

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

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What is Building Resilient Infrastructure Communities (BRIC)?

- Annual grant program, Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) released to grants.gov
- Nationally competitive
- For natural hazard mitigation activities and projects, reducing the risks communities face from disasters and natural hazards
- Authorized by the Stafford Act (as amended) and the 2018 Disaster Reform and Recovery Act
- Funded by a 6% set-aside from federal post-disaster grant funding
- Tribe/Village (or the state located in) must have received a major disaster declaration in the past seven years. Can be fully or partially located in state that has had one in past seven years.



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What is Mitigation?

- What if buildings were not damaged during an earthquake because community officials required that buildings be constructed or retrofitted to withstand intense shaking?
- What if a river overtopped its banks but nearby schools were protected from flooding because they were built high enough to not flood?
- What if a wildfire burned, but homes were not threatened because landowners trimmed branches and thinned forests to create a large enough defensible space?

This is mitigation in action!
It is the result of residents, building professionals, engineers, community planners, and elected officials working to provide a safe community for all before a disaster occurs.

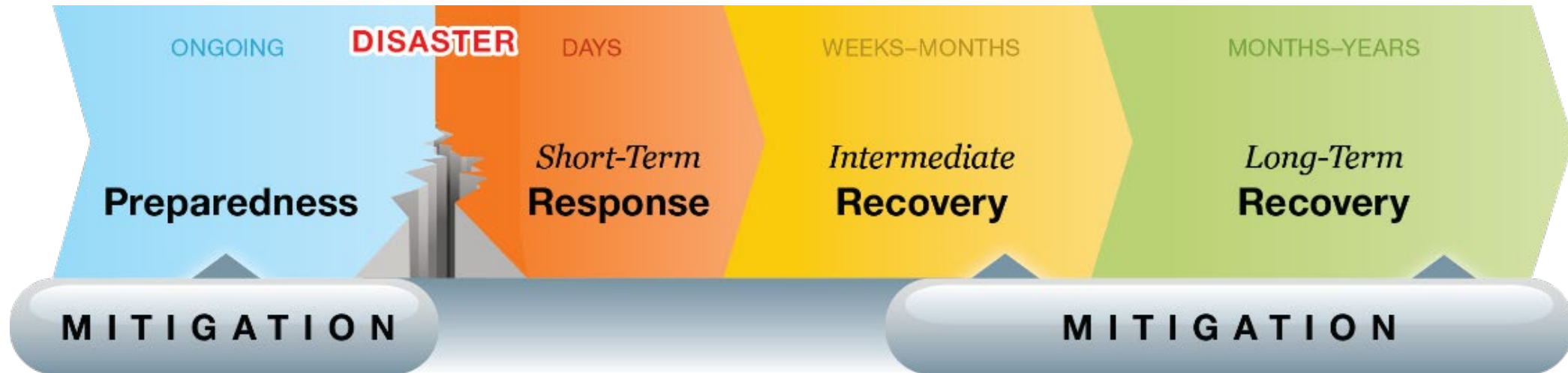
You can't remove a hazard, but you can lessen its impact to your community.



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Mitigation

- Mitigation is the reduction or elimination of long-term risk to human life and property from hazards and helps create strong, resilient tribal communities.



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Applicant and Subapplicant Eligibility



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Federally recognized tribal governments can choose to apply as a subapplicant to an eligible state or territory*

*federally recognized tribal governments under the Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act of 1994/federal register

Applicant vs Subapplicant

- BRIC is a pass-through and reimbursement-based grant
- Tribes can apply directly to FEMA as the Applicant and Subapplicant, or as the Subapplicant to the state

Applicants	Subapplicants
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apply directly to FEMA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apply through the State
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Financial Risk Assessment prior to award	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quarterly performance and financial reporting to State
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Financial Desk Review during grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Submit reimbursement requests to State
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quarterly performance and financial reporting to FEMA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Subapplications due earlier to State for their review
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Submit reimbursement requests directly to FEMA payment system	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any other State requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applications due by the end of the application period listed in the NOFO	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• State may provide technical assistance throughout the grant process, including answering requests for information (RFIs)



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FY 2022 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) – Available Funding

Total Available BRIC FUNDING \$2.295 Billion			
Uses of Assistance	\$112M State/Territory Allocations	\$50M Tribal Set-Aside	\$2.133B National Competition for Mitigation Projects
Management Costs	✓	✓	✓
Capability and Capacity * Building Activities	✓	✓	
Hazard Mitigation Projects	✓	✓	✓

