



Memo

To: Jurisdictions with Disaster Resiliency Needs

From: Colleen Hannon, Region 10 Grant Navigator

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Re: Funding Opportunities for Disaster Resiliency

Colleagues:

We are revamping our schedule for sending you funding memos. Instead of every Friday, we will send them when ready to go. I have this memo for you this week on Disaster Resiliency.

I have reached out to the State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and talked with staff today about two opportunities for you.

1. The first is the State's process to become eligible for funds from the State's FEMA allocation. The Notice of Interest has been released and the link is included here. You must fill this out prior to submitting an application. <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/76ec0e4106cf4a0ea23e4c8350aebbcd> If your project is chosen to proceed, then the draft application is due December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Your project must comply with the State's Hazard Mitigation Plan. That link is included here.

<https://climate.colorado.gov/2018-2023-colorado-hazard-mitigation-plan>

The priorities are wildfire, drought, and flooding, but many other hazards and risks are addressed.

2. The second option is the national competition for the BRIC and Flood Mitigation Assistance programs. I have sent this program out before. The link is: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/350563>. This funding is not available to local governments directly. I had a discussion with the State and it will support jurisdictions in preparing applications to submit as sub-applicants through them. All applications must comply with the State Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program makes federal funds available for hazard mitigation activities. It does so with a recognition of the growing hazards associated with climate change, and of the need for natural hazard risk mitigation activities that promote climate adaptation and resilience with respect to those hazards. These include both acute extreme weather events and chronic stressors which have been observed and are expected to increase in intensity and frequency in the future.

- Capability and Capacity-Building activities – activities that enhance the knowledge, skills, and expertise of the current workforce to expand or improve the administration of mitigation assistance. This includes activities in the following sub-categories: building codes, partnerships, project scoping, hazard mitigation planning and planning-related activities, and other activities;

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- Hazard Mitigation Projects – 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 (including natural systems) from a multitude of natural hazards, including drought, wildfire, earthquakes, extreme heat, and the effects of climate change; and
- Management Costs – financial assistance to reimburse the recipient and subrecipient for eligible and reasonable indirect costs, direct administrative costs, and other administrative expenses associated with a specific mitigation measure or project in an amount up to 15% of the total amount of the grant award, of which not more than 10% of the total award amount may be used by the recipient and 5% by the subrecipient for such costs generally.

Examples of projects may be found here:

[https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema\\_fy-22-mitigation-action-portfolio.pdf](https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_fy-22-mitigation-action-portfolio.pdf)

All applications will be reviewed against the State’s scoring rubric to determine which ones to fund at the State level and which ones to forward to the national BRIC review process.

In reviewing our notes from community interviews this past summer, these projects appeared in our summaries:

- Avalanche warning systems and fencing;
- Flood mitigation;
- Water plant/wastewater plant/raw water system fire mitigation;
- Generators;
- Utility upgrades to combat drought impacts; and,
- Projects within your own municipal or county mitigation plan (the above projects must be within those as well)

To that end, we would like to schedule a meeting between interested jurisdictions and the State to determine whether you have projects ready to go and if you have interest in this application process for the national pot of funds. Please advise me if you would be available for a meeting such as this. I would prefer it to be in person, so that everyone has time to discuss projects with staff. I will also invite FEMA staff.

3. If **your project is not shovel ready**, FEMA has a great technical assistance program which will help prepare you to become such. The application portal is now open.

*Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Direct Technical Assistance (BRIC DTA) provides tailored support to communities and tribal nations that may not have the resources to begin climate resilience planning and project solution design on their own. Through process-oriented, hand-in-hand assistance, BRIC DTA will partner with communities interested in enhancing their capability and*



*capacity to design holistic, equitable hazard mitigation solutions that advance numerous community-driven objectives.*

*FEMA will offer wide-ranging non-financial support to BRIC DTA communities, including climate risk assessments, community engagement, partnership building, and mitigation and climate adaptation planning. Support for BRIC DTA communities can range from pre-application activities to grant closeout.*

The link to the form is [https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema\\_form-ff-206-fy-22-155.pdf](https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_form-ff-206-fy-22-155.pdf)

Please send me an email within the next week, by November 10<sup>th</sup>, if you have a project you would like to pursue and indicating whether you would like to attend a meeting to work through preliminary eligibility and scope. I hope to hold it in the Region. [channon@region10.net](mailto:channon@region10.net)

Thank you, all.

Colleen