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## 2024 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Announcement

The State of Alaska DHS&EM & the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are excited to announce the 2024 BRIC Grant Funding opportunity. This communication is to inform eligible stakeholders interested in submitting update community Hazard Mitigation Plans (HMPs) and develop mitigation projects. The formal Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) will be published by FEMA in the late summer, but entity leadership and community members should begin assessing their respective HMPs, roads, public buildings, and other critical infrastructure where mitigation actions are intended to occur. This will allow more time to plan and develop project sub applications. It is encouraged that submitted mitigation projects reflect mitigation strategies in exiting Hazard Mitigation Plans (HMPs). An eligible stakeholder must

The eligible level of government (city, tribe, borough, etc.) will be referred to as the Sub applicant once a *Notice of Interest (NOI)* is submitted to the State, the State will be referred to as the Applicant. The sooner an entity has worked up a plan on what mitigation actions they intend to carry out they should contact our office to secure placeholders, this will give us time to work together with the appropriate point of contact for all projects, HMP development, and updates.

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 '24 has been released.

### - **BRIC Direct Technical Assistance (DTA)** -

#### **Overview:**

- The BRIC program also offers help to communities and tribes in the form of *non-financial technical assistance* that can provide holistic hazard mitigation planning and project support.
- There is no requirement for a previous BRIC grant sub-application or award or an approved hazard mitigation plan to be eligible to apply.
- The application process bypasses partnering with DHS&EM, but communication is encouraged and welcomed.
- Applicants are encouraged to complete and submit applications to the FEMA Region 10 BRIC DTA Inbox provided below and *Cc State POC*.
  - Inbox - [fema-bric-dta-submission@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:fema-bric-dta-submission@fema.dhs.gov) (To line)
  - DHS&EM – [rai.simpliciano@alaska.gov](mailto:rai.simpliciano@alaska.gov) (Cc line)

#### **Resource:**

- [BRIC DTA Application](#) (functional hyperlink)

### **Application Timeline & Due Dates: (for BRIC & BRIC DTA)**

- Open Application Window – *to be formally announced by FEMA in the NOFO.*
- NOFO Publishing date – August – October 2024
- BRIC Sub Application due date – *1 month prior to due date in NOFO.*

### **- Breakdown of Funding Availability -**

#### **Funding Amounts Available:**

- Total Amount Available Nationally: *to be formally announced by FEMA in the NOFO.*
  - *FY2023 BRIC had \$1 Billion available nationally.*

#### **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. The entity must have a FEMA approved HMP at the times of submittal and at grant award.

### **- Eligible Types of Projects -**

- **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.
  - Partnerships
  - Building Codes and Standards Projects
- **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 Funding Contact: (all hyperlinks are functional)**

- [SoA DHS&EM BRIC Webpage](#) (currently has BRIC '23 NOFO)
- [FEMA BRIC Webpage](#)

- [FEMA Fiscal Year 2023 NOFO & Factsheet](#) (under BRIC Resources)
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