



SUMMARY

Governor Abbott and the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) announce the open application period for the FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) FY2022 grant. The application period will open on September 30, 2022 close on **December 2, 2022**.

FEMA's BRIC program helps communities implement hazard mitigation measures before disasters strike.

All entities seeking funding under this opportunity must have a FEMA-approved Local or Tribal Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 201 by the application deadline and at the time of obligation of the award. (Hazard mitigation planning sub-applications are exempt from this mitigation plan requirement).

All applications must be received by TDEM through FEMA GO no later than **December 2, 2022 at 5:00 PM** to be considered for funding.

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Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) 2022 Grant Program

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY AND STATE PRIORITIES

Eligibility

Communities, including local governments, cities, townships, counties, special district governments, and Tribal governments (including federally recognized Tribal governments who choose to apply as sub-applicants) are eligible sub-applicants. Private nonprofits are not eligible sub-applicants for BRIC and must partner with an eligible sub-applicant to apply.

Priorities and Considerations

FEMA establishes scoring criteria for National Competition projects in the <u>BRIC 2022 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)</u>. TDEM will prioritize applications for the State Allocation based on population impacted and community benefit (as measured by the benefit cost analysis).

Available Funding

FEMA has made \$2,133,000,000 available for the National Competition. FEMA has made \$2,000,000 available for the Texas State Allocation with a planning-project cap of \$1,000,000.

TIPS FOR APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT

- Attend TDEM BRIC Application Training (see next page)
- Attend routine FEMA offered BRIC application preparation webinars. National scoring criteria are reviewed and are key in being considered beyond the Texas State Allocation.
- Demonstrate experience in managing grants as part of submission including understanding federal procurement processes and experience with FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assitance.
- Contact your TDEM regional hazard mitigation grant coordinator/ specialist early to assist with preparing a quality application.<u>https://tdem.texas.gov/regions</u>
- Eligible applicants must apply for funding using the FEMA Grants Outcome (FEMA GO). FEMA GO will be used to apply for, track, and manage a variety of FEMA grants including BRIC. To register, please visit <u>https://go.fema.gov/.</u>





EXAMPLE ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES*

Acquisition and Demolition

- Purchase of flood-prone structure and land
- Conversion of the land to open space through the demolition of the structure

Wildfire Mitigation

- Defensible space
- Reducing hazardous fuels/standing burned trees

Ignition-resistant construction

Non-localized Flood Risk Reduction Projects

 Projects that lessen the frequency or severity of flooding in an area that is regional in scales.

Infrastructure Retrofit

• Strengthen or harden water systems that were burned and caused contamination

Soil and Slope Stabilization

- Reseeding ground cover
- Planting grass to prevent the spread of noxious weeds
- Placing logs/other erosion barriers to catch sediment on slopes
- Installing debris traps to modify road and trail drainage mechanisms

*Other eligible activities described in the 2015 HMA Guidance

TRAINING AND FEMA PROGRAM INFORMATION

Click on the links below to be redirected for information.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Information (FEMA) (Reference) https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/hazard-mitigation

TDEM BRIC Application Training (Highly Recommended) <u>https://tdem.texas.gov/bric</u>

Federal Procurement Training (Highly Recommended) https://bit.ly/TDEMProcurement

Required Grant Terms and Conditions (Review Only) <u>https://bit.ly/3dFpMG6</u>

CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact Information – Regional Section Chiefs https://tdem.texas.gov/regions

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