

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program

October 20, 2020



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Agenda

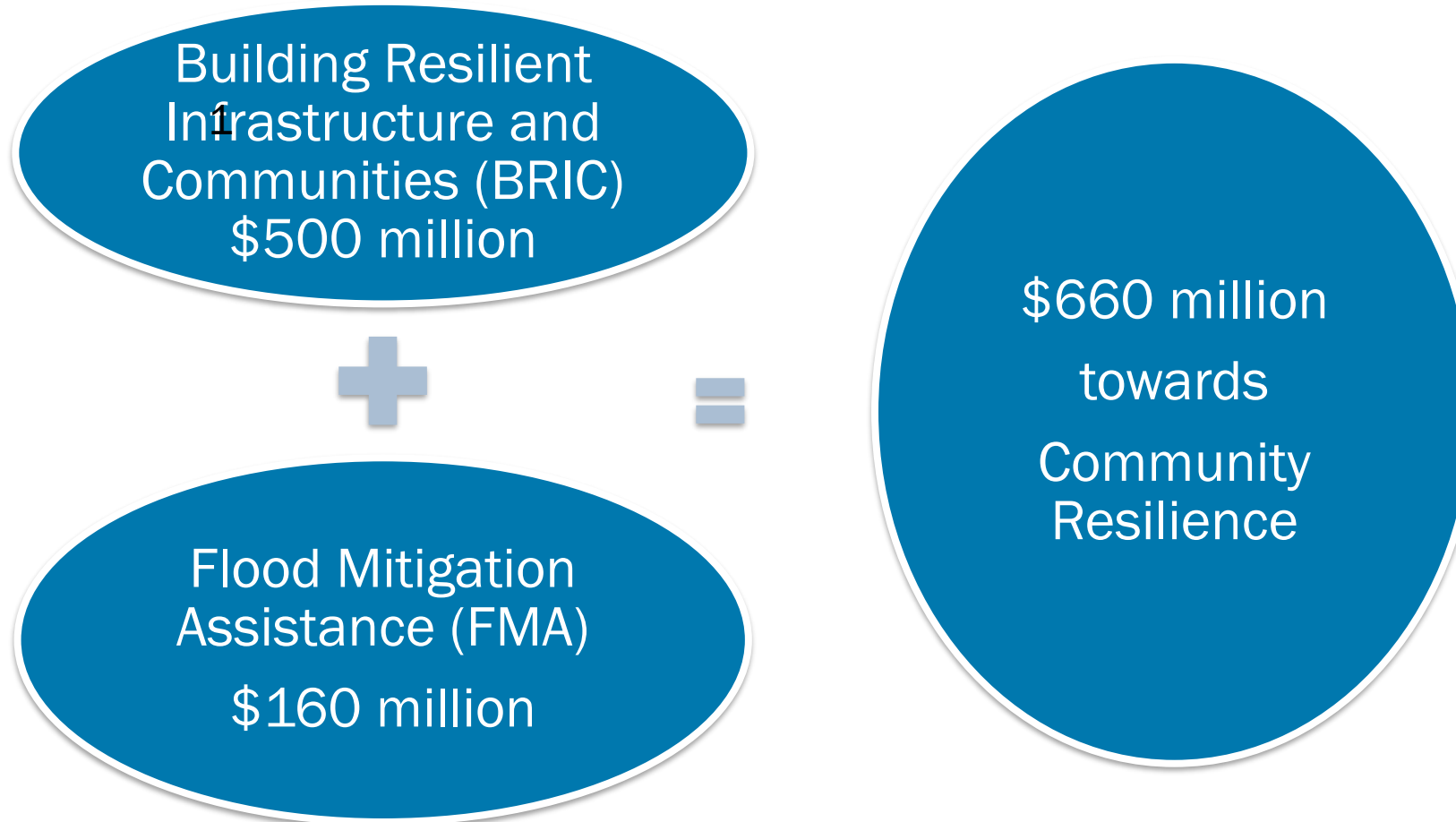
- Non-Disaster (ND) HMA & Resiliency
- BRIC Priorities and NOFO Highlights
 - Program Purpose & Guiding Principles
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 - Eligible applicants and subapplicants
 - Application Cycle and Funding Deadlines
 - Cost Share
 - C&CB Activities
- Job Aids and Resources
- Questions & Answer Period




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Non-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Grants



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Purpose – The BRIC program makes federal funds available to states, U.S territories, Indian tribal governments, and local communities for pre-disaster mitigation activities.

