



# OREGON DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

## OEM Building Resilient Communities & Infrastructure (BRIC) FY2024/FY2025 NOFO Webinar

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# Building Resilient Infrastructure in Communities (BRIC)

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## Agenda

### Updated Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) FY2024/FY2025 Funding Opportunity

- Highlights
- Overview
- Pre-Application and Sub-Application Process
- Program Support Materials
- Questions & Answers



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## DHS-25-MT-047-00-98 Funding Opportunity

Item	2021	2022	2023	2024/2025
Total Funding Amount	\$1 billion	\$1.2 billion	\$1 billion	\$1 billion
National Competition		\$801 million	\$701 million	\$757 million
Hazard Mitigation Project Cap	\$50 million	\$50 million	\$50 million	\$20 million
State Allocation	\$2 million	\$2 million	\$2 million	\$2 million
Tribal Set-Aside	\$25 million	\$25 million	\$25 million	\$25 million
State/Territory Building Code + Up			\$2 million	\$2 million
Tribal Building Code + Up			\$25 million	\$25 million

Authority: Section 203(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 5133(b))

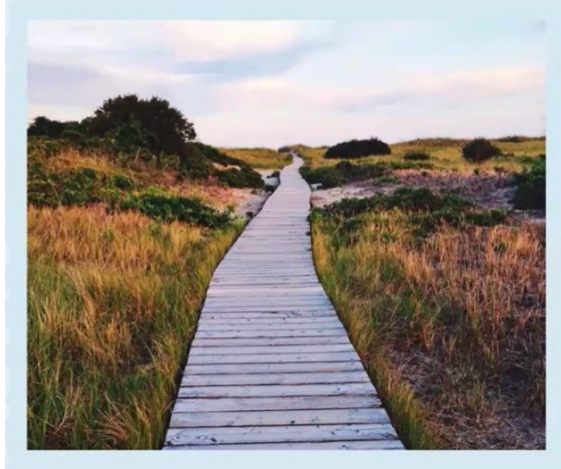
A single applicant may not receive more than 15% of the total available funding in combined subawards

Please see respective NOFOs for additional funding breakdown



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## Highlights



### Legislative Authorities

- Stafford Act
- Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018
- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) of 2021

### Objectives

- For this funding opportunity, the program prioritizes investment in infrastructure and construction projects that deliver immediate, measurable risk reduction to communities vulnerable to natural hazards.
- BRIC emphasizes the adoption and enforcement of modern building codes and limits capability- and capacity-building activities to those directly tied to infrastructure resilience, such as building code adoption and enforcement.
- BRIC aims to accelerate and improve nationwide project delivery by prioritizing investment in construction projects that are ready to implement and increasing geographic distribution of hazard mitigation investments.
- The program reduces the caps single project and per applicant funding amounts to distribute investments and



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## Highlights

### Priorities

- Strategic, infrastructure-aligned projects
- Build ready design
- New subapplicants as well as small impoverished communities in the National Competition.
- Subapplications that facilitate the adoption and enforcement of the newest editions of building codes



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## Highlights

### Key Changes FY2024/FY2025

- Infrastructure focus
- Phased projects no longer eligible
- Capability & Capacity Building (C&CB) activities must directly support an infrastructure project
- Hazard mitigation planning no longer eligible
- Infrastructure projects must have  $\geq 30\%$  design
- Project cap reduced to \$20M
- National Competition scoring incentives
  - First-time applicants
  - Small and impoverished communities
  - Higher design % completion
  - Communities adopting modern building codes (IBC/IRC 2021/2024)



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## Highlights

### Cost Share

- The standard applied cost share for the BRIC grant program is 75% federal and 25% non-federal
- Opportunities for increase federal cost share
  - Up to 90% federal cost share for activities and projects in small impoverished community projects
- 100% federal cost share for Management Costs across all activities
  - Subapplicant management costs calculated as 5% of total project estimated cost



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## Highlights

### National Review Panel

- Subapplications submitted to the National Competition that pass the eligibility and completeness threshold review will be scored against the evaluation criteria
- For FY2025 the BRIC NC Panel will send subapplications valued at 2X the amount of available funding.



