



OREGON DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Announcement: Notice of Funding Opportunity FEMA FY 2024 & FY 2025 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Sub-Application Request

The Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM) is pleased to announce the re-release of FEMA’s Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Fiscal Year 2024 and 2025 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

Participants should note that the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) FY 2024 NOFO is not included in this announcement and remains pending release by FEMA. FEMA has also not included the offer of Direct Technical Assistance as part of this NOFO.

OEM is the designated state applicant for FEMA’s Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) programs and administers and oversees the BRIC program for the State of Oregon. Federally recognized tribes may apply directly to FEMA or may apply through OEM if OEM has consulted on their Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (NHMP).

All Oregon entities seeking to participate are asked to follow OEM’s submission process and deadlines, which are identified in this announcement.

This announcement reflects several important changes in the NOFO that may affect a subapplicant’s eligibility or decision to proceed with a subapplication. Participants are encouraged to read this announcement thoroughly and to review the BRIC FY2024-FY2025 NOFO available here: [FY 20242025 BRIC NOFO Final.pdf](#).

Questions about this announcement or the NOFO can be directed to oem.hazardmitigation@oem.oregon.gov. Please include “Questions to the BRIC FY2024-FY2025 NOFO” in the subject line.

OEM FY2024-FY2025 BRIC Subapplicant Next Steps:

1. The revised NOFO now covers and applies to two consecutive fiscal years: FY2024 and FY2025.
2. BRIC FY2024 Subapplicants:
 - a. OEM has previously received and accepted subapplications during the first FY2024 NOFO. Existing subapplications remain in a pending-submittal status in FEMAGO and are under OEM review.
 - b. The revised NOFO contains changes to criteria referenced in this announcement. Based on the new criteria, subapplicants should review the revised NOFO and their subapplication for eligibility and make any necessary revisions.
 - c. If an existing subapplicant finds that revisions are not feasible for their existing subapplication, or that they or their activity are no longer eligible, they should notify OEM to withdraw their subapplication by emailing oem.hazardmitigation@oem.oregon.gov with “Subapplication Withdrawal Request BRIC FY2024-FY2025” in the subject line.
 - d. FY2024 subapplicants continuing under the revised NOFO may need to manually transfer their subapplication from the FY2024 module to the FY2025 module in FEMAGO. OEM is verifying the required steps; however, responses are currently delayed due to the partial government shutdown. FEMAGO updates will be forwarded directly to affected subapplicants.

3. BRIC FY2025 Participants:

- a. Eligible organizations seeking to apply for BRIC FY2025 will first submit pre-applications to OEM for eligibility review and selection. The pre-application deadline is 5 p.m. PST Friday, April 24, 2026. The pre-application form is attached to this announcement. OEM will not accept pre-applications after the deadline.
- b. OEM will review submitted pre-applications by 5 p.m., Friday, May 8, 2026. Following the review, OEM will invite selected FY2025 pre-applicants to submit a full subapplication.
- c. All subapplications for this NOFO must be submitted through the [FEMAGO portal](#).
- d. FEMAGO registration requires additional steps involving adjacent government systems (Login.gov and SAM.gov), which may take up to four weeks to complete.

Additional Information:

FEMA has not yet announced the seminar schedule for the FY2024-2025 NOFO. OEM will tentatively hold its statewide NOFO seminar at 1 p.m. Thursday April 2, 2026. Please note: If FEMA later announces a conflicting event on that date, OEM will adjust its seminar date.

OEM also plans to host drop-in hours during the subapplication period to provide technical assistance on specific subapplication topics. Additional OEM BRIC/FMA information will be shared during the OEM NOFO seminar and communicated through the [OEM website](#) and listserv.

FEMA has previously hosted webinars to educate state, local, Tribal and territorial governments on programmatic changes to NOFOS. No webinars have been announced to the FY2024-FY2025 NOFO. More information will be shared as it becomes available. Subapplicants can also check for updates at [FEMA.gov](#).