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Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

BRIC's Guiding Principles

Guiding Principles



Support Community Capability & Capacity Building



Encourage and Enable Innovation



Promote Partnerships



Enable Large Infrastructure Projects



Maintain Flexibility



Provide Consistency

Supports FEMA's Strategic Plan

1

Build a Culture of Preparedness

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Ready the Nation for Catastrophic Disasters

3

Reduce the Complexity of FEMA

BRIC Priorities

- Encourage public infrastructure projects
- Increase projects that mitigate risk to one or more lifelines
- Promote projects that incorporate nature-based solutions
- Incentivize adoption and enforcement of modern building codes



BRIC Development Timeline

BRIC Rollout Schedule and Timeline



BRIC – Available Funding

\$500 Million



- **State/Territory Allocation: \$33.6 million (up to \$600,000 per Applicant)**
 - All 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories may apply under the State/Territory Allocation
- **Tribal Set-Aside: \$20 million**
 - All Tribal governments (federally recognized) may apply under the Tribal Set-Aside
- **National Competition for Mitigation Projects: \$446.4 million (estimated)**
 - Remaining funds which are not awarded from the State/Territory Allocation or Tribal Set-Aside will be included in the national competition

Applicant and Subapplicant Eligibility

Who is eligible for BRIC funding?

Applicants:

- ✓ All 50 States
- ✓ U.S. territories
- ✓ Federally recognized Tribal Governments
- ✓ District of Columbia



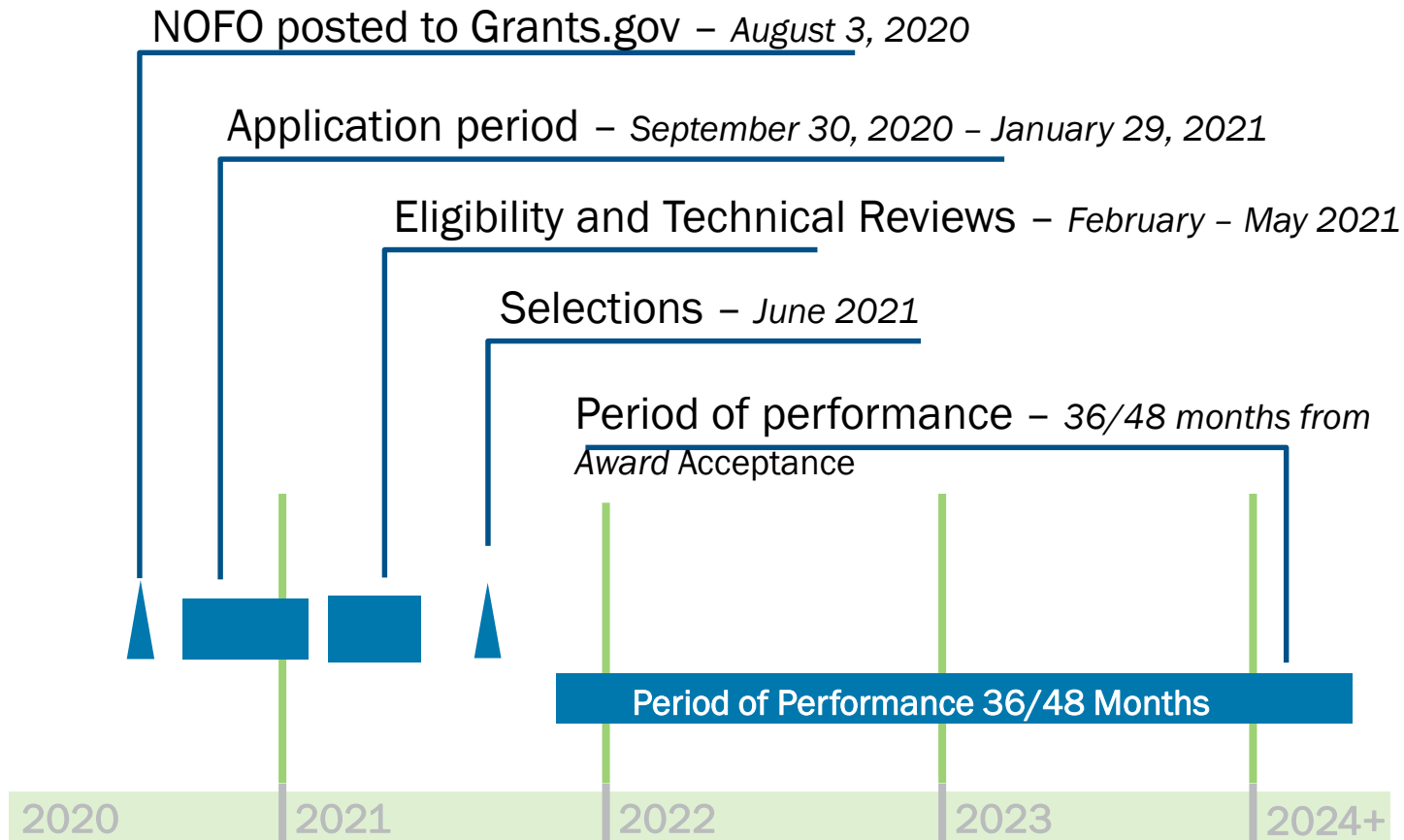
Subapplicants:

