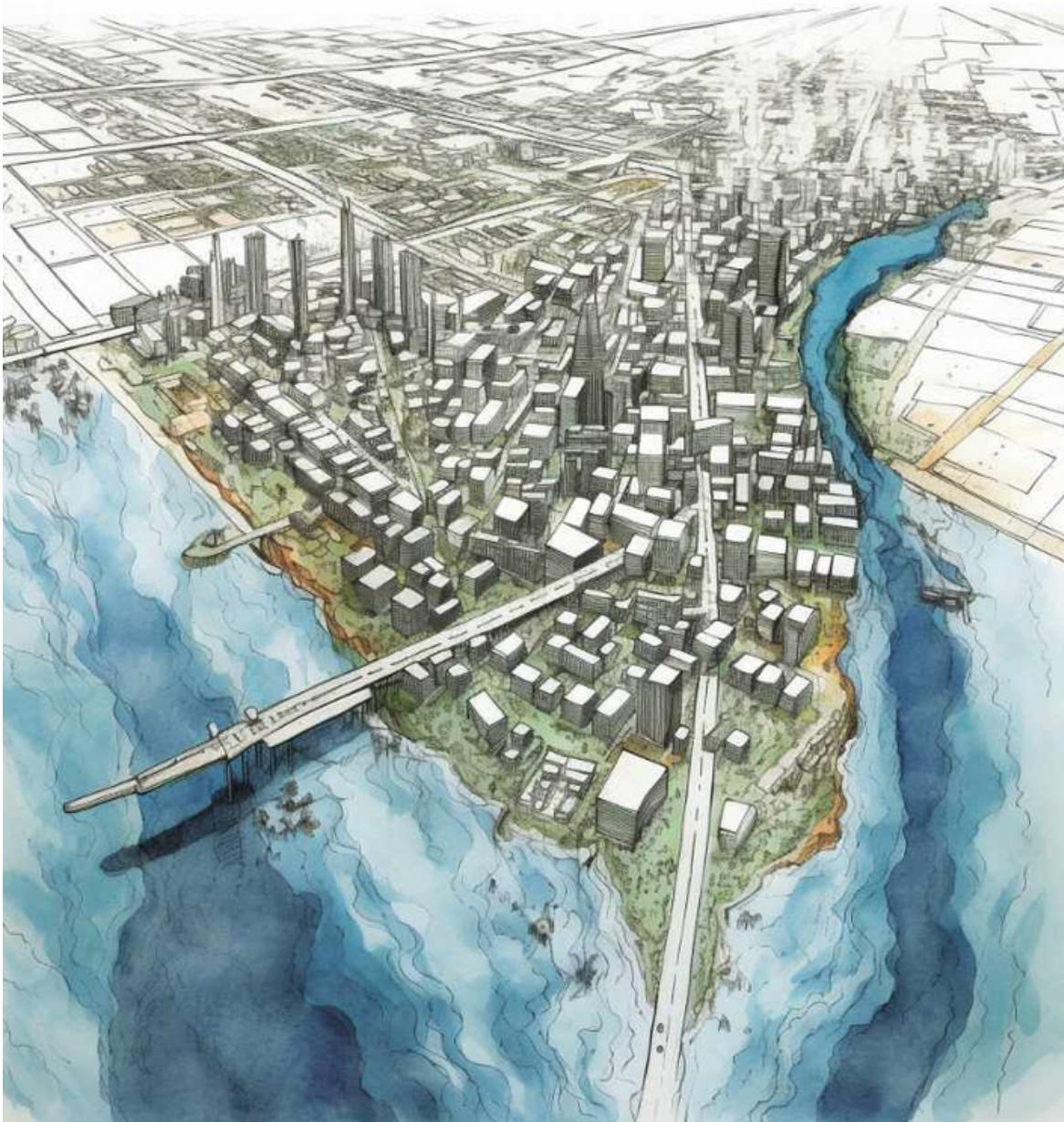


BRIC

Preparedness Guide





OVERVIEW

The Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program provides funding to state, local, tribal, and territorial governments for infrastructure projects that reduce future risks from natural hazards. This program encourages project that:

- benefit disadvantaged communities,
- incorporate nature-based solutions,
- improve climate resilience and adaption, and
- adopt hazard resistant building codes.

The BRIC Program is different than the other FEMA programs. While the other programs focus on reactive response to aid in disaster recovery, **BRIC aims to proactively support long-term mitigation and resilience efforts.** Together, these programs provide both prevention and disaster recovery.

