Agency: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Category: Resilience

Eligible Applicants: State and local governments with a current FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation Plan may apply. Local governments are considered sub-applicants and must submit BRIC sub-applications via their State/Territory/Tribal Hazard Mitigation Office. Multi-jurisdictional projects can be submitted.

Total IIJA Funding: \$1 billion for FYs22-26

Overview: The BRIC Grant Program makes federal funds available for hazard mitigation activities, recognizing there are growing hazards associated with climate change, and there is a need for natural hazard risk mitigation activities that promote climate adaptation and resilience for those hazards. These include both acute extreme weather events and chronic stressors that have been observed and are expected to increase in intensity and frequency.

FY24 Grant Funding: TBD. For reference, the FY23 NOFO offered \$1 billion in BRIC funding.

Match Requirements: Based on the <u>FY23 NOFO</u>, the expected match requirement for each program will likely be 25%. Match requirements for the BRIC program are adjusted to 90% federal and 10% non-federal for Community Disaster Resilience Zones and Economically Disadvantaged Rural Communities.

Key Dates: TBD. For reference, the <u>FY23 NOFO</u> was released on October 16, 2023 and closed on February 29, 2024.

Key Funding Criteria: Based on the FY23 NOFO, key criteria include: incorporation of nature-based solutions for hazard mitigation; risk reduction/resilience effectiveness; climate change and other future conditions; implementation measures; community engagement and other outreach activities; partnerships; and equity considerations.

Opportunities for Climate and Racial Wealth Equity: The program aims to incentivize acute natural hazard event projects that advance equity and will benefit disadvantaged communities. BRIC grants can promote racial wealth equity by focusing hazard mitigation planning and projects on reducing or eliminating the natural hazard risks that vulnerable populations face, as well as by enhancing their resilience.

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Eligible Activities: Based on the FY23 NOFO, eligible activities are likely to include:

- **Capability and Capacity-Building Activities:** Activities that enhance the knowledge, skills, and expertise 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 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.

Additional Information: Program information is available on the <u>BRIC</u> webpage.