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## National Review Panel

Submitted subapplications will be reviewed by FEMA Regional and HQ staff, who will score subapplications using evaluation criteria, offering incentives for elements valued by FEMA. See NOFO page 28-31

	Subject Area	Description	Criteria	Score
1	Infrastructure Project Construction Readiness	Projects demonstrating higher readiness to reduce the risk of extended grant periods	>90% design >30% design =30% design	30 25 5
2	New Subapplicant	Never selected in BRIC National Competition		15
3	Building Code Adoption and Enforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Locally adopted IBC/IRC/ICC BC 2021/2024</li><li>State mandatory IBC/IRC/ICC BC 2021/2024</li><li>BCEGS rating 1 to 5</li><li>Alternative Higher BC Standards</li></ul>		5 5 10 5



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## National Review Panel

	Subject Area	Description	Criteria	Score
4	Small Impoverished Community	Meets 42 USC 5133a definitions	</=3,000 population </= economically disadvantaged having average per capital annual income of 80% average of national per capita income	5
5	Risk Reduction	SOW narrative response: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Effectively reduces risk</li> <li>Increases resilience</li> <li>Realizes ancillary benefits</li> </ul>	address all	20
6	Implementation Measures	SOW narrative response: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cost management</li> <li>Schedule management</li> <li>Successful implementation</li> <li>Technical and managerial staff and resource availability</li> </ul>	address all	10



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## Overview

### Eligible Applicants & Subapplicants

- One agency designate or “applicant” per state, territory, federally recognized Tribal nation
- One BRIC application per applicant
- Subapplicants are considered communities, local governments, cities, townships, counties, special district governments, and Tribal Nations
- If multiple jurisdictions submit together, a primary must be identified as the subapplicant
- Subapplicants have a requirement to adhere to all federal statutes and policies, procedures and security requirements consistent with “staff American, stay in America” criteria
- No foreign nationals or non US citizens are allowed in a subapplicant’s organization unless properly vetted
- Subapplicants must submit short bios or resumes that include names and addresses of said individuals, subject to approval by FEMA.



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## Overview

### Eligible Applicants & Subapplicants cont.

- Disadvantaged communities terminology is replaced with small, impoverished communities:
  - 3,000 or less community size
  - Residents having an average per capita annual income not exceeding 80% of the national per capita income, based on the best available data.
  - Resilience Analysis & Planning Tool [\(RAPT\) website](#)



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## Overview

### Hazard Mitigation Plans

- Sub-applicants are required to have a FEMA-approved [Local](#) or [Tribal](#) Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with [44 C.F.R. Part 201](#) at the following subapplication benchmarks:
  - Required for all competitive project submittals
  - Exempt for C&CB activities
  - NOFO has additional guidance for specific BRIC activity subtypes
  - NHMPs have to be verified at two points in pre-award
    - July 23, 2026 - the sub-application deadline and if selected by FEMA
    - August-December 2027 – estimated time of subawards (approximately 18-24 months after submittal deadline).



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## Overview

### Natural Hazards & Community Lifelines

- Numerous actions can be taken, and hazard mitigation interventions put in place to minimize the impacts of **natural hazards** to reduce the overall risk from disasters, and increasing community resilience.



Wildfires



Earthquakes



Drought



Inland Flooding



Tornadoes



Hurricanes



Coastal Flooding



Tsunamis



Winter Storms



Landslides



- BRIC activities can be applied towards projects which mitigate **Community Lifeline** structures, facilities and systems and can engage a wide variety of public, private and non-profit organizations across multiple communities.



Safety & Security



Food, Water, Shelter



Health & Medical



Energy (Power & Fuel)



Communications



Transportation



Hazardous Material





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### Threshold Criteria

All activities/projects under all applications, including for the State/Territory Allocation, Tribal Set-Aside, and National Competition, FEMA will review applications and subapplications submitted by each applicant to ensure:

- Eligibility of the applicant and subapplicant;
- Eligibility of proposed activities and costs;
- Complete Scope of Work;
- Cost-effectiveness (BCA);
- Technical feasibility of hazard mitigation projects;
- Line-item budget;
- Eligibility and availability of the non-federal cost share;
- Consistency with Administration and Agency priorities; and
- Consistency with approved State Mitigation Plan and Local and/or Tribal Hazard Mitigation Plan for hazard mitigation projects.



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### Allowable Project Types

- For the purposes of this NOFO, “infrastructure” means critical physical structures, facilities, and systems that provide support to a community, its population, and its economy. This includes natural systems.
- Projects that aim at “directly supporting infrastructure” refers to activities that have clear, immediate, and primary purpose towards improving, protecting, enabling the construction, resilience, or operation of critical infrastructure systems.