This guide will help you determine if your project is ready to apply for a BRIC grant.



ARE THESE 3 THINGS READY?

The BRIC Program is an annual, competitive FEMA grant program. Every year the requested grant funding outpaces the available dollars, so you need to submit a strong application to be selected for funding.

Before starting a BRIC Sub-Application, there are a few things you should have in place.

01

Does your project align with FEMA's Goals?

- Reduces risks from a natural hazard.
- Project is feasible.
- Project is effective.

02

Do you have a hazard mitigation plan in place?

- Must be adopted.
- Must be current (within the last 5 years).
- Must be approved by FEMA.

03

Do you have funding for the local cost share?

- 25% local cost share (most sub-applications).
- 10% local cost share (economically disadvantaged, rural communities).
- Non-federal funding source.

01 DOES YOUR PROJECT ALIGN WITH FEMA'S GOALS?

Before you go through the effort of preparing a FEMA BRIC grant sub-application, first make sure your project will appeal to the selection committee. A project is a good candidate if it has these three things.

Reduces risks from a natural hazard.

Your project must reduce future risks from a natural hazard such as hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, and flooding.

Project is feasible.

The benefits from your project must outweigh the costs using FEMA's Benefit Cost Analysis Software. In other words, the Benefit-Cost Ratio (BCR) must be 1.0 or higher.

Project is effective.

An engineering study, or FEMA's Flood Insurance Study (FIS) must demonstrate that the project will mitigate future risks from a natural hazard.



02 DO YOU HAVE A HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN IN PLACE?

To be eligible for BRIC funding, each applicant and sub-applicant must be covered under a current, FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation Plan. Applicants are states, territories, and tribal nations. Sub-applicants are counties and communities. Here are the three main requirements.

Must be adopted.

The sub-applicant must formally adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan through resolution.

Must be current.

A plan cannot be more than 5-years old. After 5-years the plan is no longer valid and must be updated.

Must be approved by FEMA.

FEMA must review and approve a Hazard Mitigation Plan and they must receive a copy of the adopting resolution to be eligible for certain types of FEMA funding.



03 DO YOU HAVE FUNDING FOR THE LOCAL COST SHARE?

BRIC funding typically covers 75 percent of the eligible project costs. The remaining 25 percent must come from non-federal sources. Make sure you can fund the remaining costs before submitting.

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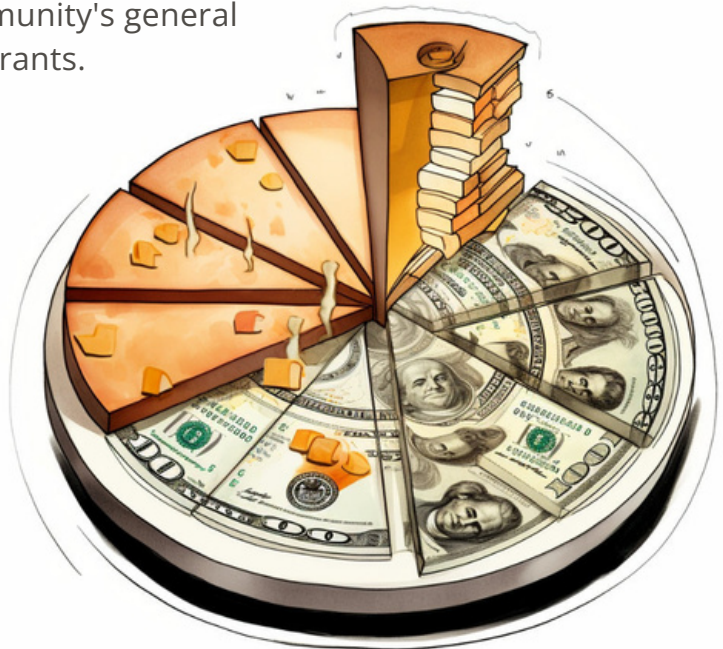
Most sub-applicants are eligible to receive 75 percent of their project costs from the BRIC Program.

10% local cost share (economically disadvantaged, rural communities).

Communities of 3,000 or fewer individuals, with residents having an average per capita annual income not exceeding 80 percent of the national per capita income can receive 90 percent of their project costs from the BRIC Program.

Non-federal funding source.

The funding source for the local share must be non-federal. The local cost share is often funded through the community's general fund, or county or state grants.





NEED HELP?



If you need help preparing a FEMA BRIC sub-application for your flood relief project, schedule a meeting with me through the [scheduling page](#) on my website.

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