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### **DHSEM Announces BRIC and FMA for 2022**

September 7, 2022- Colorado communities once again have the opportunity to reduce their long-term risks from natural hazards with assistance from FEMA's two annual competitive Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) programs: Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA). These programs help elected officials, public works agencies, capital improvement staffs, and other local officials to implement mitigation projects that can dramatically reduce the impacts of a future natural disaster.

FEMA recently released the Notices of Funding Opportunity for BRIC and FMA 2022.

The BRIC program has more than doubled with a total of \$2.3 billion available. The State of Colorado has been allocated \$2 million and has the opportunity to submit nationally competitive projects within the remaining \$2.13 billion. The FMA program has grown to \$800 million, which is all nationally competitive. Projects require a 25 percent non-federal cost share although some communities may qualify for a lower percentage. BRIC will fund up to \$50 million for a single project and FMA will fund up to \$50 million for a single localized flood risk reduction project.

Please see the attached document for more information about the two programs. You can also find information on the [FEMA HMAG webpage](#). Projects will undergo a state and federal review. Projects that deliberately and directly address the FEMA provided program criteria for nationally competitive projects have a higher rate of success. Communities are strongly encouraged to review the qualitative and technical criteria for both programs. DHSEM and other state agencies that form the State Hazard Mitigation Team will score and prioritize all projects using the attached Colorado Resiliency Framework Criteria and either the BRIC or FMA program criteria as appropriate. You may also view our September 7, 2022 webinar on our [DHSEM mitigation grant funding webpage](#).

When you are ready to begin your sub-application please complete an online [Notice of Interest form](#). A member of our Mitigation Projects Team will follow up with you to help you get started.



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Draft sub-applications are due to DHSEM by November 4, 2022 and final sub-applications are due to DHSEM by December 9, 2022. Communities and Special Districts must have a currently approved local Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) to apply for and receive funds from BRIC and FMA. Communities that are not in an HMP may find a project sponsor who is or they may ask to be added to the appropriate HMP by following DHSEM's methodology (available on request).

DHSEM's Mitigation Section is committed to helping the people and communities of Colorado identify and reduce risk from natural hazards. Please contact Irene Merrifield by email at [irene.merrifield@state.co.us](mailto:irene.merrifield@state.co.us) for any questions related to hazard mitigation plans (including adding jurisdictions) and Matt Arsenault by email at [matt.arsenault@state.co.us](mailto:matt.arsenault@state.co.us) with any questions about projects. We stand ready to assist you with the application process to enable each community to reduce its long-term risks from natural hazards.

### Attachments

1. DHSEM 2022 BRIC & FMA Program Guide
2. Colorado Resiliency Framework Criteria