Timeline:

- **04/07/2025:** FEMA announces the cancellation of the BRIC program
- **03/25/2026:** FEMA announces the reissue of BRIC FY2024-FY2025 NOFO
- **04/02/2026:** OEM NOFO webinar (tentative)
- **04/24/2026:** OEM deadline for FY2025 pre-application submissions
- **05/08/2026:** OEM deadline for FY2025 subapplication invitation notifications
- **05/11/2026:** OEM drop-in technical assistance hours begin
- **05/29/2026:** Subapplicant FEMAGO registration deadline. All subapplicants must be registered in FEMAGO by this date or will be withdrawn from consideration under the current NOFO.
- **07/01/2026:** 5 p.m. Subapplicant deadline to submit a complete subapplication in FEMAGO
- **07/23/2026:** 12 p.m. OEM deadline to submit subapplications in FEMAGO

Highlights of the Re-released BRIC FY2024-2025 NOFO

Funding Available:

BRIC aims to shift the focus of federal investments away from reactive post-disaster spending toward proactive infrastructure-focused hazard mitigation. For this NOFO, available funding for BRIC is as follows:

Total nationally available funding:	\$1 billion
State/Territory Allocation (State set-aside):	\$ 2,000,000 per applicant
Tribal Allocation (Tribal set-aside):	\$ 2,000,000 per applicant
State/Territory Building Code Plus Up:	\$ 1,000,000 per applicant
Tribal Building Code Plus Up:	\$25,000,000 for all applicants
National Competition:	\$757,000,000 total, \$20,000,000 project cap per subapplication

A single applicant may not receive more than 15% (\$150,000,000) of the total available funding announced in this funding opportunity. The 15% cap will include the combined total of all funding category requests (i.e. Management Costs, State set-a-side, Tribal set-a-side, Building Code Plus Up, and National Competition).

Eligible Subapplicants:

- Communities
- Local governments
- Cities
- Townships
- Counties
- Special district governments
- Tribal Nations (including federally recognized Tribal Nations who choose to apply as subapplicants)

Per the NOFO, subapplicant organizations should not have foreign nationals or noncitizens included within the organization. If a subapplicant has foreign nationals within their organization, they must be properly vetted and must adhere to all government statutes, policies and procedures including “Staff American, Stay in America” and security requirements.

Subapplication Criteria:

For all activities and projects under all applications—including for the state/territory allocation, Tribal set-aside, and National Competition—OEM will review applications and subapplications submitted by each applicant to ensure:

- Eligibility of the applicant and subapplicant
- Eligibility of proposed activities and costs
- Completed Scope of work
- Cost-effectiveness (BCA)
- Technical feasibility of hazard mitigation projects
- A detailed line-item budget
- Eligibility for the nonfederal cost share
- Consistency with administration and agency priorities
- Consistency with approved State Mitigation Plan and local and/or Tribal hazard mitigation plan for hazard mitigation projects

Revised BRIC Program Objectives

FY2024-FY2025 Priorities

For this funding opportunity, the program prioritizes investment in infrastructure and construction projects that deliver immediate, measurable risk reduction for 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.

By prioritizing ready-to-implement construction projects and increasing the geographic distribution of hazard mitigation investments, BRIC aims to accelerate and improve nationwide project delivery. For this funding opportunity, the program caps single-project and per-applicant funding amounts to broaden distribution of investments and prioritize the selection of new subapplicants and small, impoverished communities in the National Competition.

The BRIC program supports the reduction of natural hazard risk. The following key performance indicators provide strategic and relevant information to decision-makers and partners about BRIC’s progress toward its goals and objectives and are based on metrics that are available or can feasibly be collected:

- Total number and population size of communities supported since inception
- Dollar amount of total expected benefits and average benefit-cost ratio
- Number of state, local, Tribal, and territorial (SLTT) governments that adopted hazard-resistant building codes after receiving BRIC grants for building code activities

State Priorities:

- First-time subapplicants
- Impoverished communities

Eligible Project Types:

For the purposes of this NOFO, “infrastructure” is defined as critical physical structures, facilities and systems that support a community, its population and its economy. This includes natural systems. “Directly supporting infrastructure” refers to activities with a clear, immediate and primary purpose of improving, protecting or enabling the construction, resilience or operation of critical infrastructure systems, such as transportation, utilities, water, wastewater, communications, public buildings or other critical facilities.