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## Overview

### Hazard Mitigation Projects

- “Infrastructure” refers to critical physical structures, facilities, and systems that provide support to a community, its population and its economy, including natural systems
- “Critical Infrastructure” refers to activities that have a clear, immediate and primary purpose of improving protecting or enabling construction, resilience effects or operation of critical infrastructure systems
- Projected Period of Performance end date is 36 months from date of applicant award.



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### Hazard Mitigation Projects cont.

- Align with Jurisdictional/Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plans (NHMP / MJHMP)
- Be cost effective (BCR  $\geq$  1.0) and remain within the project federal CS cap
- Scope increases resilience, public safety, reduces injuries or threat to loss of life, or eliminates damage & destruction to property, critical services, facilities and systems, including natural systems from natural disasters
- Has a minimum conceptual design of 30% to be eligible
- Meets all Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation requirements.



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### Capability and Capacity Building Activities

- Only capability and capacity-building activities that are directly tied to infrastructure projects such as building code adoption/enforcement, related technical training and project scoping activities for specific infrastructure are eligible.
- Directly support infrastructure resilience, such as the adoption, enforcement, and implementation of hazard-resistant building codes.
- Hazard Mitigation Plan development or updates are not eligible
- Project scoping activities not directly supporting a specific infrastructure project are not eligible.



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### Management Costs

- Subapplication development and technical assistance to subapplicants regarding feasibility and effectiveness and BCA development
- Managing awards (e.g., quarterly reporting including managing Go/No-Go milestones for hazard mitigation projects submitted under the National Competition, closeout)
- Subapplicants may apply for up to 5% of the total budget
- Federal cost share of management costs are set at 100% of the total award amount



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## Overview Subapplication Considerations

### The Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA)

BABAA requirements apply to new awards, obligations, or renewals made on or after January 1, 2023.

- [FEMA | BABAA](#)
- [Definitions](#)
- [Best Practices for Documenting Compliance with BABAA](#)
- Recipients and subrecipients must comply with the BABAA, which requires all federal agencies to ensure that no federal financial assistance for infrastructure projects is provided unless the iron and steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in that infrastructure are produced in the United States.
- The Buy America preference only applies to articles, materials, and supplies that are consumed in, incorporated into, or affixed to an infrastructure project.



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## Overview Subapplication Considerations

### Environmental Planning & Historical Preservation (EHP) Compliance

- FEMA is required to consider effects of its actions on the environment and historic properties to ensure that activities, grants, and programs funded by FEMA comply with federal EHP laws, Executive Orders, regulations, and policies.
- Recipients and subrecipients proposing projects with the potential to impact the environment or cultural resources must participate in the FEMA EHP review process.
- [FEMA | EHP](#)
- [EHP Directives](#)
- [FEMA | EHP Screening Form](#)



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## Overview Subapplication Considerations

### Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA)

- FEMA requires all HMA projects to be cost effective, demonstrated with a BCR of 1.0 or greater
- FEMA has established the discount rate of 3.1% to be used in the BCA calculation
- [FEMA | Benefit-Cost Analysis](#)
- FEMA has included streamlined methodologies in an effort to ease burden on subapplicants
  - [Streamlined BCA](#)
    1. Pre-calculated benefits are available for some project types including acquisition, elevations, wind retrofits, tornado safe rooms, hospital generators and post wildfire mitigation
    2. The narrative option for projects of \$1 million or less has been rescinded.
    3. Applicants and subapplicants may still opt to use a BCA to show cost effectiveness.



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### Benefit Cost Analysis continued –

- **BCA Assistance**

- OEM will not be providing consultant technical assistance for BCA, subapplicants can request technical assistance from OEM for basic requirements. As needed subapplicants are encouraged to resource internally and include as pre-award costs
- FEMA is not offering Direct Technical Assistance in conjunction with this NOFO
- FEMA may provide requested assistance to federally recognized Tribes for BRIC projects on request



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## Overview Subapplication Considerations

### Go/No-Go Milestones

- The subapplicant must identify at least one or more Go/No-Go milestones in the work schedule for hazard mitigation projects submitted to the National Competition.
- Hazard mitigation projects submitted under the State/Territory Allocation or Tribal Set-Aside do not require Go/No-Go milestones.
- If the project is selected and awarded, these Go/No-Go milestones will be used to evaluate project performance, schedule adherence, and contribution to FEMA's program goals and objectives.



