



## FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Program

State of Arizona Updates

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### **Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)**

In accordance with Section 1234 of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018 (DRRA), FY2019 will be the last year that the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) grant will be offered.

Pre-Disaster Mitigation will be replaced by a new program named Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC). BRIC has an anticipated release date of Fall 2020.

FEMA Headquarters is currently creating the policy for this program, and information will be released per FEMA development.

### **Resilient Infrastructure and Potential Projects**

The following quote is the definition of Resilient Infrastructure, per the FY2019 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Notice of Funding Opportunity, and may be subject to change once the new BRIC policy is released.

“Infrastructure resilience is the ability to reduce the magnitude and/or duration of disruptive events. The effectiveness of Resilient Infrastructure or enterprise depends upon its ability to anticipate, absorb, adapt to, and/or rapidly recover from a potentially disruptive event. This funding is an opportunity to advance capital projects on a community level, ready for investment that will reduce risks, prevent loss of life and lead to significant savings by reducing damage from future disasters.... Resilient Infrastructure projects can be all-hazard, to include flood, seismic, wind, wildfire, and drought.”

Eligible activities include, but are not limited to:

- Infrastructure protective measures (including hazard-specific retrofit projects)
- Utility protective measures (including hazard-specific retrofit projects)
- Water and sanitary sewer system protective measures
- Localized flood control to protect critical facilities
- Floodwater storage and diversion
- Floodplain and stream restoration
- Stormwater management
- Aquifer storage and recovery
- Wetland restoration/creation

## **FEMA and DEMA BRIC Timeline**

Timeline of FEMA's BRIC Program Including State Actions	
DEMA will administered this program in the same format as it's other HMA grants.	
Spring 2020	FEMA Opens Public Comment Through Federal Register and Adjudicate Comments for New BRIC Policy. (Est: March)
January 1st - August 1st, 2020	DEMA's Notice of Intent (NOI) Period is Opened.
Summer 2020	FEMA Releases Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for BRIC. (Est: July/August)
August 2020	DEMA Reviews Completeness of Notice of Intent Submissions.
September 2020	Once the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is released by FEMA, NOI(s) submitted to DEMA will be ranked by a State Review and Ranking Panel. The Panel determines which proposals will represent the State in national competition under BRIC.
Fall 2020	BRIC Application Period opens. (Est: September 30/ October 1)
October 1st, 2020 - January 31st, 2021	DEMA will assist in application development of those sub-applicants who were chosen to move forward in the application process. This is in order to ensure their applications are complete and competitive for submission to FEMA.
Timing is Estimated as of October 2019 and is subject to change. Please be aware that DEMA may have a separate deadline than that of FEMA regarding application submission.	

FEMA's scoring criteria for BRIC may include: Private-Partnership Cost Shares, Adoption of Building Codes, Community Rating System (CRS) Participation, Firewise Participation, and Cooperating Technical Partners Program (CTP) Participation.

All HMA grants require that construction type projects have a Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) of at least 1.0. Please use FEMA's most recent Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) Toolkit, Version 6.0, when determining your ratio. Information regarding FEMA's BCA Toolkit can be found at: <https://www.fema.gov/benefit-cost-analysis>.