- ✓ Local Governments
- ✓ Tribal Governments
- ✓ State Agencies
- ✓ Tribal Agencies



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Application Cycle and Funding Deadlines



Application period opens on September 30, 2020.

Submission deadline for applications is 3:00 PM ET on January 29, 2021.

***States have set earlier submission deadlines.** (Ex. Maryland submission deadline is November 20, 2020. Interested BRIC applicants should email mitigation.mema@maryland.gov)

System-related issues must be addressed by 3:00 PM ET on January 27, 2021.

Pre-Award Selection Notice: Anticipated in June 2021

Period of Performance:

Start Date: **When the recipient accepts the Award**

End Date: All projects are **36 months** from the date of the Award EXCEPT for FMA Community Flood Mitigation Projects which are **48 months** from the Award date



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Cost Share Requirements

Cost Share:

Generally FEMA will pay up to 75 percent of the total cost

BRIC:

- FEMA will pay up to 90 percent for small impoverished communities
- FEMA will pay up to 100 percent for management costs
- *Non-federal cost share can be made up of cash, labor, in-kind or third-party donations*

BRIC Funding Limits



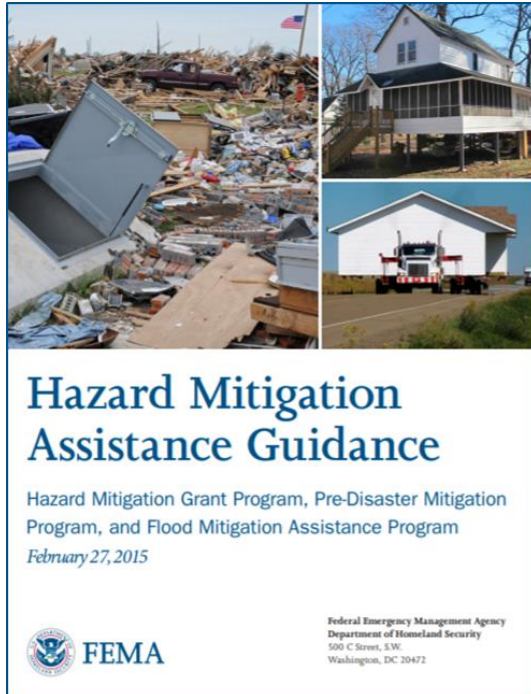
- **State/Territory Maximum Allocation and Activity Caps: \$600,000**
 - Up to \$300,000 may be used for mitigation planning and planning-related activities per applicant
- **Tribal Set-Aside Activity Caps:** The combined cost of the applicant's capability- and- capacity building activities under the Tribal Set-Aside must not exceed \$600,000 per applicant
- **National Competition Project Cap: \$50 million per subapplication**