Capability and Capacity-Building Activities – These are activities that directly support infrastructure resilience, such as the adoption, enforcement and implementation of hazard-resistant building codes. Only capability and capacity-building activities that are directly tied to infrastructure projects—such as building code adoption and enforcement, related technical training and project scoping for a specific infrastructure project—are eligible.

- Subapplicants are exempt from the hazard mitigation plan requirement for capability and capacity-building activity types
- **Hazard mitigation plan development or updates, and project scoping activities not directly supporting a specific infrastructure project, are no longer eligible under BRIC.**

Hazard Mitigation Projects – These are cost-effective infrastructure and construction projects designed to increase resilience and public safety; reduce injuries and loss of life; and reduce damage to property, critical services, facilities and infrastructure (including natural systems) from natural hazards such as drought, wildfire, earthquakes and severe weather.

- **Phased projects are no longer eligible. Only infrastructure and construction projects with a conceptual design of 30 percent or greater are eligible.**

Cost Share – FEMA will continue the standard and enhanced cost-share ratios used in previous NOFOs.

- Standard cost share is: 75 percent federal, 25 percent nonfederal
- Small, impoverished communities may receive a 90 percent federal and 10 percent nonfederal cost share, as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 5133(a), meeting all of the following criteria:
 - Communities of 3,000 or fewer individuals, as identified by the applicant
 - Communities that are economically disadvantaged, with residents having an average per-capita annual income not exceeding 80 percent of the national per-capita income, based on the best available data
 - FEMA online resources are available at <https://www.fema.gov/rapt>.

National Competitive Selection

Subapplications submitted to the National Competition that pass the eligibility and completeness review will be scored based on a 100-point scale using the evaluation criteria listed below. FEMA will review project subapplications valued at up to two times the amount of available funding.

	Subject Area	Criteria	Potential Score
1	Infrastructure Project Construction Readiness	Projects demonstrating higher readiness to reduce the risk of extended grant periods	=30% design 5 >30% design 15 >90% design 30
2	New Subapplicant	Never selected in BRIC National Competition	15
3	Building Code Adoption and Enforcement	Locally adopted IBC/IRC/ICC BC 2021/2024 State mandatory IBC/IRC/ICC BC 2021/2024	5 5

		BCEGS rating 1 to 5 Alternative Higher BC Standards	10 5
4	Small Impoverished Community	Meets 42 USC 5133a	5
5	Risk Reduction	SOW narrative response: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effectively reduces risk Increases resilience Realizes ancillary benefits 	20
6	Implementation Measures	SOW narrative response: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cost management Schedule management Successful implementation Technical and managerial staff and resource availability 	10

Program Changes Between NOFO Versions

FEMA has made several changes and updates to the re-released NOFO to increase access to funding and reduce complexity.

1. Capability and Capacity-Building Activities

- For FY2024-FY2025, FEMA is focusing on infrastructure by funding activities that directly support and are directly tied to infrastructure resilience, including scoping activities for specific infrastructure.
- As noted under eligible project types above, hazard mitigation plan development and updates, as well as scoping activities not tied to specific infrastructure, are now ineligible under BRIC.

2. Hazard Mitigation Projects

- FEMA is prioritizing cost-effective infrastructure and construction projects designed to increase resilience and public safety; reduce injuries and loss of life; and reduce damage to property, critical services, facilities and infrastructure (including natural systems) from a multitude of natural hazards such as drought, wildfire, earthquakes and severe weather.
- As noted under eligible project types above, phased construction projects are no longer eligible. Only infrastructure and construction projects that have an identified conceptual design are eligible. FEMA will award higher scores to projects with greater design competition in the National Competition.

3. Funding Caps

- FEMA has applied a 15 percent, or \$150 million, cap on the total available BRIC funding that any single applicant may receive, helping to ensure broader distribution of nationwide.
- FEMA has reduced the individual project federal cost-share cap from \$50 million to \$20 million to make funding available to more subapplicants.

4. Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) and FEMA Direct Technical Assistance (DTA)

- Neither program is included in the current NOFO.

Additional information and updates will be provided when they become available. Please monitor the OEM website: [Oregon Department of Emergency Management : Hazard Mitigation Assistance \(HMA\) : Grants : State of Oregon](#) and/or register on the HMA [Listserv](#) for updated announcements.

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