



# BIRC 24/25 Kickoff

**Nevada Office of Emergency Management / Homeland Security**

Helping people before, during, and after emergencies.

FY2024/2025 BRIC

# KICKOFF MEETING

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)  
Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Walkthrough



**\$1B**

AVAILABLE FUNDING

# Today's Roadmap

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# What is BRIC?

## Program Mission

BRIC makes federal funds available for hazard mitigation activities to upgrade and modernize the nation's infrastructure against natural hazard risks, shifting focus from reactive post-disaster spending to proactive infrastructure investment.

## Legal Authority

§203 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. §5133) + Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA, 2021). IIJA appropriates billions to promote resilient infrastructure and equip communities against natural hazards.

## Protect Infrastructure

Cost-effective projects that increase resilience & reduce risk of injuries, loss of life, and property damage.

## Adopt Modern Codes

Incentivize adoption and enforcement of current hazard-resistant building codes (International Building Code (IBC) /International Residential Code (IRC) 2021 or 2024).

## Deliver Measurable Results

Prioritize projects ready for implementation, reducing cost overruns and accelerating risk reduction.

# \$1 Billion Available — 5 Funding Streams

## \$757M

National Competition

## \$112M

State/Territory Allocation

## \$56M

State/Terr. Code Plus-Up

## \$50M

Tribal Set-Aside

## \$25M

Tribal Code Plus-Up

### National Competition

*Up to \$20M / project*

- Unlimited project subapplications per state
- Each project ≤ \$20M federal share
- Scored via evaluation criteria (max ~75 pts)
- FEMA reviews 2× available funding value
- Go/No-Go milestones required

### State/Territory Allocation

*\$2M max per state (hard cap)*

- Capability and Capacity Building (C&CB) activities directly tied to infrastructure
- Building code adoption/enforcement eligible
- Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) updates NOT eligible
- Up to 10% for information dissemination
- There are no Go/No-Go milestones required

### Building Code Plus-Up

*\$1M max per state*

- Evaluate/adopt hazard-resistant codes (IBC/IRC)
- Enhance existing codes to higher standards
- Workforce training (International Code Council (ICC)/Certified Fire Marshal (CFM) certifications)
- Nevada eligible, no statewide mandate needed
- Must be submitted as separate subapplication

### Tribal Set-Aside / Tribal Plus-Up

*\$50M + \$25M for Tribal Nations*

- \$2M C&CB cap per tribal applicant (Set-Aside)
- Tribal Nations may apply directly to FEMA
- OR submit through NV OEM as subapplicants
- Excess tribal projects roll to National Competition
- Tribal Plus-Up: same code activities as state

# Who Can Apply?

## APPLICANTS (States/Territories/Tribes)

- States (NV OEM is Nevada's designated applicant)
- District of Columbia
- U.S. Territories
- Federally Recognized Tribal Nations (direct applicants)
- Must have FEMA-approved State/Tribal HMP by July 23, 2026
- Must have active SAM.gov registration

## SUBAPPLICANTS (Local Governments, etc.)

- Cities, counties, townships, special districts
- Tribal Nations (submitting through state)
- Regional planning commissions /Councils of Governments (COGs)
- Must have FEMA-approved Local/Tribal HMP for projects (pg. 19)
- HMP requirement WAIVED for C&CB activities (pg. 19)
- Individuals and nonprofits are NOT eligible

## Cost Share Requirements

**75% / 25%**

Standard Federal / Non-Federal

**90% / 10%**

Small Impoverished Communities  
(pop. ≤3,000, per capita ≤80% national avg)

**100% / 0%**

Insular Areas  
(when non-federal share < \$200,000)

# What Activities Are Eligible?

## ✓ ELIGIBLE

- Infrastructure & construction projects (with ≥ conceptual design)
- Flood control, seismic retrofit, wildfire risk reduction, safe rooms
- Building code adoption / enforcement activities
- C&CB directly tied to infrastructure (e.g., project scoping for specific infrastructure)
- Building Code Plus-Up workforce training (ICC/CFM)
- Management Costs (5% subrecipient + 10% recipient)
- Pre-award costs (National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) data gathering, Budget Cost Analysis (BCA) development, design specs)
- Earthquake early warning systems (stand-alone)
- Cybersecurity components tied to critical infrastructure projects

## ✗ NOT ELIGIBLE

- Hazard Mitigation Plan development or updates
- Project scoping NOT tied to a specific infrastructure project
- Equipment purchases (sandbag machines, response gear)
- Standalone public awareness / education campaigns
- Phased projects (must have conceptual design at minimum)
- Activities already started / ground disturbance completed
- Matching or cost share for other federal awards
- Lobbying activities
- General condition inventories without linked mitigation action

