

# Funding Opportunities for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities and Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Programs for Fiscal Year 2021

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Today, FEMA will post funding notices for two hazard mitigation grant programs for \$1.16 billion.

The [Flood Mitigation Assistance](#) (FMA) and the [Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities](#) (BRIC) grants provide funds to states, local communities, tribes and territories for eligible mitigation activities to strengthen our nation's ability to build a culture of preparedness. These programs fund projects that invest in a more resilient nation, reduce disaster suffering and avoid future disaster costs.

The application period opens on Sept. 30 and the funding notices will be available later today on [Grants.gov](#). Eligible applicants must apply for funding using [FEMA Grants Outcomes](#), the agency's grants management system. Submit applications in FEMA Grants Outcome Portal no later than 3 p.m. ET on Jan. 28, 2022. Applications received by FEMA after this deadline will not be considered for funding.

This year's BRIC grant amount is \$1 billion. BRIC's guiding principles have been revised to reduce future losses and promote equity, including prioritizing assistance that benefits disadvantaged communities as referenced in line with the administration's [Justice40 Initiative](#). Scoring criteria for the competitive grant program has been adjusted to incentivize mitigation actions that consider climate change and future conditions, populations impacted and economically disadvantaged rural communities.

The Flood Mitigation Assistance grant amount this year is \$160 million. The program will use the Centers for Disease Controls' Social Vulnerability Index as a selection factor in its competitive scoring process. This means underserved populations will receive more points for projects that benefit their communities.

This follows the Aug. 2 historic announcement of the post-disaster [\\$3.46 billion in Hazard Mitigation Grant Program](#) assistance for hazard mitigation measures across the [59 major disaster declarations](#) issued due to the COVID-19 global pandemic. Nearly \$5 billion in new funding opportunities is now available to help communities prepare for extreme weather and climate-related disasters. FEMA's grant programs can help strengthen our nation's ability to reduce disaster losses and protect life and property from future disaster damage.

Interested applicants should contact their hazard mitigation officer for more information. For more information visit [FEMA.gov](#).



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## FEMA Offering Webinars

FEMA is offering a series of informational webinars for interested applicants to provide an overview of the grant programs and details about the agency's funding priorities and review process. The webinars are designed for leaders in states, local communities, tribes and territories, as well as private sector entities, private nonprofit organizations, and individuals interested in learning more about the BRIC and FMA grant programs and strategies for how to apply for them.

For those interested in joining online, go to [Adobe Connect](#). Check out the full webinar schedule at [FEMA.gov](#).

## Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant Program

The National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 establishes the goal of reducing or eliminating claims under the [National Flood Insurance Program](#) through long-term mitigation actions. For the FMA program, the agency's predetermined funding priorities include flood mitigation planning and efforts for repetitive as well as severe repetitive loss properties.

In this application cycle, \$160 million is available in FMA grant funds. View the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) at: [Grants.gov](#). Funding Opportunity Number: DHS-21-MT-029-000-99.

## Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant Program

The BRIC Program seeks to categorically shift the federal focus from reactive disaster spending toward research-supported, proactive investment in community resilience so when the hurricane, flood or wildfire comes, communities are better prepared.

In this application cycle, \$1 billion is available in BRIC grant funds. View the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) at: [Grants.gov](#). Funding Opportunity Number: DHS-21-MT-047-00-99.

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