



**NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF
HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**



Federal Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24)
Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities
Funding Announcement

The Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant makes federal funds available for natural hazard risk mitigation activities with an emphasis on promoting climate adaptation and resilience. Eligible subapplicants include state agencies, federally recognized tribal governments, and communities including local governments and special district governments. Eligible subapplicants may apply for funding on behalf of individuals, businesses, and nonprofits. If submitting a project application, a FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan (HMP) is required by the application deadline and at the time of award (44 CFR 201).

Funding

For federal fiscal year 2024, there is \$750 million available nationwide for the BRIC grant. The state allocation for New Mexico is \$2 million federal share. There is an additional \$2 million federal share available for statewide building code adoption and enforcement activities. Projects submitted more than 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 match for another federal award. If a community is considered an Economically Disadvantaged Rural Community or has been currently identified as being located in a [Community Disaster Resilience Zone](#) as defined by FEMA (see www.fema.gov/partnerships/community-disaster-resilience-zones) the federal cost share can increase up to 90% federal with 10% non-federal match.

Eligible Activities

Capability-and Capacity-Building (C&CB): activities that enhance the knowledge, skills, expertise, etc., of the current workforce to expand or improve the administration of mitigation assistance. This includes activities in the following sub-categories: building codes, partnerships, project scoping, hazard mitigation planning and planning-related activities, and other activities.

Hazard Mitigation Projects : cost-effective 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 flood, drought, wildfire, earthquakes, extreme heat, and the effects of climate change.

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 mitigation measure or project.

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 as a direct recipient to FEMA. There is \$50 million in national competition funds available for Tribal projects. There is an additional \$25 million federal share available for building code adoption and enforcement activities. Tribes that wish to apply direct to FEMA should contact Christy King, FEMA Region VI HMA at Christina.L.King@fema.dhs.gov or 940-383-7220.

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@state.nm.us

Important Dates	
February 17, 2025	DEADLINE - All Notices of Interest (NOI) are due to DHSEM
March 17, 2025	DEADLINE - Complete application packets must be submitted for DHSEM review
April 18, 2025	DEADLINE - Complete application packets ready for submission to FEMA must be submitted in FEMA GO

BRIC 2024 Funding Methodology

This methodology describes the steps taken by DHSEM to allocate BRIC funding. It identifies the priorities for funding 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 state funding, all applications will be submitted to an Application Ranking Committee for priority ranking.

In order to maximize funding, DHSEM may enter applications submitted for BRIC as Hazard Mitigation Grant Program or Hazard Mitigation Grant Program - Post Fire applications. Funds will not be held for projects that do not meet all established deadlines and minimum application criteria. The BRIC Application Priorities are:

1. Project Scoping (project scoping is not an eligible project type under FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) or HMGP-Post Fire (HMGP-PF))
2. Planning Activities
3. Capability- and Capacity-Building projects
4. Construction projects with a total project cost over what is allocated under HMGP or HMGP-PF or warranting high scores if submitted to the BRIC National Competition

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 (not for hazard mitigation plans or scoping)
- The entity is in good financial standing via Unique Entity Identifier or UEI or Sam.gov verification
- A completed application was submitted by the deadline
- The project is an eligible FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance (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)

State Competitive Selection Process

Based upon applications submitted and available funding, plans and projects may need to be prioritized for funding. 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 analyzed based on the BRIC FY 2024 Qualitative and Technical review criteria. Projects that achieve high scores in all or most categories may 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 via UEI or Sam.gov verification. 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 if their project was selected or not. If a project is withdrawn or is determined to not meet all eligibility criteria, the project with the next highest ranking is submitted for funding up to the maximum amount of federal dollars remaining.

Resources

- [FY 2024 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)
- [FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Website](#)
- [FEMA GO Startup Guide](#)
- [FEMA GO User Application and Subapplication Process](#)