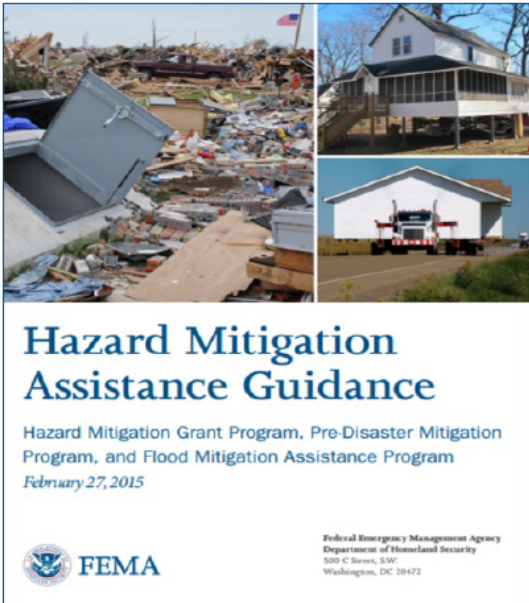


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*: Capability and Capacity Building Activities is a title for several different specific non-project subapplication types.

Eligible Activities

Existing Activities Are Still Eligible



Expanded Eligibility Includes:

- Project scoping
- Building code activities
- Pre-award costs
- Additional activities for wildfire and wind implementation (DRRA Section 1205)
- Earthquake early warning (DRRA Section 1233)

Projects Must:

- Be cost-effective.
- Reduce or eliminate risk and damage from future natural hazards.
- Meet the latest two consensus codes (i.e., 2018 or 2021 international building code)
- Align with the hazard mitigation plan.
- Meet all environmental and historic preservation requirements.



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What does Capability-and Capacity-Building Activities (C&CB) include?

- **Building codes activities:**

- Evaluate adoption and/or implementation of codes that reduce risk
- Enhance existing adopted codes to incorporate more current requirements or higher standards
- Develop professional workforce capabilities through technical assistance and training

- **Partnerships:**

- Pursuing opportunities for knowledge transfer between partners
- Attending state, local, tribal, territorial, regional, or national conferences to support knowledge sharing and partnership development
- Conducting a capability gap analysis to determine where partnerships could be helpful or where funding matching opportunities can be leveraged



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What does Capability-and Capacity-Building Activities (C&CB) include?

- **Project scoping:**
 - Scoping and developing hazard mitigation projects
 - Collecting data for benefit-cost analyses, environmental compliance, and other program requirements
 - Evaluating facilities or areas to determine appropriate mitigation actions

- **Mitigation planning and planning-related activities:**
 - Preparing a new plan or plan update; Updating or enhancing sections of the current FEMA-approved mitigation plan
 - Integrating information from mitigation plans, specifically risk assessment or mitigation strategies, with other planning effort
 - Procuring hazard identification or mapping and related equipment for the implementation of mitigation planning-related activities



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Requirements

- **Applicants** and **subapplicants** must have a FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation Plan by the application deadline AND at the time funding is obligated
- Applicants and subapplicants applying for mitigation projects must provide a FEMA Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) or other documentation that validates cost-effectiveness

**All requirements
are listed in the
Notice of
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Opportunity
every year.**



