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2023 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Announcement

The State of Alaska DHS&EM is excited to announce the 2023 BRIC Grant Cycle. This communication is to inform eligible stakeholders interested in submitting for community Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) updates and mitigation projects. The formal Notice Of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) will be issued by FEMA in the late summer but entity leadership and community members should begin assessing their respective roads, public buildings, and other critical infrastructure where mitigation actions are intended to occur. This will allow more time to plan and develop project applications.

A community or tribe will be referred to as a Sub applicant once an *Intent to apply (ITA)* – Community HMP updates or a *Notice of Interest (NOI)* – Projects and studies have been submitted to the State, the State will be referred to as the Applicant.

The sooner a community/borough has worked up a plan on what mitigation actions they intend to carry out in this grant cycle they should contact our office to secure placeholders, this will give us time to work together with the appropriate point of contact for every project, HMP update, etc.

Thank you for your continued interest in the BRIC program. We welcome all questions and concerns that come through the mitigation office, our contact information is provided below. Below is some need-to-know information for the public. Solid dates and updates will be determined once the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) Notice Of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for BRIC '23 has been released.

- Breakdown of Funding Availability -

Important Applications Due Dates:

- Open Application Window: *now and until late December*

Funding Amounts Available:

- Total Amount Available Nationally: *to be formally announced by FEMA in August 2023 in the grant cycle Notice Of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).*

Who is Eligible?

- State Agencies, Boroughs, Cities, and Federally Recognized Tribal Governments with a FEMA Approved and Locally Adopted Hazard Mitigation Plan as defined in 44 CFR Part 201

- Eligible Types of Work -

- **Capability & Capacity Building Initiatives**
 - Project Scoping
 - Risk Analysis
 - Hazard Mitigation Planning
 - Managed Retreat Plans
 - Seismic Design Work
 - Projects that help design, scope, identify or reduce risks from natural hazards

- **Hazard Mitigation Retrofit / Protection Projects**
 - Structural Seismic Retrofits
 - Structural Elevation and/or Relocation
 - Property Acquisition & Demolition
 - Soil Stabilization
 - Protection of Critical Infrastructure from Natural Hazards
 - Emergency Back Up Power for Critical Facilities
 - High Wind Retrofit / Protection
 - Critical Utility Hardening / Protection
 - Wildfire / Combustible Fuels Reduction Projects

For More Information on BRIC or Funding Contact: (all hyperlinks are functional)

- [SoA DHS&EM Hazard Mitigation Section: Updates](#) (currently has BRIC '22 NOFO)
- [SoA DHS&EM Homepage](#)
- [FEMA BRIC Webpage](#)
- [FEMA Fiscal Year 2022 NOFO Webpage](#)
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