



BRIC/FMA 2024 Pre-Application Announcement

The Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM) is pleased to announce and share information of the opening of Pre-Applications for the upcoming **BRIC/FMA 2024** grant round of FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance Non-Disaster Grant Program. Please disseminate this information widely to eligible entities.

2023 HMA Program and Policy Guide

The FEMA [2023 HMA Program and Policy Guide](#) replaces the [2015 HMA Guidance](#) for declarations and announcements after March 23, 2023.

2024 BRIC/FMA NOFO

The BRIC/FMA FY2024 NOFO has not yet been released by FEMA. OEM currently expects release of the NOFO in late August or September 2024. To have projects considered for the FEMA BRIC/FMA FY2024 sub-application, all interested and eligible entities in Oregon should submit their pre-applications to OEM in accordance with this announcement. The current deadline is stated in this announcement and may be subject to change based on the actual release of the FEMA NOFO. Pre-applications submitted after the deadline may be accepted on a case-by-case basis as determined by the Oregon State Hazard Mitigation Officer.

Eligible Pre-Applicants

Eligible Pre-Applicants include:

- Local governments including cities, townships, counties, and special district governments,
- Tribal governments; and
- State agencies
- Private Non-Profit (PNP) or Private For-Profit (PFP) organizations are able to apply only through a sponsor local entity.
- To be eligible for the HMA BRIC/FMA grant program, sub-applicants must have a FEMA-approved Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (NHMP) at the time of subapplication submittal and at the time of award, in accordance with Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 201. If the sub-applicant NHMP is not FEMA-approved by the time of award, an Extraordinary Circumstances Exception (ECE) can be requested at that time to provide extra time to meet this requirement.

Dates & Information

BRIC/FMA FY 2024 Pre-Application Period	July 2 to August 30, 2024
Building Resilient Infrastructure in Communities and Flood Mitigation Assistance Activities	<p>The BRIC program implements activities under the following guiding principles that help communities undertake hazard mitigation projects that reduce risks faced from potential natural hazard events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supports state and local governments, tribes and territories through capability and capacity building that enables them to identify mitigation actions and implement projects that reduce risks posed by natural hazards.• Encourage and enable innovation while allowing flexibility, consistency and effectiveness.• Promote partnerships and enable high-impact investments to reduce risk from natural hazards with a focus on critical services and facilities, public infrastructure, public safety, public health and communities.• Provide a significant opportunity to reduce future losses and minimize impacts on the Disaster Relief Fund (DRF).• Promote equity, including by helping members of disadvantaged groups and prioritizing 40% of the benefits to disadvantaged communities as referenced in Executive Order (EO) 14008 in line with the Administration’s Justice40 Initiative.• Support the adoption and enforcement of building codes, standards and policies that will protect the health, safety and general welfare of the public, considering future conditions, prominently including the effects of climate change, and have long-lasting impacts on community risk reduction, including for critical services and facilities and for future disaster costs.• Additional and specific guiding principles also may be outlined in the NOFO governing the respective BRIC application cycle. <p>The FMA program is a competitive grant that provides funding to states, federally recognized Tribal governments, U.S. territories, and local governments for projects that reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings insured by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supports state and local governments, tribes and territories through capability and capacity building that

	<p>enables them to identify flood mitigation actions and implement projects that reduce risks posed by flood and climate hazards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood Mitigation Assistance competitive selections focus on reducing or eliminating the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insured by the NFIP with participating communities. • Provide a significant opportunity to reduce future losses and minimize impacts on the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).
Applicable Areas	Oregon, Tribal Territories
Total Federal Funds Available	To be announced with FY2024 NOFO
Federal Funding Ceilings for Individual Activities by Category (FY2023 levels indicated here and may change with the FY2024 NOFO)	<p>BRIC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity & Capability Building: \$500,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New Plans and Planning Related Activities ○ Project Scoping ○ Technical Assistance ○ Partnerships ○ Codes & Standards • State/Territory BC+: \$2,000,000 (total allocation) • Projects: \$50,000,000 <p>FMA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capability & Capacity Building: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Plans: \$100,000 ○ Technical Assistance: \$50,000 ○ Scoping: \$900,000 ○ Severe Repetitive Loss/Repetitive Loss: \$300,000 • Individual FRR: No \$ Cap • Localized FRR: \$50,000,000 <p>Management Costs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sub-Recipients are eligible for up to 5% of the project cost estimate
Cost Share	<p>75% Federal: 25% Non-Federal – Standard for all activities</p> <p>90% Federal: 10% Non-Federal – CDRZ or identified economically disadvantaged communities or communities with a CDC SVI of <.5001 (for FMA)</p> <p>100% Federal - Severe Repetitive Loss activities (for FMA), BRIC/FMA Management Costs.</p>

Proposal Categories Explained

***Hazard Mitigation Assistance Requirements* ([2023 Program and Policy Guide, page 67-82](#)).**

This section provides Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan requirements as well as the range of BRIC/FMA eligible capability and capacity building, mitigation activities, ineligible activities, and EHP requirements common to all HMA activities.

