



NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



Federal Fiscal Year 2024 & 2025

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities

Notice of Funding Opportunity

FULL FEMA NOFO: <https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/361620>

The Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program makes federal funds available to states, U.S. territories, federally recognized Tribal nations¹, and local governments for hazard mitigation activities. It does so by recognizing the need to upgrade and modernize the nation's infrastructure against the growing risks to communities and the need for natural hazard risk mitigation activities that promote resilience with respect to natural hazards.

For this funding opportunity, the program prioritizes investment in infrastructure and construction projects that deliver immediate, measurable risk reduction to communities vulnerable to natural hazards. BRIC emphasizes the adoption and enforcement of modern building codes and limits capability- and capacity-building activities to those directly tied to infrastructure resilience, such as building code adoption and enforcement.

Eligible sub-applicants include state agencies, federally recognized tribal governments, and communities, including local governments and special district governments.

Sub-applicants should not have foreign nationals or noncitizens included. If a sub-applicant has foreign nationals, they must be properly vetted and must adhere to all government statues, polices, and procedures including "staff American, stay in America" and security requirements. Sub-applicants/sub-recipients must submit short bios and resumes. This should include the type of entity, organizational leadership, and board members along with both the names and addresses of the individuals. Resumes are subject to approval.

If submitting a project application, the sub-applicant must be a participating jurisdiction in a FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan (HMP) by the application deadline and at the time of award (44 CFR 201).

Funding

For federal fiscal years 2024 & 2025, \$1 billion is available nationwide for the BRIC grant. The state allocation for New Mexico is \$2 million. An additional \$1 million is available to carry out building code adoption and enforcement activities.

Projects exceeding the state allocation will be submitted to the national competition.

Cost Share

BRIC is a 75% federal and 25% non-federal cost-share grant. The non-federal (“local”) match can be in the form of cash, in-kind efforts, or a combination. Match cannot be federal funds or funds already used as a match for another federal award.

If a community is considered a small impoverished community as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 5133(A), the federal cost share can increase to 90% federal, with a 10% non-federal match.

Eligible Activities

Capability-and Capacity-Building (C&CB): activities that directly support infrastructure resilience, such as the adoption, enforcement, and implementation of hazard-resistant building codes. Only capability and capacity-building activities that are directly tied to infrastructure projects such as building code adoption/enforcement, related technical training and project scoping activities for specific infrastructure are eligible. **Hazard Mitigation Plan development or updates, and project scoping activities not directly supporting a specific infrastructure project are not eligible under BRIC.**

Hazard Mitigation Projects: cost-effective infrastructure and construction projects designed to increase resilience and public safety; reduce injuries and loss of life; and reduce damage and destruction to property, critical services, facilities, and infrastructure (including natural systems) from a multitude of natural hazards, including drought, wildfire, earthquakes, and the effects of natural weather disasters. Only infrastructure and construction projects that have, at a minimum, a conceptual design are eligible; **phased projects are not eligible.**

Management Costs: financial assistance to reimburse the recipient and subrecipient for eligible and reasonable indirect costs, direct administrative costs, and other administrative expenses associated with a specific hazard mitigation measure or project subject to applicable cost-share requirements.

FEMA GO – Registration is required

All entities are required to register and submit applications through FEMA Grants Outcomes (FEMA GO). Registration is only possible with assistance from your **Authorized Organization Representative (AOR)** identified in SAM.gov. Your entity AOR must create an account, log into FEMA GO, and assign roles to all individuals tasked with BRIC activities.

Tribal Nations

Federally recognized tribes may apply to FEMA as a direct recipient. There is \$50 million available for set-aside activities. There is an additional \$25 million federal share available for building code adoption and enforcement activities.

