

Q&A: Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program

Answers to questions asked during the Local Infrastructure Hub's Delivering Results: Investing in Community Resilience webinar on Sept. 27, 2022. Slides from the webinar can be found [here](#). State BRIC deadlines can be found [here](#).

Q: Where can we access the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) projects funded last cycle?

A: The list of previous BRIC subapplications and selection status can be found [here](#).

Q: Do BRIC subapplications submitted through the State need to apply through FEMA GO?

A: You should speak with your State to ensure that you satisfy the letter of intent requirement, but all applications will eventually be submitted through FEMA GO.

Q: Can FEMA dollars be used for the development of a flood resilience plan?

A: Yes. The creation and update of a flood mitigation plan is eligible. Planning is capped at \$1 million per applicant/State.

Q: Is direct technical assistance for local governments available through State agencies or FEMA?

A: Direct technical assistance is non-financial. We coordinate with State agencies to ensure they are part of this process.

Q: What would you suggest local governments do at this time to take advantage of BRIC funding?

A: Make sure you are in contact with your State hazard mitigation office to understand their timeline, process, and priorities for funding. It is also essential to understand how your subapplication will be evaluated. You can view a webinar on BRIC technical and qualitative criteria [here](#).

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Additional questions (*continued*)

Q: What is the application and award timeline?

A: FEMA begins reviews during the first week of February and moves to engineering reviews in March. Competitive applications must also pass a peer review panel.

From there, FEMA divides its selections into two rounds. The non-competitive selections were made in May and competitive selections in August.

Q: How can BRIC address extreme heat risk?

A: Projects that address extreme heat are eligible. Projects must undergo a Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA). If you have a question about FEMA's BCA, the helpline is 1-855-540-6744 or BCHelpline@fema.dhs.gov. For questions on the technical criteria, including the role of building codes in the criteria, please see [here](#).

Camille Crain, *BRIC Section Chief at FEMA*, provided an overview of BRIC and answered questions from mayors during the webinar. Other resilience experts also provided answers. Visit the [Local Infrastructure Hub's website](#) for additional resources and expert advice.