

FUNDING PROFILE

PEMA

BUILDING RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITIES GRANTS

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SUMMARY

The Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program provides grants for hazard risk reduction activities. This program complements two other FEMA-funded disaster mitigation programs: Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).

- Program administered by PEMA
- Annual program funding (2022/23): \$500 million nationwide; are eligible to apply for nationally competitive grant program
- Funding Source: Federal FEMA Budget

FEATURES

Non-disaster grant. Provides funds to states; states provide subgrants to local governments; highly competitive.

FEMA priorities include benefits to disadvantaged communities and incorporating nature-based solutions that enhance climate resilience. Watershed-based projects preferred over hard-structure solutions such as levees and floodwalls.

2020 projects: 27 PA applications selected for further review and include hazard mitigation planning, municipal resilience program, building

ELIGIBILITY

Who is Eligible?

States, territories and tribal government; local governments and state agencies can apply as subapplicants; homeowners, business operators and non-profit organizations can be included in a subapplication submitted by an eligible subapplicant.

Eligible Costs

Supports project scoping, leveraging partnerships, adoption of building codes and policies that protect public safety and reduces community risks (including stormwater management), mitigation planning (eg., mapping, smart growth ordinances), project phasing.

Match: 75% federal/25% non-federal. Subapplicants can submit projects up to \$50 million in federal share.

HELPFUL TIPS

Consult with your county hazard mitigation officer first. Project application tips are available. See the CWQE Support Hub.

Project scoping helps a community develop a concept or subapplication for future grant cycles. Project phasing helps smaller communities.

Subapplicants (e.g., municipalities) must have FEMA-approved local Mitigation Plan.

Local Silver Jackets program may have ideas for additional funding support.

HOW TO APPLY

Local governments: submit a Letter of Interest to PEMA by 10/19/22. PEMA selects projects for full applications which are due to PEMA 11/16/22. PEMA bundles subapplications to FEMA 1/27/23.

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