New Mexico sub-applicants must follow the DHSEM’s sub-application procedure and deadlines.
Please contact the DHSEM Mitigation Program with questions at
DHSEM.mitigation@dhsem.nm.gov

Important Dates	
May 1, 2026	DEADLINE - All Notices of Interest (NOI) are due to DHSEM
June 15, 2026	DEADLINE - Complete application packets must be submitted for DHSEM review
July 23, 2026	DEADLINE - Complete application packets ready for submission to FEMA must be submitted in FEMA GO

*In order to maximize all open grant funds, DHSEM will prioritize technical assistance to projects selected for submission to BRIC first, followed by HMGP-PF, then HMGP, as these grants are the first to close.

BRIC 2024 & 2025 DHSEM Funding Methodology

This methodology outlines the steps DHSEM takes to allocate BRIC funding. It identifies funding priorities so that applications can be prepared to address the highest-priority activities. It also serves as one way to increase transparency by sharing the decision-making approach with all stakeholders. All projects must meet the minimum requirements of 44 CFR 206.434(b) and 44 CFR 206.435(b). If more applications are submitted than there is available funding, all applications will be submitted to an Application Ranking Committee for priority ranking.

To maximize funding, DHSEM may enter applications submitted for BRIC as Hazard Mitigation Grant Program applications

Funds will not be held for projects that do not meet all established deadlines and minimum application criteria.

Required Criteria

The following standards are required for an application to be eligible for review by the Application Ranking Committee.

- The entity has a FEMA-approved mitigation plan
- The entity is in good financial standing via Unique Entity Identifier (UEI or Sam.gov verification)
- A completed application was submitted by the deadline
- The project is an eligible HMA project type
- The project describes measures that, if not taken, will have a severe detrimental impact on the sub-applicant, such as potential loss of life, loss of essential services, or economic hardship in the community
- The project effectively reduces risk and increases resilience, realizes ancillary benefits, and/or shortens recovery time (community function, natural environment, other)

NM DHSEM Competitive Selection Process

Based on applications submitted and available funding, plans and projects may need to be prioritized. The State Hazard Mitigation Officer (SHMO) and DHSEM Subject Matter Experts will form an Application Ranking Committee. A non-voting member will act as Observer. The Application Ranking Committee will review the applications and prepare a selection report. Each application will be evaluated against the BRIC FY 2024 & 2025 Evaluation Review Criteria for the National Competition. Projects that achieve high scores in all or most categories will be put forward into national competition. The Observer shall certify that all entities selected for project recommendation in the report are in good financial standing, as verified via UEI or Sam.gov. The Application Ranking Committee recommendations are provided to the Governor's Authorized Representative (GAR) for approval. After the GAR provides approval, the SHMO contacts each applicant in writing to notify them whether their project was selected. If a project is withdrawn or determined not to meet all eligibility criteria, the project with the next-highest ranking is

submitted for funding up to the maximum amount of federal dollars remaining.

Evaluation Criteria for the National Competition			
	Topic	Criteria	Potential Total Points
1	Infrastructure Project Construction Readiness	Projects demonstrating higher readiness can reduce the risk of extended grant periods, cost overruns, and administrative burden. To	5
		increase the timeliness of hazard risk reduction, these criteria assess the extent to which the proposed project is sufficiently developed to proceed to award and start construction without significant delay. Conceptual Design (5): Infrastructure projects with basic conceptualization and design (i.e., at least 30% design) will receive 5 points. OR Preliminary Design (15): Infrastructure projects with refined and detailed design including major systems, materials, dimensions and draft specifications (i.e., greater than 30% design) will receive 15 points. OR Detailed Design (30): Infrastructure projects with detailed drawings and specifications for bidding, permitting and actual construction (i.e., 90% design or greater) will receive 30 points. These documents may include completed environmental and historic preservation compliance documentation (e.g. environmental assessment, archeological survey, US Army Corps permit, floodplain development permit, etc.).	OR 15 OR 30
2	New Applicant or Subapplicant	The subapplication is submitted from a subapplicant that has never been selected in the BRIC National Competition. OR The subapplication is submitted by a subapplicant from a state, territory or tribal applicant that has never been selected in the BRIC National Competition.	15 OR 15
3	Building Code Adoption and Enforcement	Subcriteria 3.1: Building Code Adoption (5): The subapplication will receive 5 points if the community where the project will be	5

