



Memo

To: Jurisdictions with Public Facilities and Disaster Resiliency Needs

From: Colleen Hannon, Region 10 Grant Navigator

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Re: USDA Community Facilities Grants and Update on FEMA BRIC Grants

Colleagues:

1. USDA Community Facilities Grants.

While I don't believe that this funding is an IJA qualified pot of funding, I think that Amy Crick, our USDA staff out of Delta, would appreciate an extra heads up to you all. Disregard if you have seen her email and are up to speed on this.

The USDA Rural Development Community Facilities program has some opportunity for small grants for equipment for this fiscal year. Even though the federal government is on a continuing resolution, it has grant funds available now. I was informed that the maximum grant cap is around \$50,000. Construction projects are not the priority at this time. The grant ceiling is so low that the cost just to administer a construction project would eat up these funds.

The target is small not-for-profit entities (local governments such as fire districts are also eligible) who have equipment purchase projects to serve local communities. Amy said that these entities should show 'significant need' with regards to their financial situation. The Community Facilities grant is a cost-sharing grant, the percentage of cost share is dependent on that community's population and need (as determined by Median Household Income). The population cut off for the grant is 20,000 on the 2020 Census.

Types or organizations that may qualify, in addition to local governments, include food pantry, childcare center, rescue, healthcare (non-profit, low assets/cash), community centers, community kitchens, public safety partners (non-profit), museums, foundations/friends groups.

[Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program | Rural Development \(usda.gov\)](#)

Please reach out directly to USDA for further guidance. Amy may be reached at amy.crick@usda.gov.

2. FEMA BRIC and HMA Funds

As many of our memos have noted, jurisdictions apply to the State Dept. of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM). Dana Hlavac, our DOLA Regional Manager, also just sent an update on this program. If you have seen his, then please disregard. This process entails a Notice of Intent to that State office which then works with the applying jurisdiction on the application. The DHSEM then submits applications to FEMA after its own ranking process.

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Of critical importance is that you make sure your projects are in your respective Hazard Management Plans. If your county is the lead agency in the preparation of these plans to FEMA, then, towns and counties should work with them to be sure projects, especially transportation projects such as bridges, are in those plans. If your county is updating your plan currently, be sure to have a conversation with them on projects beyond what you typically might think of as disaster resiliency. I have jurisdictions right now trying to get funding for generators and a bridge replacement. But, without inclusion in the HMPs, these projects are generally ineligible.

While you may not be able to apply in time to this coming round which has a deadline pending in February, you can start your NOI with the State and work towards submission in a later round this year. That would avoid the rush and surprises that come with a tight application schedule. Please reach out to our State staff, Julie Beyers, julie.beyers@state.co.us. The link to the current Notice of Intent for BRIC and Hazard Mitigation Funds is here as well. [**DHSEM Hazard Mitigation Notice of Interest Form**](#)

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