”
- For “[electronic permitting](#), [online model code access](#), [virtual inspection technology](#), and [remote building codes administration](#).”
- To “Cover costs associated with [building department accreditation](#).”
- To “[Engage consulting services](#) to support activities related to building codes.”.

Building Code Considerations for Competitive Grant Projects

All competitive grants are reviewed on technical criteria. Out of 115 total available points, applicants earn 20 points if they require the 2018 or 2021 IBC and IRC (or 10 points for the 2015 IBC and IRC) and an additional 20 points if the sub applicant has a Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) rating of 1 to 5. Funded mitigation projects must also “at a minimum, be in conformance with the latest published editions (meaning either of the two most recently published editions) of relevant consensus-based codes, specifications, and standards that incorporate the latest hazard-resistant designs.” Acquisition projects must demonstrate to FEMA how they will resettle such areas in a way that mitigates future risk from natural hazards through mechanisms such as “new land use development plans, building codes or construction requirements, protective infrastructure development, or restrictions on future disaster assistance to such properties.”

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