BRIC Capability- and Capacity- Building Activities



BRIC Eligible Activities

Existing Activities are Still Eligible



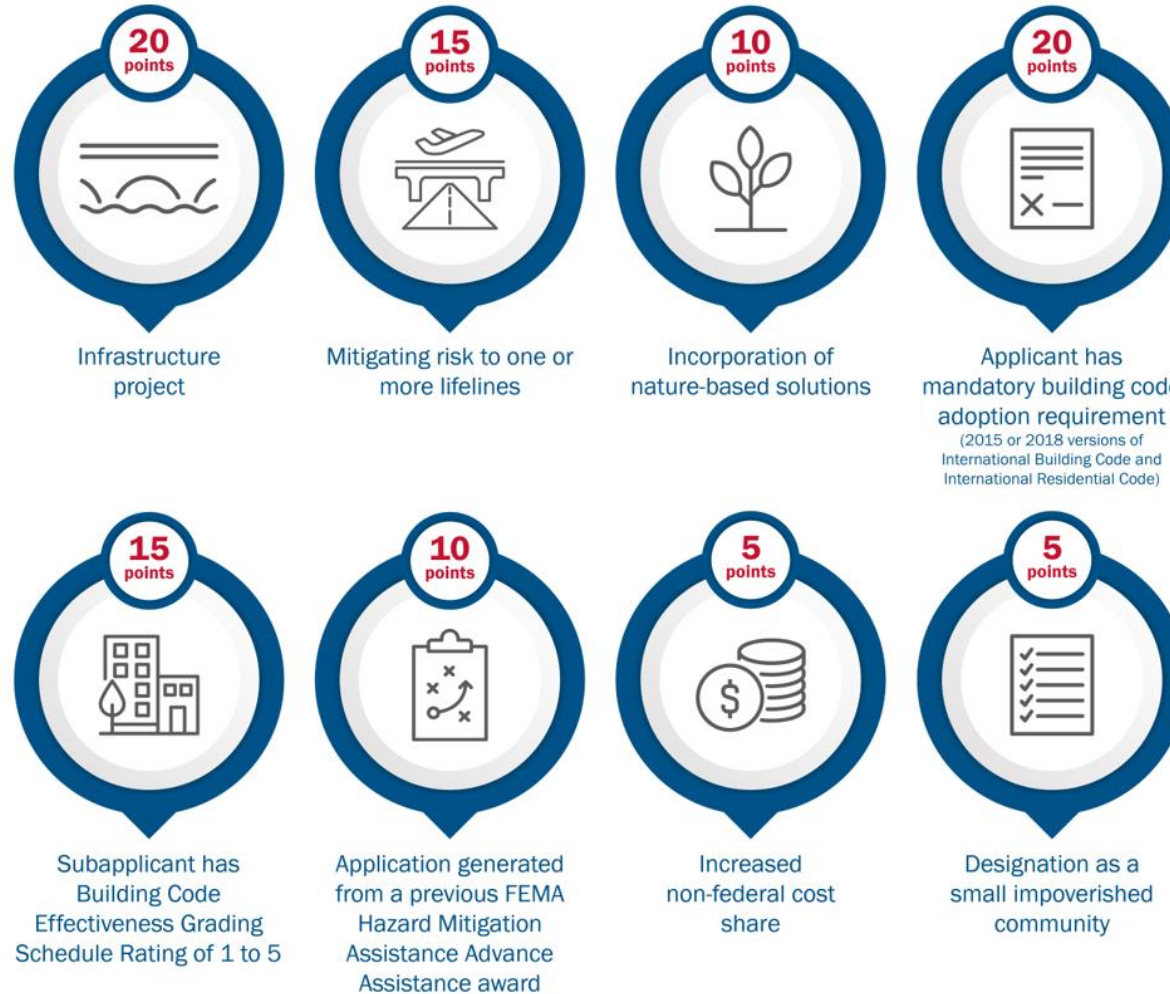
Expanded Eligibility Includes:

- Project scoping
- Building code activities
- Pre-award costs
- Additional activities for wildfire and wind implementation (DRRA Section 1205)
- Earthquake early warning (DRRA Section 1233)

Projects Must:

