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Building Resilient Infrastructure in Communities And Flood Mitigation Assistance Program

Funds Available for Fiscal Year 2022 Time Sensitive - Respond ASAP Notices of Intent Due No Later than October 3, 2022

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has announced the application period opens on September 30, 2022, for Fiscal Year 2022 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA). 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.

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. The FEMA BRIC and FMA programs provide funds for hazard mitigation planning activities and implementation of mitigation projects. The FEMA has established the following funding priorities for the Fiscal Year 2022 funding:

BRIC Priorities:

- Projects that incentivize natural hazard risk reduction activities that mitigate risk to public infrastructure and disadvantaged communities as referenced in Executive Order 14008.
- Projects that incorporate [nature-based solutions](#).
- Projects that enhance climate resilience and adaptation.
- Increase funding to applicants that facilitate the adoption and enforcement of the latest published editions of building codes.

FMA Priorities:

- Project Scoping activities to develop community and individual flood mitigation projects.
- Projects that address community flood risk for the purpose of reducing National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) flood claim payments.
- Projects that mitigate the risk of flooding to individual NFIP insured structures.

The FEMA has not released a grant guidance document for BRIC, but program details can be found in the [BRIC Notice of Funding Opportunity](#). 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 2022). Details for the FY 2022 FMA can be found in the [FMA Notice of Funding Opportunity](#). Additional resources can be found on [FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants website](#) and on the [FY22 BRIC](#) and [FY22 FMA](#) fact sheets.

Each of the programs are distinct and have 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.

Changes for FY 2022 BRIC

Hazard mitigation plan requirement exemption for certain capability and capacity building (C&CB) activities

- The subapplicant hazard mitigation plan requirement was removed for: (1) hazard mitigation planning and planning-related activities; (2) partnerships; and (3) building code activities.

Increasing Equity

- Applicants or subapplicants working with an Economically Disadvantaged Rural Community (EDRC) may build and submit a subapplication on its behalf. They may also include an authorization letter with the subapplication that will permit them to do so and receive the 90/10 increased federal cost share.
- During the pre-award process, FEMA will review hazard mitigation project subapplications that are competitive and otherwise eligible for selection where an EDRC, federally recognized tribal government, or community with a CDC Social Vulnerability [Index](#) (SVI) greater than 0.80 is unable to calculate a Benefit-Cost Ratio (BCR) to show it is cost-effective. The FEMA may help such communities to develop a Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA).

Technical Evaluation Criteria

- Removes the mitigating risk to community lifelines criterion.
- Expands the Economically Disadvantaged Rural Community (EDRC) criterion to incorporate federally recognized tribal governments and communities with a CDC Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) of 0.6 or higher; allots more points to this criterion.

Qualitative Evaluation Criteria

- Expanded the Outreach Activities criterion to emphasize community engagement.
- Expanded the Implementation Measures criterion to consider the incorporation of strong labor standards.

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 (C&CB) 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](#).

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 completed NOI form to MSP/EMHSD. The completed form will provide basic details about the proposed mitigation activity, which will then be reviewed by the MSP/EMHSD team to determine if the activities described are potentially eligible for grant funding. The MSP/EMHSD team will then contact potential subapplicants inviting them to complete a grant application through the [FEMA GO](#) application system.

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The link below should be used to access the NOI Microsoft Form. The form must be completed in its entirety to submit the information. Please note, partially completed forms cannot be saved, so browsers should be left open if form is started but needs to be completed at a later time. If potential subapplicants are submitting multiple NOIs, these must be submitted separately. This can be done by reselecting the link below to open a new form or by selecting "Submit another response" at the end of completing each form.

NOI Microsoft Form: [FY22 BRIC and FMA NOI](#)

Deadlines

- October 3, 2022 NOI forms must be submitted to the MSP/EMHSD
- November 21, 2022 Phase II FEMA GO complete draft applications are due
- January 16, 2023 After review and revision, final FEMA GO applications are due to MSP/EMHSD
*MSP/EMHSD will process and submit applications to FEMA by January 27, 2023.
*Applications submitted after this deadline will not be included in the State application to FEMA.

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.

2022 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.](#)

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