



Homeland Security and Emergency Services

**FY 2020 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Funding Opportunities**

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) & Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)

September 30, 2020

Key Dates and Deadlines

Date of Announcement:	September 16, 2020
LOIs due to DHSES:	September 30, 2020 - 5:00pm
Notifications to Proceed:	October 7, 2020
Subapplications due to DHSES:	December 2, 2020 - 5:00pm
Applications due to FEMA:	January 29, 2021

Eligible Applicants

Applicant:

NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES)

Eligible Subapplicants:

- State Agencies
- Local Governments
- Indian Tribal Governments (may also apply directly to FEMA as Applicants)

Eligible subapplicants must apply directly to DHSES.

Individuals, businesses, and non-profit organizations are not eligible to apply; however, an eligible subapplicant may apply on behalf of individuals, businesses, and non-profit organizations.

Subapplicants *must* have a FEMA-approved Local Hazard Mitigation Plan by the application deadline (January 29, 2021) and at the time of obligation of grant funds (estimated September 2021).

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

BRIC replaces the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program and prioritizes comprehensive, long-term risk reduction strategies that improve public infrastructure, mitigate risk to one or more Community Lifelines, incorporate nature-based solutions, and support adoption and enforcement of improved/modernized building codes.

Total Available Nationwide Funding: \$500M

1) Capability and Capacity Building (C&CB)

Total federal funding available: \$33,600,000

New York State maximum allocation: \$600,000 (federal share)

2) Mitigation Projects

Total federal funding available (nationally competitive): \$446,400,000

Maximum project cost: \$50,000,000 (federal share)

Subapplication limit for Applicants: Unlimited



BRIC Capability and Capacity Building | Eligible Activities

New York State maximum allocation: \$600,000 (federal share)

C&CB activities are those which enhance the knowledge, skills and expertise of the current workforce to expand or improve the administration of mitigation assistance.

Eligible activities include:

- Building codes activities
- Partnerships
- Project scoping
- Hazard Mitigation Planning
- Planning-related activities

NYS will make available up to \$600,000 for C&CB activities, \$300,000 of which may be used for mitigation planning and planning-related activities.

BRIC

Mitigation Projects | Eligible Activities

Total federal funding available (nationally competitive): \$446,400,000

Maximum project/subapplication cost: \$50,000,000 (federal share)

Cost-effective projects designed to increase resilience and public safety, reduce injuries and loss of life, and reduce damage to property, critical services, facilities, and infrastructure.

Eligible Activities include:

- Property Acquisition
- Structure Elevation
- Structural Retrofitting; Dry Floodproofing
- Localized flood reduction measures
- Floodplain restoration
- Green infrastructure improvements
- Roadway elevation, culvert enlargements
- Soil Stabilization
- Storm water drainage system expansion/upgrade
- Retention or detention basins
- Streambank stabilization to protect infrastructure
- Placing overhead electrical systems underground
- Generators for Critical Facilities



BRIC

Mitigation Projects | Eligibility Criteria

All mitigation projects must:

- Be technically feasible
- Be proven cost-effective using FEMA's Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) v6.0 software;
- Include a BCA containing all back-up documentation;
- Solve a problem independently, or constitute a functional portion of a long-term solution for which there is assurance that the project as a whole will be completed;
- Address a problem that has been repetitive or that poses a risk to public health and safety and improved property if left unresolved;
- Contribute to a long-term solution to the problem it is intended to address; and
- Account for long-term changes to the areas and entities it protects and has manageable future maintenance and modification requirements.



BRIC

Evaluation Criteria

DHSES will review all subapplications for programmatic eligibility and completeness. All subapplications that pass the programmatic review will be ranked based on a review that is aligned with FEMA's Evaluation Criteria and submitted to FEMA.

FEMA will also review all subapplications to ensure programmatic eligibility. Subapplications submitted to the national competition that pass the programmatic review will be scored with technical and qualitative evaluation criteria as described on page 19 of the BRIC NOFO.



Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)

The FMA program is specifically designed to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Total Available Nationwide Funding for FMA: \$160,000,000

Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)

1) Project Scoping (previously Advance Assistance)

New York State federal funding limit: \$600,000 for all subapplications combined.

Activities to develop community flood mitigation projects and/or individual flood mitigation projects that will subsequently reduce flood claims against the NFIP.