		developed has locally adopted current or next most recent hazard-resistant consensus-based model building code such as both the	
		International Building Code (IBC) and the International Residential Code (IRC) model codes published by the International Code Council (ICC) from 2021 or 2024.	
		AND	AND
		<u>Locally Adopted Building codes (5):</u> The subapplication will receive an additional 5 points if the locally adopted building codes by the community are based on the applicant’s mandatory state-, tribal-, territory-wide adoption of current or next most recent hazard-resistant consensus-based model building code such as both the International Building Code (IBC) and the International Residential Code (IRC) model codes published by the International Code Council (ICC) from 2021 or 2024.	5
		AND	AND
		<u>Building Code Enforcement (10) –</u> Subapplicant has Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) Rating of 1 to 5.	10
		OR	OR
		Subcriteria 3.2: <u>Alternative Higher Standards (5):</u> Any subapplicant that has not received points under Sub-criterion 3.1 could receive 5 points by providing a narrative demonstrating that they hold higher hazard-resistant standards for the primary hazard they have identified in their subapplication.	5
4	Small impoverished community	Designation as a small impoverished community as referenced in 42 U.S.C. § 5133(a).	5
5	Risk Reduction	A narrative in the Scope of Work section of FEMA GO will be scored based on the sufficiency of the responses (20): 1) Effectively reduce risk: Identify the risk(s) being reduced and state what action will reduce the identified risk.	20

		<p>2) Increase resilience within the community based on their primary natural hazard risk (including the benefits quantified in the BCA): Detail ability to prepare for anticipated hazards, adapt to changing conditions, and withstand and recover rapidly from disruption for the useful life of the infrastructure asset.</p> <p>3) Realize ancillary benefits: Identify benefits other than the project’s primary risk reduction objective.</p>	
6	Implementation Measures	<p>A narrative in the Scope of Work section of FEMA GO will be scored based on the sufficiency of the responses to the criteria listed below.</p> <p>1) Cost management: Describe the processes by which project costs will be managed including any identified challenges or obstacles.</p> <p>2) Schedule management: Provide a description of the project schedule and the measures taken to manage the schedule including any identified challenges.</p> <p>3) Successful implementation, and incorporation of any innovative techniques: Detail pre- and post-implementation monitoring strategies being used and how progress will be measured. Describe innovative techniques implemented.</p> <p>4) Technical and managerial staff, and resources availability: Identify technical and managerial staff and resources used to successfully implement the project.</p>	10

Resources

- Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC): <https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/building-resilient-infrastructure-communities>
- BRIC Program Support Materials: <https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/building-resilient-infrastructure-communities/resources>
- “Buy America” Preference in FEMA Financial Assistance Programs for Infrastructure: <https://www.fema.gov/grants/policy-guidance/buy-america>
- Environmental Planning and Historical Preservation (EHP): <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/practitioners/environmental-historic>

- FEMA Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA): <https://www.fema.gov/grants/guidance-tools/benefit-cost-analysis>
- FEMA Create a Hazard Mitigation Plan: <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/risk-management/hazard-mitigation-planning/create-hazard-plan>
- FEMA GO: <https://go.fema.gov/>
- FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Cost Share Guide: https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-08/fema_hma_cost-share-guide.pdf
- FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program and Policy Guide (HMA Guide): <https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/guide>
- FEMA Nationwide Building Code Adoption Tracking: <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/risk-management/building-science/beat>
- FEMA Resilience Analysis and Planning Tool (RAPT): <https://www.fema.gov/rapt>
- Tools to Assist with FEMA Grants: <https://www.fema.gov/grants/tools>