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### Procurement Integrity

- When purchasing under a FEMA award, recipients and subrecipients must comply with the federal procurement standards in [2 C.F.R. §§ 200.317-200.327](#).
  - [FEMA | PDAT](#)
  - [Purchasing Under FEMA Award](#)
- Competition and conflicts of interest: 2 CFR §200.319(b) requires that contractors that develop or draft specifications, requirements statements of work, or invitations for bids or requests for proposals must be excluded from competing for such procurements.
- Subrecipients can solicit for both specifications under a single procurement
- This rule applies to all contracts funded with federal grant funds, including pre-award costs, such as grant writer fees, as well as post- award costs, such as grant management fees AND use of former employees.



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## Overview Subapplication Considerations

### Procurement Integrity cont.

- This rule applies to all contracts funded with federal grant funds, including pre-award costs, such as grant writer fees, as well as post- award costs, such as grant management fees AND use of former employees.
- Under 2 C.F.R§ 200.318(c)(1) , recipients or subrecipients are required to maintain written standards of conduct covering conflicts of interest and governing the actions of their employees engaged in the selection, award, and administration of contracts.



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### Pre-Award Costs

- Pre-award costs are directly related to developing the BRIC grant application or subapplication that are incurred prior to the date of the grant award are allowed subject to FEMA approval at time of award.
- To be eligible for BRIC funding, pre-award costs must be identified in an individual line item in the cost estimate of the subapplication.
- Pre-award costs may be cost shared or subapplicants may identify them as their non-federal cost share (see “Cost Share Description, Type and Restrictions” subsection).
- Costs associated with implementation of proposed projects in the submitted grant application or subapplication that are incurred prior to the date of the grant award are not allowed.
- Applicants and subapplicants who are not selected for awards or subawards will not receive reimbursement for the corresponding pre-award costs.



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## Preapplication & Subapplication Process

Event/Milestone	Date	Event/Milestone	Date
FEMA BRIC FY2025/FY2025 NOFO	March 25, 2026	OEM Deadline Subapplication Invitation	May 8, 2026
OEM NOFO Announcement	March 27, 2026	OEM Drop-In Hours begin	May 11, 2026
<b>OEM NOFO Webinar</b>	<b>April 2, 2026</b>	OEM Deadline for All Subapplications	July 1, 2026 @5:00 PM PST
OEM Deadline for Preapplications	April 24, 2026 @5:00 PM PST	FEMAGO Deadline for All Applications	July 23, 2026 @12:00 PM PST



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## Preapplication & Subapplication Process

### **Timeline - the BRIC submittal deadline is within 120 days:**

- Tight schedule
- OEM is managing two subgroups in this process
- FY2024 subapplicants must revise submissions to meet new eligibility and priorities.
- Projects not compatible with the new requirements must be withdrawn.
- FY2025 preapplications must meet the basic eligibility requirements in the NOFO to move to the subapplication phase
- Subapplications in FEMAGO will need to be manually transferred from the FY 2024 to the FY 2025 module.
- FY2025 subapplicants must complete FEMAGO registration steps by May 29, 2026



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## Preapplication & Subapplication Process

### **FY2024 BRIC Subapplicants**

- Currently subapplications are in a pending status in FEMAGO under the organization's log in account
- Subapplicants wishing to continue with FY2025 NOFO should migrate their subapplications to the FY2025 module. OEM will schedule a webinar the week of April 6th, 2026 to review this process.
- Once subapplications are in the FY2025 BRIC module, subapplicants should continue to develop and revise their subapplications consistent with the FY2025 NOFO criteria
- The subapplication deadline to OEM is 5:00PM PST July 1, 2026



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## Preapplication & Subapplication Process

### **FY2025 BRIC Subapplicants**

- Organizations interested should submit their preapplication to OEM by 5:00 PM PST, April 24, 2026
- The Oregon Interagency Hazard Mitigation Team (IHMT) IHMT will convene a committee to review preapplications for eligibility
- OEM will send notifications of selection by 5:00 PM PST, May 8, 2026. Those organizations will be invited to submit a full subapplication in FEMAGO
- Invitees will have an additional requirement to be fully registered in FEMAGO by May 29, 2026
- Subapplications will be developed in the FY2025 BRIC module
- The subapplication hard deadline to OEM is July 1, 2026



