



Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security

FFY 22 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

Application Guidelines

Purpose:

Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program FEMA provides federal funds for the Building Resilient Infrastructures and Communities (BRIC) grant program to states, local communities, tribes, and territories for mitigation activities. BRIC is a FEMA annual hazard mitigation program, authorized through Section 203 of the [Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act \(Stafford Act\)](#).

The grant priorities are to:

- Incentivize natural hazard risk reduction activities that mitigate risk to public infrastructure
- Prioritize benefits to disadvantaged communities
- Mitigate risk to one or more community lifelines
- Incorporate nature-based solutions
- Enhance climate resilience and adaptation
- Increase funding to applicants that facilitate the adoption and enforcement of the latest published editions of building codes

ODEMHS encourages reviewing the detailed program information, grant application and administrative requirements on the BRIC Resources page including the NOFO.

[Resources for the Building Resilient Infrastructure Communities Program \(BRIC\) | FEMA.gov.](#)

Cost Share:

A cost share is required for all sub applications funded under the BRIC program. The non-federal cost share may consist of cash, donated or third-party in-kind services, materials, or any combination thereof. FEMA will provide 100% of the federal funding for management costs.

Cost share amounts are as follows:

- Generally, the cost share for this program is 75% federal funding and 25% non-federal funding.
- EDRCs are eligible for an increase in cost share up to 90% federal funding and 10% non-federal funding.
- For insular areas—including American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands— FEMA automatically waives the non-federal cost share when it is under \$200,000. The recipient may request this waiver in its application.

- FEMA provides 100% federal cost share funding for management costs

Initial Eligibility Information:

- To be eligible for BRIC funding, sub applicants must have a current FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation Plan at time of application and award.
- **Eligible sub applicants** include Local Governments, Tribal Governments, State Agencies, and Tribal Agencies.
 - Be cost-effective
 - Reduce or eliminate risk and damage from future natural hazards
 - Meet either of the two latest published editions of relevant consensus-based codes, specifications, and standards
 - Align with the applicable hazard mitigation plan
 - Meet all environmental and historic preservation (EHP) requirements

Eligible Activities:

FEMA will fund the following uses of assistance through BRIC:

- **Capability- and Capacity-Building Activities (C&CB)** can be submitted under the State/Territory Allocation and Tribal Set-Aside. These are activities that enhance the knowledge, skills, and expertise of the current workforce to expand or improve the administration of mitigation assistance. There are four types of C&CB activities:
 - Building Codes
 - Partnerships
 - Project Scoping
 - Mitigation Planning and Planning-Related Activities
- **Mitigation Projects** can be submitted under the State/Territory Allocation, Tribal Set-Aside, and the national competition. Mitigation projects are cost-effective projects designed to increase resilience and public safety; reduce injuries and loss of life; and reduce damage and destruction to property, critical services, facilities, and infrastructure from natural hazards.
- **Management Costs** can be submitted under the State/Territory Allocation, Tribal Set-Aside, and national competition. Management costs allow FEMA to provide financial assistance to reimburse the recipient and subrecipient for eligible and reasonable indirect costs, direct administrative costs, and other administrative expenses associated with a submitted mitigation project or C&CB activity.
- **Non-Financial Direct Technical Assistance** to communities to build a community's capacity and capability to improve its resiliency to natural hazards and to ensure stakeholders are capable of building and sustaining successful mitigation programs, submitting high-quality applications, and implementing new and innovative projects that reduce risk from a wide range of natural hazards.

Other Eligibility Criteria:

FEMA is partially implementing the Federal Flood Risk Management Standards (Executive Order 14030 – Climate-Related Financial Risks)

- For certain non-critical actions involving structure elevation, dry floodproofing, and mitigation reconstruction in the Special Flood Hazard Area a minimum of the base flood elevation plus 2 feet of freeboard will be required (unless doing so would cause the project to be unable to meet applicable program cost-effectiveness requirements).
- If a state, local, tribal, territorial government, or federal agency has adopted a higher standard applicable to the specific project, FEMA will require the higher standard as the design flood elevation under the American Society of Civil Engineers 24-14 (ASCE 24-14).

For additional information on eligibility, view the full FY22 BRIC NOFO, accessible at <https://www.grants.gov>.

Application Process:

1. Sub-recipients will submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) through <https://ok.emgrants.com/>. The opening day to submit a NOI through OKEMGrants for FY 22 BRIC is open effective 09/01/2022. [How to Submit a NOI](#)
 - a. **Last date to submit a NOI for funding considerations is 10/15/2022. NOI's received by ODEMHS after the due date for NOI submission will not be considered for funding.**
2. Upon approval of NOI, Eligible Sub-applicants will be required to submit project applications through FEMA Grants Outcome (FEMA GO), which is the award management system for BRIC. <https://go.fema.gov/>. FEMA Application period for FY 22 BRIC opens on 09/30/2022.
 - a. Registering and applying for an award under FEMA GO portal a multi-step process and requires time to complete. Sub applicants should read the registration instructions carefully and prepare the information requested before beginning the registration process; [FEMA Grants Outcomes \(FEMA GO\) | FEMA.gov](#)
3. Sub-applications will be reviewed and required to meet Project Eligibility, Application Completeness, Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA), Engineering Feasibility, Mitigation Plan Status, and Environmental and Historic Preservation Review.
 - a. **Sub-applications that are incomplete by 11/15/2022 will not be selected for funding submittal.**
4. Final FY 22 BRIC Application with completed sub applications is to be submitted to FEMA by 01/15/2023.

Links:

Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management & Homeland Security (ODEMHS) –
Mitigation Section

[https://www.ok.gov/OEM/Programs & Services/Mitigation/index.html](https://www.ok.gov/OEM/Programs%20&%20Services/Mitigation/index.html)

OKEMGrants Portal (<https://ok.emgrants.com/>)

FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities and Resources

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/building-resilient-infrastructure-communities>

FEMA Grants Outcome (FEMA GO) <https://go.fema.gov/> . The step-by-step instructional desktop guides can be found by visiting [FEMA Grants Outcome \(FEMA GO\) for Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants | FEMA.gov](#)