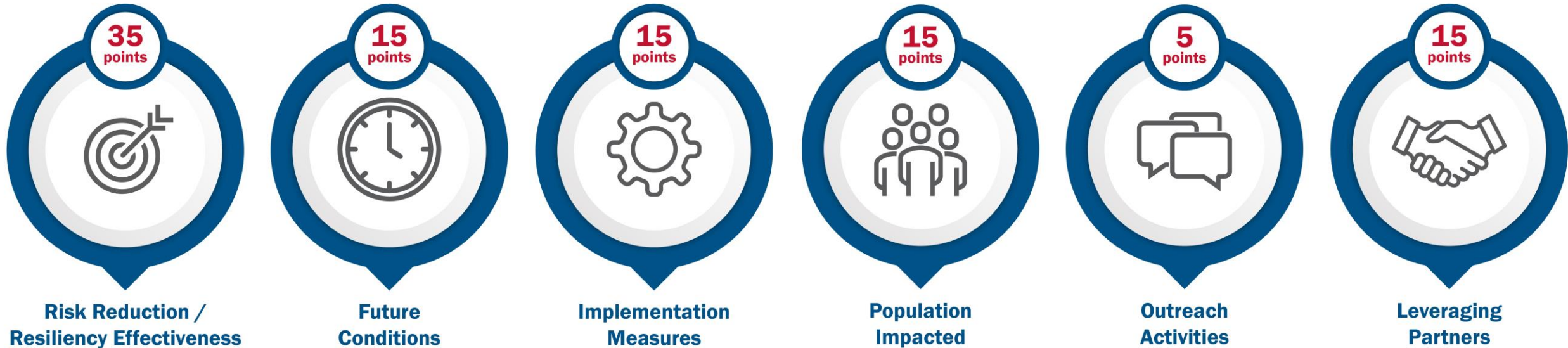
- Be cost-effective
- Reduce/eliminate risk and damage from future natural hazards
- Meet latest two consensus codes (i.e., 2015 or 2018 international building code)
- Align with Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Meet all environmental and historic preservation requirements

BRIC – Technical Criteria



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BRIC – Qualitative Criteria



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BRIC – Phased Projects

- Phased projects are where FEMA provides funding for complex mitigation projects to Applicants to allow them to develop all the technical and environmental information, including design, engineering studies, and permitting, before issuing a full construction approval.
- Phasing projects allow monies to flow and good mitigation projects to be developed and evaluated without a community assuming risk of not being funded, which can be especially helpful for smaller communities.

HMA Mitigation Action Portfolio



Hazard Mitigation Assistance

Mitigation Action Portfolio



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How to Apply

- Eligible Applicants must apply for funding using the new FEMA Grants Outcomes (FEMA GO) at the [FEMA GO Portal](#)
- Visit [FEMA GO Guides and Resources](#) to view the technical user manuals and support materials
- For FEMA GO Technical Support, contact the Help Desk by calling 1-877-611-4700 or by email at: femago@fema.dhs.gov

Application Deadlines

- The Application period opened on September 30, 2020
- Applications must be received in FEMA GO at by January 29, 2021, at 3:00 PM Eastern Time (ET)
 - States have set earlier submission deadlines. (Ex. Maryland submission deadline is November 20, 2020)
 - If interested in submitting BRIC applications for FY20, please contact mitigation.mema@maryland.gov

Technical Assistance

- Applicants experiencing technical problems outside of their control must notify FEMA by 3:00 PM ET on January 27, 2021

Program Support Materials

BRIC

- [Mitigation Action Portfolio](#)
- [BRIC Building Code Activities](#)
- [BRIC Partnership Activities](#)
- [BRIC Project Scoping Activities](#)
- [BRIC Mitigation Planning Activities](#)
- [BRIC Direct Technical Assistance](#)
- [BRIC Technical Criteria](#)
- [BRIC Qualitative Criteria](#)
- [HMA Cost Share Guide](#)
- [FY20 BRIC Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)

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- [FMA Community Flood Mitigation Project Fact Sheet](#)
- [FMA Community Flood Mitigation Benefitting Area Map Development](#)
- [FMA Project Scoping Fact Sheet](#)
- [Geospatial File Eligibility Criteria In Flood Mitigation Grant Applications](#)
- [FY20 FMA Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)
- [Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance Guidance & Addendum](#)
- [Property Elevation and Acquisition Job Aides:](#)
 - [Elevation Job Aid](#)
 - [Acquisition & Demolition Job Aid](#)
 - [Acquisition & Relocation](#)
- [HMA Cost Share Guide](#)





Additional Resources

FEMA Program Website:

FMA- <https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/floods>

BRIC- www.fema.gov/bric

FEMA GO Helplines:

femago@fema.dhs.gov

1-877-611-4700

BCA Helpline:

BCHelpline@fema.dhs.gov

1-855-540-6744

Feasibility and Effectiveness Helpline:

FEMA-BuildingScienceHelp@fema.dhs.gov

Environmental and Historic Preservation:

EHPHelpline@fema.dhs.gov

1-866-222-3580

HMA Helpline:

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Q & A Session

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