***Capability and Capacity Building* ([2023 Program and Policy Guide, Part 11, page 249-287](#))**

Available under both BRIC and FMA, Capability & Capacity Building activities achieve a wide range of non-construction purposes that are designed to provide hazard mitigation foundations, enhance skills and knowledge, inform, educate and improve the delivery of hazard mitigation administration and assistance. These are activities that enhance the knowledge, skills, and expertise of the current workforce to expand or improve the administration of mitigation assistance and flood mitigation assistance.

***Mitigation Projects* ([2023 Program and Policy Guide, Part 12, page 289-526](#))**

This project category funds a range of mitigation activities that have cost-effective designs that increase resilience and public safety and reduce injuries, loss of life, and damage and destruction of property, including damage to critical services and facilities. **Hazard Mitigation Activities:** Under BRIC, these are 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 temperatures, and the effects of climate change.

State Priorities for BRIC/FMA 2024

All eligible entities are invited to apply, however overarching priorities for selection under **BRIC/FMA FY2024** are listed below.

Priority will be given to jurisdictions/entities that:

- Have a current FEMA-approved Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (NHMP)
- Have received no or few Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) subgrants in the past 24 months
- Are located in the coastal, Cascade or eastern regions of Oregon.

Priority will be given to proposals that:

- Will create or update an NHMP and/or CWPP
- Have activities based on identified action items from mitigation actions of the entity's FEMA-approved NHMP
- Clearly identify and articulate the proposal's benefits and risk reduction to underserved and/or disadvantaged communities.
- Located in Community Disaster Resilience Zones (CDRZs).

Pre-Application and Subapplication Timeline



The OEM Mitigation Team has established a two-step process for submittal of the pre-application, the working pre-application template is in MS Word format.

STEP ONE: Pre-application and Eligibility Review

- The deadline for pre-applications is at **Noon (PST) on Friday, August 30, 2024**. Pre-applications can be submitted any time up until the deadline. Participants are encouraged to submit prior to the deadline.
- Provide responses to all questions and sections in the pre-application. When your pre-application is complete, and ready to submit, first submit online at [OEM Pre-Application BRIC-FMA FY2024](#). The online form can be filled by cut and paste entry from the MS Word version of the pre-application on to the web page. The online version is unable to be saved for multi session access, the completion time burden is approximately 1 hour.
- Once submitted online, send the .PDF version via email to oem.hazardmitigation@oem.oregon.gov. Please include 'BRIC/FMA FY2024' in the email subject line.
- OEM Mitigation will acknowledge receipt of submitted pre-applications and begin the document review. Pre-application review feedback or requests for additional information will be returned on a rolling basis.
- The OEM Mitigation Team will rank pre-applications based on the priorities listed in the announcement between **Wednesday, September 2, 2024 and Wednesday, September 18, 2024**.
- Following pre-application review, an email with selection information will be sent to the point(s) of contact listed on the pre-application. Those pre-applications being further considered to submit a formal sub-application will receive an invitation from the OEM Mitigation Team no later than **Wednesday September 25, 2024**.

- The pre-application is available to download from the OEM HMA webpage [Oregon Department of Emergency Management : Hazard Mitigation Assistance \(HMA\)](#). Please note the updated pre-application form is in fillable .PDF format, file name: PreApp_BRIC_FMA_FY2024
- Appeals for reconsideration of pre-applications for invitation to submit a sub-application may be submitted to the State Hazard Mitigation Officer for determination on a case by case basis. All determinations of pre-applications are final.

STEP TWO (by invitation only): Sub-application Development and Submission

- OEM Mitigation anticipates the BRIC/FMA FY2024 NOFO to be released in late August to September 2024.
- Following release of the FEMA BRIC/FMA FY2024 NOFO, an announcement and timeline for the NOFO brief and seminar will be issued to invitees containing all pertinent information and dates.
- Once the NOFO brief and seminar are complete, invitees will move directly into sub-application development.

BRIC/FMA FY2024 Grant Timeline

OEM Mitigation anticipates the BRIC/FMA FY2024 NOFO to be released in late August to September 2024. The BRIC/FMA FY2024 schedule and submittal timeline will be announced via separate notice at the time of receipt.

Technical Assistance

The OEM Mitigation Team is available to provide technical assistance for pre-application preparation. Please send your request for technical assistance to oem.hazardmitigation@oem.oregon.gov. Include 'BRIC/FMA 2024' in the subject line.

Project Case Studies

- *Mitigation Action Portfolio*: [FY2023 BRIC Mitigation Action Portfolio.pdf](#)
- *FEMA Mitigation Ideas*: [FEMA Mitigation Ideas January 2013.pdf](#)
- *FEMA Case Study Library*: [Case Study Library \(fema.gov\)](#)

References

- *2023 HMA Policy and Program Guide*: [Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program and Policy Guide \(fema.gov\)](#)
- *FEMA Mitigation Funding Opportunity Guides*: [Region 10 Resources \(fema.gov\)](#)
- *OEM Hazard Mitigation Assistance webpage*
<https://www.oregon.gov/OEM/emresources/Grants/Pages/HMA.aspx>