



INTERNATIONAL  
CODE  
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FEMA



**\$137M**

Available  
Specifically  
for Codes



**\$2M**

States &  
Territories  
(for each  
State)



**\$25M**

Tribal  
Government  
(for Building  
Codes)



**25%**

Cost Share  
Required for  
States

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

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released its Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for its Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) pre-disaster mitigation grant program. In a significant departure from earlier BRIC cycles, this upcoming cycle will apportion more than ten percent of available funding specifically for code-related projects.

In total, FEMA will distribute up to \$1 billion through the 2023 BRIC program:

- State/Territory Base Allocation: \$112 million (up to \$2 million per state/territory)
- State/Territory Codes Plus Up: \$112 million (up to \$2 million per state/territory)
- Tribal Set-Aside: \$50 million
- Tribal Codes Plus Up: \$25 million
- National Competition for Hazard Mitigation Projects: \$701 million (estimated)

## What can you do now?

- Determine whether your state has a BRIC pre-application deadline. Visit [iccsafe.org/bric](https://iccsafe.org/bric) for internal state notice of intent and pre-application deadlines or contact your [State Hazard Mitigation Officer \(SHMO\)](#) to confirm. State applications are due to FEMA by February 29th, 2024. *Note: Local governments must apply through their states.*
- Identify department needs and compare against eligible activities (listed on page 2).
- Reach out to your jurisdiction's Mitigation or Emergency Management Officer, or grant writer (if applicable), share your department's needs, and discuss the application process.
- Coordinate with applicable state agencies.

New this year, FEMA is setting aside an additional amount of funding dedicated to building codes making available \$112 million for states and territories and \$25 million for tribal nations.

## Need Help?

Don't hesitate to contact us at [federalgrants@iccsafe.org](mailto:federalgrants@iccsafe.org) for additional information on BRIC and developing your grant application as well as past examples of successful code department applications.



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## BRIC Building Code Activities

Codes Plus Up funding must, and Base Allocations funding can be used to support eligible building code activities. The period of performance for all BRIC grants is 36 months unless FEMA approves an alternative scope. Funding can be used for:

- [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.

## Building Code Considerations for Competitive Grant Projects

*All competitive grants are reviewed on technical criteria. Out of 100 total available points, applicants earn 5 points if the project is located in a jurisdiction that has adopted the 2018 or 2021 IBC and IRC, 5 points if the state adopts the 2018 or 2021 IBC and IRC, and 10 points if the subapplicant 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.”

## BRIC Direct Technical Assistance

FEMA is expanding investment in the BRIC non-financial Direct Technical Assistance (DTA) to at least 80 communities in FY23 to help build capacity and capability at the local level. DTA can be requested by any community through Feb. 29, 2024. State approval is not required for DTA requests. [Click here](#) for additional information.

## Prior Code Department Successes through BRIC

Through the first three BRIC cycles (FY20, FY 21, and FY22), FEMA awarded \$7.8 million dollars spread across 40 code-related awards. Successful project awards can be found [here](#). Past grants have funded a range of activities, from virtual inspections in St. Paul, MN and building inspection and code enforcement accreditation in Lexington, KY to code enforcement training in Maine and a statewide offering of the When Disaster Strikes Institute in Virginia.

For more information visit:

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