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## Preapplication & Subapplication Process

### All FY2024/FY2025 BRIC Subapplicants

- Following the July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 deadline, the Oregon Interagency Hazard Mitigation Team (IHMT) IHMT will convene a committee to evaluate, and rank submitted FY2025 BRIC subapplication, per the NOFO
- Oregon may receive up to \$2 million through the State/Territory Allocation. OEM will be working with the IHMT and priorities of the State Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan to determine how the state set aside is allocated
- Following committee evaluation, all OEM subapplications will be submitted to FEMAGO prior to the 12:00 PM PST, July 23, 2026 FEMA deadline.



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## Preapplication & Subapplication Process

### OEM Drop-In Hour

- OEM will host Drop-In hours beginning May 11, 2026 and expects to hold these through the end of June 2026
- Presentations will typically last 30-45 min with the remaining time open for Q&A
- A notification will be sent out to all BRIC subapplicants on May 8, 2026. Please also continue to check the [OEM HMA webpage](#)



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## Preapplication & Subapplication Process

### OEM Technical Support Request

- OEM cannot provide prior levels of contractor technical support due to resource limitations
- Subapplicants are strongly encouraged to research and utilize existing materials provided with the NOFO
- OEM will continue assisting with:
  - Pre-award guidance
  - Eligibility and compliance questions
  - FEMA GO navigation
  - Procurement and conflict-of-interest guidance
  - Applicants must ensure SAM.gov, UEI, and FEMA GO registrations are active.



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## Preapplication & Subapplication Process

### Subapplication Development

- Use clear and concise naming conventions (no need to include BRIC/FMA in title)
- Place references in narrative, do not hyper link, provide pdf attachments
- If supporting documents are numerous, include table of contents
- Align the project or activity with the program objectives and NOFO priorities
- Address risk and resiliency criteria throughout the subapplication narratives, these are not single response, they should weave through the narrative sections to have the highest success



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## Preapplication & Subapplication Process

### Subapplication Development cont.

- Check that proposed activities and costs are eligible according to the NOFO and the [Hazard Mitigation Assistance \(HMA\) guidelines](#)
- Incorporate BABAA requirements at the beginning of procurement processes and pass documentation requirements to vendors
- Match your implementation schedule to your cost estimate
- Identify pre-award costs for eligible activities and include in year 1 budget
- Budget cost categories are broken out separately (e.g. – labor & fringe, vs. lump sum)
- Management costs are a separate category calculated outside the project budget
- Indirect costs are captured within management cost category, overhead cost calculations are not allowed
- Contingency amounts should be included as separate sub cost lines and within allowable limits according to HMA Guidance (up to 7%)



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## Preapplication & Subapplication Process

### Subapplication Development cont.

- Budget includes documentation to support all costs
- Include budget narrative for complex projects & activities
- Project period of performance should extend full 36 months.
- Seek maximum points in each category
- Do not include links to URLs or internet links, as evaluators are unable to access beyond what is provided in the current subapplication
- Do not assume evaluators will read an attachment *without* a reference in narrative
- Consider your first paragraph in SOW as an executive summary
- Tell the story, use analogies to reflect important points
- Place the bottom line up front - don't bury details, data and/or information
- Demonstrate consideration of project alternatives



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## Program Support Materials

- If you experience issues with FEMAGO or with the subapplication functions, please notify us at [oem.hazardmitigation@oem.oregon.gov](mailto:oem.hazardmitigation@oem.oregon.gov)
- [FEMA GO Startup Guide](#)
- [FEMA BRIC FY2025 NOFO](#) (the NOFO has additional hyperlinks)
- [FEMA BRIC Resources](#)
- More online resources will be shared as they become available



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## Question & Answer



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## Webinar and Drop-In Hour:

**OEM Non-Disaster Mitigation POC:**  
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Today's Webinar will be posted on the OEM website:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oem/emresources/Grants/Pages/HMA.aspx>

Upcoming webinar dates will be posted on the OEM website and sent out via OEM listserv

### Drop-In Hour beginning May 11, 2026

- A separate invitation will be sent on May 8, 2026 following the posting of subapplicant invitations