Cost Share

Standard Cost Share

75% Federal / 25% Local

Fed Share cannot exceed 75% of the total

Economically Disadvantaged Rural Communities Cost Share

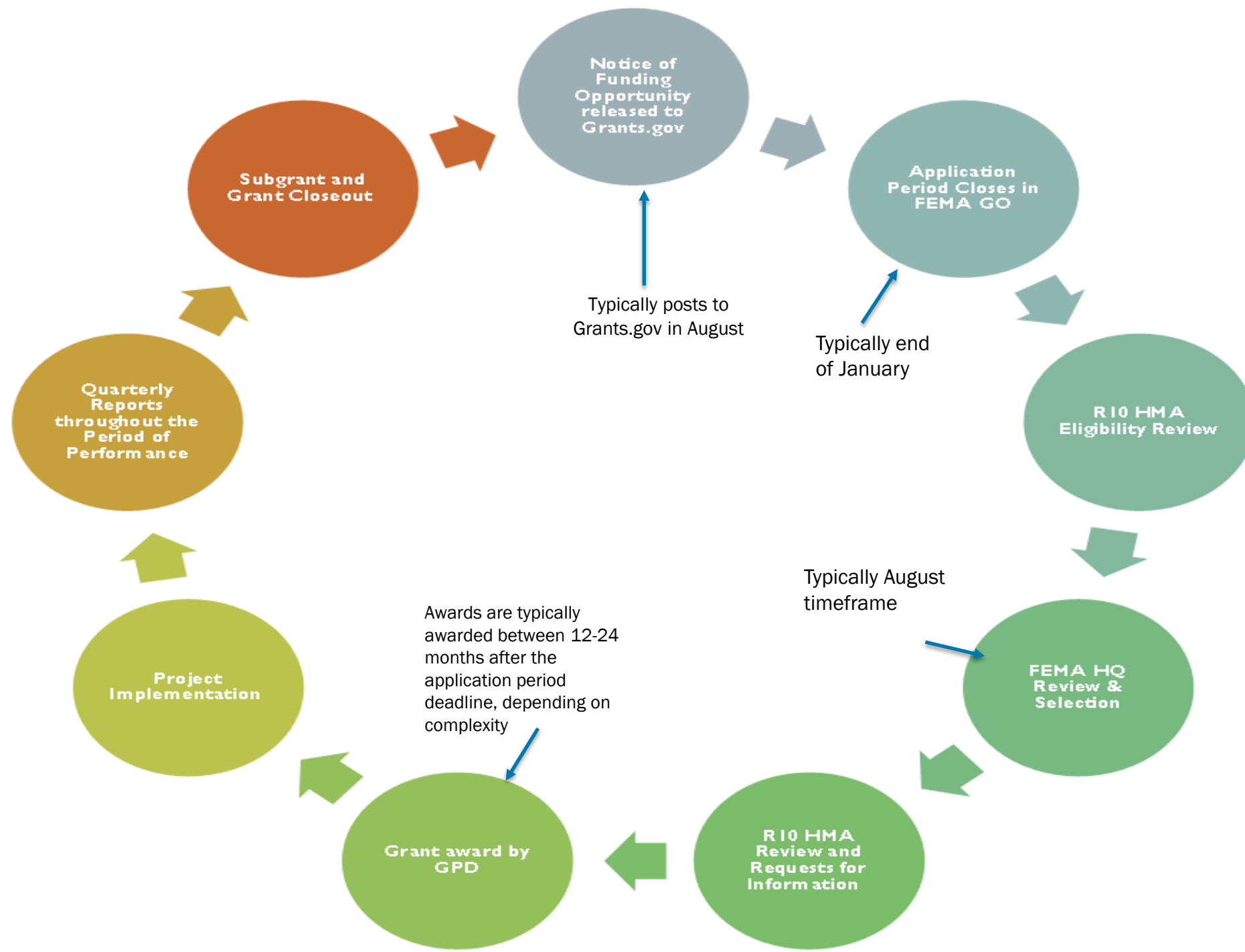
90% Federal / 10% Local

Must be requested in application and meet criteria.

All federally recognized tribes per the NOFO



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Resources

- [BRIC Website](#)
- [FY 2022 BRIC Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) (most recent NOFO)
- [2023 Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program and Policy Guide](#)
- [BRIC Program Support Material Resources](#)
 - BRIC Technical Criteria
 - BRIC Qualitative Criteria
 - BRIC Building Codes Activities
 - BRIC Mitigation Planning Activities
 - BRIC Partnership Activities
 - BRIC Project Scoping Activities
 - BRIC Direct Technical Assistance
 - BRIC Tribal Information
 - Mitigation Action Portfolio
 - BRIC & FMA Phased Projects

•Benefit Cost Analysis Helpline:
BCHelpline@fema.dhs.gov or 855-540-6744

•Feasibility and Effectiveness Helpline:
BuildingScienceHelp@fema.dhs.gov

•Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: EHPHelpline@fema.dhs.gov or 866-222-3580

•FEMA GO Helpline: femago@fema.dhs.gov or 877-611-4700

•FEMA GO is the required system to submit applications and subapplications

•Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA)
Helpline: 866-222-3580



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Questions?

BRIC Grant Team: FEMA-R10-MIT-CRAIG@fema.dhs.gov

General FEMA Assistance: FEMA-R10-Tribal@fema.dhs.gov



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