



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

Notice of Availability and Application Period

Application Period
September 30, 2021 through 5:00 PM December 3, 2021

August 19, 2021

Dear Partners:

Governor Abbott and the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) announce the open application period for the 2021 FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program. The application period will be open from September 30, 2021 through December 3, 2021. The state of Texas has been allocated \$1 million, of which up to \$500,000 may be used for hazard mitigation planning and planning related activities. An estimated \$919 million is available under the national competition, with a \$50 million cap per-subapplicant.

Eligible subapplicants include state agencies, local governments, and tribal governments.

All entities seeking funding under this opportunity must have a FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Plan at the application deadline and at the time an award is made except for projects that develop or update hazard mitigation plans.

Completed applications must be received by TDEM in FEMA Grants Outcome (FEMA GO) no later than 5:00 PM December 3, 2021 in order to be considered for funding under this opportunity. Applicants must submit complete applications as soon as possible in order to address any missing information or to provide necessary clarifications to TDEM prior to the submission due date. Only complete applications will be submitted to FEMA for consideration.

FEMA routinely publishes materials related to the BRIC Program; the due dates contained in these documents most often refer to the state's timelines, not subapplicant timelines. **The due date to submit BRIC Applications to the state of Texas is December 3, 2021, NOT January 22, 2022)**

Eligible applicants must apply for funding using the FEMA GO program. FEMA GO will be used to apply for, track, and manage a variety of FEMA grants including BRIC. To register, please visit <https://go.fema.gov/>

Interested applicants should reach out to their regional hazard mitigation coordinators/specialists as soon as possible to coordinate the development of quality applications before submittal in FEMA GO.

FEMA may fund the following uses of assistance through BRIC:

- Capability- and Capacity-Building Activities can be submitted under the State/Territory Allocation and Tribal Set-Aside. These are activities that enhance the knowledge, skills, and expertise of the current workforce to expand or improve the administration of mitigation assistance.
- Hazard Mitigation Projects can be submitted under the State/Territory Allocation, Tribal Set-Aside, and the national competition. Mitigation projects are 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.
- Management Costs can be submitted under the State/Territory Allocation, Tribal Set-Aside, and the national competition. Management costs allow FEMA to provide financial assistance to reimburse the recipient and subrecipient for eligible and reasonable indirect costs, direct administrative costs, and other administrative expenses.

Key Dates:

- **September – October 2021:** Participate in BRIC training offered by TDEM and establish an account in FEMA GO. Interested applicants should reach out to their regional hazard mitigation coordinators/specialists now to coordinate the development of quality applications before submittal in FEMA GO.
- **September 30, 2021:** Opening of the BRIC Application Period
- **September 30 – December 3, 2020:** FEMA GO is open for subapplication submittal to TDEM.
- **December 3, 2020:** Subapplicants must submit complete BRIC applications to TDEM through FEMA GO by this date for consideration of funding.

BRIC Training Offered by TDEM:

TDEM will provide BRIC-specific training for eligible subapplicants every Tuesday and Friday at 10:00 AM from August 31, 2021 to October 1, 2021. These webinars will provide an overview of the grant program and detail available funding, funding priorities, eligibility criteria, and use of the FEMA GO system for subapplication submission. To register, please visit this link: https://tdem-texas.gov.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMrdeytpzqvEtYuPU_aqt1DEpFUhvVUvxlk

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