# FY24/25: Major Shifts Sub-applicants Must Know

## HMP Updates No Longer Eligible

*Before: Local HMP updates could be funded under BRIC C&CB.*

**Now: HMP development/updates explicitly excluded. Not eligible in any category.**

## C&CB Must Be Infrastructure-Tied

*Before: Broad capacity building (planning, outreach, training) was fundable.*

**Now: Only C&CB directly tied to a specific infrastructure project is eligible.**

## Conceptual Design Required (National Competition)

*Before: Projects could be in early ideation phase.*

**Now: Must have minimum conceptual design (≥30%) to be eligible. Phased projects NOT eligible.**

## Per-Project & Per-Applicant Caps

*Before: Higher per-project limits; fewer caps on National Competition awards.*

**Now: National Competition projects capped at \$20M. 15% overall per-applicant cap applies.**

## FY2024 Subapplications: Action Required

*Before: FY2024 subapplications were in pending-submittal status.*

**Now: Subapplicants MUST review, revise if needed, or formally withdraw. Email [mitigation@oem.nv.gov](mailto:mitigation@oem.nv.gov).**

## No Direct Technical Assistance

*Before: FEMA offered Direct Technical Assistance for project development.*

**Now: DTA NOT included in this NOFO. Subapplicants rely on NV OEM and own resources.**

# How to Apply: Step-by-Step



Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) is NOT included in this NOFO. FMA remains pending. Direct Technical Assistance is NOT available in this cycle.

# How Projects Are Scored

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## Construction Readiness [5/15/30 pts]

Conceptual (30%) = 5 pts  
 Preliminary (>30%) = 15 pts  
 Detailed (≥90%) = 30 pts

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## New Applicant / Subapplicant [15 pts]

Never selected in BRIC National Competition or from a state never selected.

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## Building Code Adoption [Up to 20 pts]

Local IBC/IRC 2021/24 adoption (5), state mandate (5), BCEGS 1-5 (10).  
 OR: Alternative higher standards (5).

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## Small Impoverished Community [5 pts]

Pop. ≤3,000 + per capita income ≤80% of national average.

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## Risk Reduction [20 pts]

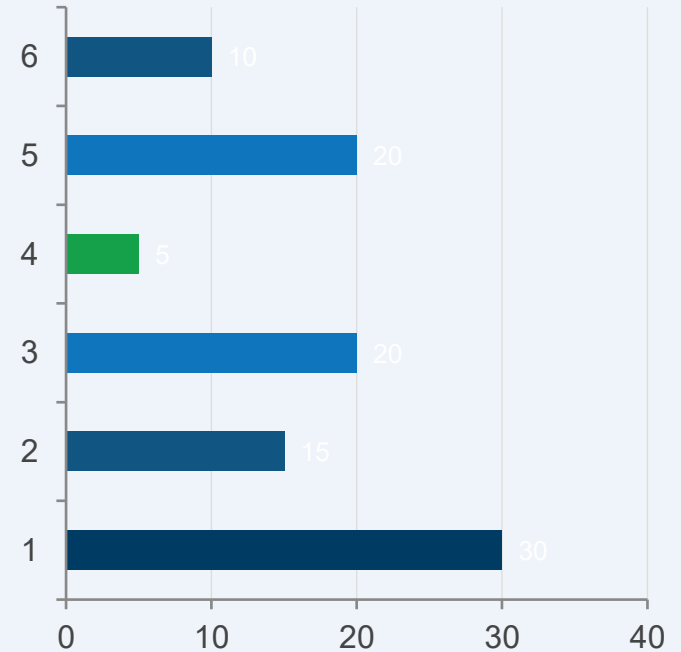
Scope of Work narrative: identify risk, state action, quantify benefits (BCA), describe ancillary benefits.

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## Implementation Measures [10 pts]

Scope of Work narrative: cost mgmt, schedule, monitoring strategy, technical/managerial staffing.

Max Points by Criterion



# Management Costs: The 5%/10%/15% Rule

HOW  
IT  
STACKS

Project / Activity Budget  
(federal + non-federal)

Subrecipient Management Costs  
Up to 5% of total subapplication budget

Recipient (State) Management Costs  
Up to 10% of total application budget  
(incl. subrecipient mgmt costs)

COMBINED CAP: 15% MAX

Reference: BRIC NOFO p. 17, §3.1 | HMA Guide v2.1 p. 211

Tip: Subapplicants must include management costs in subapplication budget BEFORE state calculates its 10%.

# Environmental & Historic Preservation (EHP)

All BRIC activities must comply with EHP laws, regulations, executive orders, and agency policies. EHP compliance is reviewed by FEMA before award, it is not optional.

## NEPA Review

All projects must provide information for FEMA's National Environmental Policy Act compliance. Environmental Assessment or Categorical Exclusion documentation required in FEMA GO.

