



FEMA HAZARD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE (HMA) 2020 FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program (replacing the Pre-Disaster Mitigation program):

Please note that the January 29, 2021 **deadline released by FEMA is the deadline by when Cal OES must submit its application** to FEMA. **Subapplicants must submit their Notice of Interest (NOI) and subapplications to Cal OES according to the dates listed on the Cal OES webpage.** Failure to adhere to these deadlines will result in your application being ineligible for submittal to FEMA. [Click here to visit the Cal OES BRIC and FMA webpage](#) to submit an NOI and for more information.

FEMA's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program is a new, nationally competitive hazard mitigation funding opportunity. The BRIC program was developed to support communities in building capacity, providing innovative solutions, encouraging partnerships, enabling large projects, and maintaining flexibility for state-of-the-art solutions. Through BRIC, communities can make proactive investments in community resilience, infrastructure projects, and protect vital community lifelines.

Available Funding

For 2020, a total of \$500 Million in funding is available nationwide, with a total maximum federal share of \$50 Million per project.

Mitigation projects, in the national competition, must be:

- Be cost-effective (benefit-cost ratio over 1.0)
- Be designed to increase resilience and public safety
- Reduce the risk of injuries and loss of life
- Reduce the risk of damage and destruction to property, critical services, facilities, and infrastructure

BRIC will also fund capability and capacity building (C&CB) activities which enhance mitigation strategies and/or tangible mitigation products that reduce or eliminate risk and damage from future natural hazards, increase resiliency, and promote a culture of preparedness.

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These activities include:

- Building codes activities
- Partnerships
- Project scoping
- Mitigation planning
- Planning-related activities

A cost share is required for all subapplications funded under this program. The non-federal cost share may consist of cash, donated or third-party in-kind services, materials, or any combination thereof. The cost share for BRIC is 75 percent federal/25 percent non-federal except for small impoverished communities, which have a cost share of 90 percent federal/10 percent non-federal.

For complete information about BRIC, including details about prioritization and scoring, please refer to the full BRIC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) in the Key Resources Section below, or visit the Cal OES website.

Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program

FEMA's Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program is a nationally competitive flood mitigation funding source. The FMA program provides funding to states, local communities and tribes to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damages to buildings insured by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Available Funding

For 2020, a total of \$160 Million in funding is available nationwide, with a maximum federal share of \$30 Million per community flood project.

Projects that address community flood risk for the purpose of reducing NFIP payments can include:

- Localized flood control
- Floodwater storage and diversion
- Floodplain and stream restoration
- Stormwater management
- Wetland restoration/creation

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FEMA will also fund individual flood mitigation projects that directly benefit and include Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) and Repetitive Loss (RL) properties. In addition, FEMA will fund flood mitigation planning and project scoping activities.

Project scoping activities can include:

- Conducting meetings, outreach, and coordination with subapplicants and community residents
- Developing or conducting engineering, environmental feasibility and/or benefit-cost analyses
- Undertaking activities that lead to development of project applications
- Evaluating facilities to identify mitigation actions
- Using staff or resources to develop cost share strategies

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For complete information about FMA, including details about prioritization and scoring, please refer to the Notice of Funding Opportunity and Fact Sheet in the Key Resources section below, or visit the Cal OES website.

Key Resources

[Click Here for the Cal OES BRIC/FMA Funding Page and Notice of Interest](#)
[Click Here for the FEMA BRIC and FMA Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#)
[Click Here for the FEMA Webinar: Introduction to the BRIC Grant Program](#)
[Click Here for the FEMA Webinar: The Meaning of the BRIC Name](#)
[Click Here for the FEMA BRIC Webinar](#)

UPCOMING BRIC WEBINARS:

FEMA is offering informational webinars for Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant applicants. The webinars will provide an overview of the grant programs and details about the agency's funding priorities and review process. [Click here for FEMA's Notice of Funding \(NOFO\) Webinar Series.](#)

Any state, tribal or territorial prospective applicant can attend. The presentation materials, as well as the time and call-in information, is the same for each session. Each webinar will be at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time on August 18, August 20, and August 25, 2020. A webinar for tribal applicants will be held at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time on August 27, 2020. Additionally, at 2:00 p.m. on September 1 and September 2, 2020, FEMA will host the webinar "Avoiding Application Pitfalls," which can be found by [clicking here](#).

Additional webinars will be scheduled about the new FEMA Grants Outcome (FEMA GO), which is now the management system for HMA grant programs. The development of FEMA GO is a multi-year effort to modernize and transform the way FEMA conducts grants management. FEMA GO will streamline the process to apply for, track and manage FEMA grants.

Registration information for all upcoming webinars will be provided soon. Each webinar topic will be recorded and available online at a future time. [Click here for the FEMA 2020 Notice of Funding Opportunity website](#) for additional information.

[Click here for Building Community Resilience with Nature Based Solutions](#)
[Click here for the Community Lifelines Fact Sheet](#)
[Click here for the 2015 Hazard Mitigation Assistance Guidance and Addendum](#)

Please contact Cal OES at HMA@CalOES.ca.gov if additional assistance is needed.