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Building Resilient Infrastructure in Communities (BRIC) And Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program

Funds Available for Fiscal Year 2021 Time Sensitive - Respond ASAP Notices of Intent (NOI) Due No Later than October 1, 2021

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has announced the application period for Fiscal Year 2021 Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) and the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) opens on September 30, 2021. The Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (MSP/EMHSD) is seeking Notice of Intent (NOI) forms – project proposals – for eligible hazard mitigation activities. Program grant guidance for FMA can be found in FEMA's [Hazard Mitigation Assistance Guidance](#) (although this document is labeled "Fiscal Year 2015" guidance, it is also the guidance for Fiscal Year 2021). Details for the FY 2021 FMA can be found in the [FMA Notice of Funding Opportunity](#). FEMA has not released a grant guidance document for BRIC, but program details can be found in the [BRIC Notice of Funding Opportunity](#).

Purpose

Hazard mitigation activities are intended to reduce or eliminate future property damages and loss of life from natural hazards, such as floods, tornadoes, and storms. FEMA's FMA and BRIC programs provide funds for hazard mitigation planning activities and implementation of mitigation projects. Each of the programs is distinct and has separate eligibility criteria and program rules. Although cost sharing requirements vary by program, most grants are funded with a 75% federal share and a 25% local match.

Some examples of eligible mitigation project activities include: construction of safe rooms; retrofit of structures for wind protection; protective measures for utility infrastructure; voluntary acquisition or elevation of flood prone structures; storm water management projects that reduce flood risk; vegetation management for dune restoration or wildfire prevention; implementation of community flood mitigation projects (FMA only); and development of a community all-hazards mitigation plan (or update of an existing hazard mitigation plan). Additional Capability & Capacity Building activities may also qualify. These projects may include project scoping activities with the intent of developing high quality Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) projects and applications for future grants and activities that support the adoption and enforcement of building codes, standards and policies that implement hazard mitigation.

Projects must be cost beneficial for eligibility, meaning the anticipated cost savings from avoided future damages must outweigh the cost of implementing the project. Commonly requested activities that are not eligible for this funding include: early warning sirens, training, preparedness actions, and generators (except for cost-effective generators that serve hospitals, police stations, fire stations, water and wastewater treatment plants). Examples of completed hazard mitigation projects can be found in [FEMA's HMA Mitigation Action Portfolio](#).

FEMA has established the following funding priorities for the Fiscal Year 2021 funding:

- BRIC – 1) Projects that reduce natural hazard risk to public infrastructure; 2) Projects that incentivize resilient investments in disadvantaged communities as referenced in Executive Order (EO) 14008; 3) Projects that mitigate risks to one or more [community lifelines](#); 3) Projects that incorporate [nature-based solutions](#); 4) Projects that enhance climate resilience and adaptation; and 5) Applicants that have adopted the 2018 International Building Code (IBC) and the International Residential Code (IRC).
- FMA – 1) Project Scoping activities to develop community and individual flood mitigation projects; 2) community flood mitigation projects that address community flood risk for the purpose of reducing National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) flood claim payments; 3) Technical assistance for applicants

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who were awarded at least One Million dollars of FMA funds from the FMA 2021 grant; 4) Flood mitigation planning; 5) Individual flood mitigation projects (elevation, acquisition, relocation, and reconstruction).

Eligibility

The MSP/EMHSD is the applicant for the state of Michigan. Eligible subapplicants for these programs include: state agencies; Indian tribal governments; and local governments/communities. Subapplicants must have a FEMA approved hazard mitigation plan that identifies and prioritizes the proposed project at the time of application submission and grant award. Please refer to the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Guidance for specific eligibility requirements.

Application Process

To be considered for funding, a potential subapplicant must submit a NOI form to the MSP/EMHSD. A completed NOI form will provide basic details about the proposed mitigation activity. To receive the NOI form, please contact the Hazard Mitigation Team (contact information below). The MSP/EMHSD team will review the NOI forms to determine if the activities described are potentially eligible for grant funding. If so, the potential subapplicant will be invited to complete a grant application through the [FEMA GO](#) application system.

Deadlines

- NOI forms must be submitted to the MSP/EMHSD by no later than October 1, 2021.
- Register for FEMA GO by no later than October 15, 2021.
- FEMA GO applications (initial draft) are due to the MSP/EMHSD for review by November 29, 2021.
- After review and revision, final eGrants applications are due to MSP/EMHSD by January 14, 2022 (so applications can be processed and submitted to FEMA by January 28, 2022).

Do Not Delay

Applicants should not wait until the deadline to submit NOI forms. The sooner the completed NOI form is submitted, the more time there will be to develop an application.

2021 BRIC and FMA Programs' Webinar Series

FEMA is offering several webinars running from now through October addressing various aspects and details of the grants and application process. [View Dates, Times and How to Participate and Webinar Recordings here.](#) Some additional information about the grant program is provided by the posted recordings and associated slide decks for FEMA's four part [Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities \(BRIC\) Summer 2020 Engagement Series.](#)

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