## Floodplain Management

Projects in Special Flood Hazard Areas must participate in NFIP, not be on probation/suspended, and maintain flood insurance equal to project cost or max coverage.

## Cultural Resources

Archaeological surveys and cultural resource assessments may be required. Pre-award costs for NEPA/EHP data gathering are eligible.

## Historic Preservation

Projects affecting historic properties must comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. FEMA reviews for adverse effects to historic resources.





## Endangered Species Act

Projects must assess potential impacts on federally listed species and critical habitat. Consult with U.S. Fish & Wildlife or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries as applicable.

## Start Construction AFTER Award

Construction activities for which ground disturbance has already begun or been completed are NOT eligible. Do NOT begin construction before award.

# Key Dates & NV OEM Process

-  **Mar 25** **NOFO Opens**  
Application window opens. LISTSERV notifications sent.
-  **Now** **Kickoff Meeting**  
NOFO walkthrough. Resources published to NV OEM website.
-  **May 8** **Pre-Application Due to NV OEM**  
Submit your NV OEM pre-application. Link provided separately.
-  **May 15** **NV OEM Pre-App Review**  
NV OEM reviews all pre-applications for viability and compliance.
-  **May 15+** **FEMA GO Invitations Sent**  
Approved subapplicants receive invitation to submit in FEMA GO.
-  **July 6** **Subapplication Deadline (FEMA GO)**  
NV OEM internal deadline — all subapplications due in FEMA GO.
-  **July 14** **NHMWG Ranking & Voting**  
Nevada Hazard Mitigation Working Group ranks and votes on subapplications.
-  **July 23** **FEMA Application Deadline**  
3:00 PM ET — NV OEM submits final application. Hard deadline.

## Period of Performance

36 months from award date

FEMA technical issues deadline:  
July 21, 2026 at 3:00 PM ET

Appeals: 60 days after denial notice

# Questions We've Already Heard

## **Q: Is Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) included in this NOFO?**

A: No. FMA remains pending and is NOT part of this announcement. Watch for a separate FMA NOFO.

## **Q: Is Direct Technical Assistance (DTA) available?**

A: No. FEMA has NOT included Direct Technical Assistance in this NOFO. You'll rely on NV OEM support and your own resources.

## **Q: What happens to FY2024 subapplications already submitted?**

A: They are in pending-submittal status in FEMA GO. Subapplicants MUST review the revised NOFO, determine if revisions are needed, and update accordingly.

## **Q: What if my FY2024 subapplication is no longer eligible?**

A: Request withdrawal by emailing [mitigation@oem.nv.gov](mailto:mitigation@oem.nv.gov) with subject: 'Subapplication Withdrawal Request BRIC FY2024-FY2025.'

## **Q: Do FY2024 subapplicants need to move to the FY2025 FEMA GO module?**

A: Some may need to manually transfer. NV OEM is awaiting clarification from FEMA and will provide direct instructions to affected subapplicants.

## **Q: Can Nevada apply for the Building Code Plus-Up without a statewide mandate?**

A: Yes. Eligible activities include feasibility studies, ICC/CFM workforce training, local jurisdiction TA, and e-permitting tech. Max: \$1M federal share at 75/25.

# What You Need to Do NOW

## IMMEDIATE

- Confirm your SAM.gov registration is active (allow 4 weeks to renew)
- FY2024 Subapplicants: Review your existing subapplication against the new NOFO
- If no longer eligible, email [mitigation@oem.nv.gov](mailto:mitigation@oem.nv.gov) to withdraw
- Attend NV OEM Office Hours (dates on website) for project-specific questions

## BY MAY 8

- Submit NV OEM pre-application for each proposed subapplication
- Preliminary project scope, budget estimate, and hazard type required
- Include evidence of Local HMP coverage (if submitting a project)
- Identify your non-federal cost share source and confirm availability

## ONGOING

- Begin BCA using FEMA BCA Toolkit — start early, it takes time
- Engage your environmental team for NEPA/EHP documentation
- Develop project designs to maximize Construction Readiness score
- Monitor LISTSERV and NV OEM website for updates and additional guidance

# Questions?

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## Key Resources

-  [mitigation@oem.nv.gov](mailto:mitigation@oem.nv.gov) (General BRIC inquiries / Subapplication Withdrawal Requests)
-  [oem.nv.gov](http://oem.nv.gov) (BRIC Resource Page, Pre-Application Link, Office Hours Schedule)
-  [go.fema.gov](http://go.fema.gov) (FEMA GO — Subapplication submission system)
-  NOFO: DHS-25-MT-047-00-98 | Assistance Listing: 97.047 | HMA Helpline: [fema-hmahelpline@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:fema-hmahelpline@fema.dhs.gov)
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