2) Community Flood Mitigation Projects Project LOI

Total federal funding available (nationally competitive): \$70M

Maximum project/subapplication cost: \$30M

Projects that address community flood risk for the purpose of reducing NFIP flood claim payments.

Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Localized flood control
- Floodwater storage and diversion
- Floodplain and stream restoration
- Stormwater management
- Wetland restoration/creation



Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)

3) Flood Hazard Mitigation Planning

Funding limit: \$100,000 for all subapplications combined

(\$50,000 cap for state subapplications and \$25,000 cap for local subapplications)

Planning subapplications to enhance or update the flood hazard component of State, Local, Territory, and Tribal Hazard Mitigation Plans and plan updates.

4) Individual Flood Mitigation Projects

Projects that mitigate the risk of flooding to individual NFIP-insured structures.



Cost Share

All projects require a cost share.

The non-federal cost share may consist of cash, donated or third-part in-kind services, materials, or any combination thereof.

- The cost share for BRIC is 75% federal and 25% non-federal.
Small, impoverished communities are eligible for an increase in cost share up to 90 percent federal and 10 percent non-federal.
- The cost share for FMA is generally 75% federal and 25% non-federal.
FEMA may increase the cost share to 100% federal for severe repetitive loss (SRL) properties and 90% federal for repetitive loss (RL) properties.

Allowable Costs

Pre-Award Costs

Subapplicants who are awarded BRIC or FMA funding are eligible for reimbursement of pre-award costs directly related to developing the subapplication.

Subapplicants must have incurred these costs prior to subapplication submission, and must identify these costs as an individual line item in the cost estimate.

Management Costs

Subapplicants who are awarded BRIC or FMA funding are eligible for reimbursement of up to 5% of the total project award for management costs.

Subapplicants must add management cost activities to the Scope of Work section and identify a line item in the Cost Estimate section of the FEMA GO application.

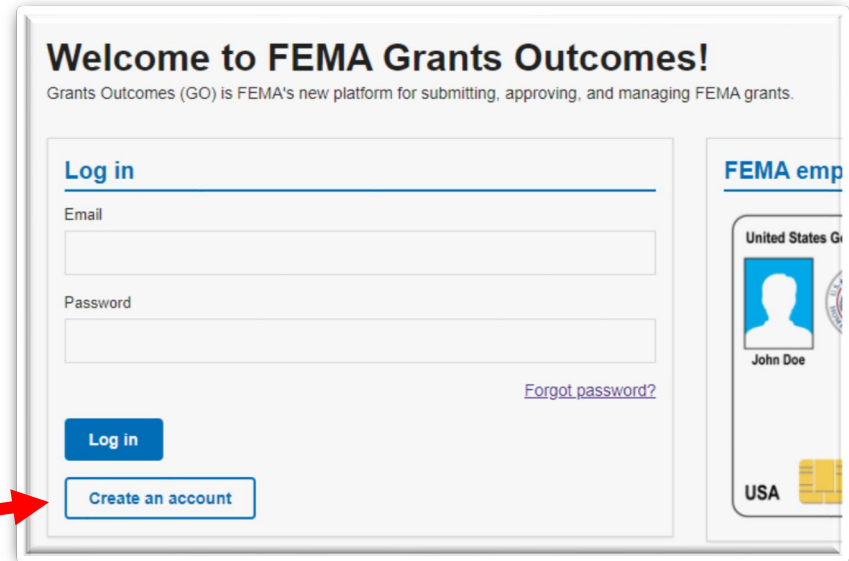
Subapplication Submittal – FEMA GO

Eligible subapplicants will be notified by DHSES to proceed to subapplication development by October 7, 2020.

All subapplications must be submitted through FEMA's new grants management system, FEMA Grants Outcome (FEMA GO).

To register for FEMA GO, visit:

<https://go.fema.gov/>



The screenshot shows the FEMA GO login interface. At the top, it says "Welcome to FEMA Grants Outcomes!" followed by a subtitle: "Grants Outcomes (GO) is FEMA's new platform for submitting, approving, and managing FEMA grants." Below this is a "Log in" section with a blue underline. It contains two input fields: "Email" and "Password". To the right of the "Password" field is a link that says "Forgot password?". Below the input fields are two buttons: a blue "Log in" button and a white "Create an account" button with a blue border. On the right side of the page, there is a sidebar titled "FEMA emp" which includes a profile card for "John Doe" with a placeholder image and a "USA" label with a small American flag icon.



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