

FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance

Overview

Massachusetts Emergency
Management Agency
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SMART INVESTING MITIGATION SAVES



Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

- Hazard mitigation funding for states, tribal governments, and local communities/special district governments
- Initiated in 2020 (under the Disaster Recovery Reform Act)
- Establishes an annual national competitive award
 - Technical and Qualitative evaluation criteria as part of the ranking
 - Between \$500 Million - \$2 Billion in grant funding awarded annually
 - Funds projects up to \$50 Million (Federal Share)
 - Projects can be up to 36 months - longer durations may be possible
 - State allocation (set-aside) available per FEMA NOFO
- Announced by an Annual Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
 - Application due dates vary year to year (usually in the Fall)

Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)



- Funding for projects that reduce or eliminate risk of flood damage to structures that are insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)
- Community must participate in NFIP
- Nationwide Competitive Review Process
- Same timeline as BRIC
- Announced by an Annual Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
- Application due dates vary year to year

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

- Funding for hazard mitigation planning and projects in Massachusetts available after a federal disaster declaration
- Funding amounts vary depending on the severity of the declared disaster



Eligible Activities (*project types*)

Mitigation Projects		BRIC	FMA	HMGP
	Property Acquisition, Demolition or Structure Relocation	X	X	X
	Structure Elevation	X	X	X
	Mitigation Reconstruction	X	X	X
	Flood Risk Reduction Measures	X	X	X
	Stabilization	X	X	X
	Dry Floodproofing (Non-Residential Buildings)	X	X	X
	Tsunami Vertical Evacuation	X		X
	Safe Rooms	X		X
	Wildfire Mitigation	X		X
	Retrofitting	X	X	X
	Secondary Power Source	X		X
	Early Warning Systems	X		X
	Aquifer Recharge, Storage and Recovery	X	X	X
	Innovative Mitigation Projects	X	X	X

Eligible Activities (*planning/scoping types*)

Capability and Capacity Building Projects	BRIC	FMA	HMGP
New Hazard Mitigation Plans	X		X
Hazard Mitigation Plan Updates	X		X
Planning Related Activities	X	X	X
Advance Assistance			X
Project Scoping	X	X	
Financial Technical Assistance		X	
Direct Non-Financial Technical Assistance	X		
Partnerships	X	X	
Codes & Standards	X		X
Innovative Capability and Capacity Building	X	X	X

Non-Federal Cost Share



- Cost share is typically 25% of the total project for cost
- Individual Flood Mitigation Projects may have increased Federal funding
- Non-Federal cost share may include:
 - Local, state, or private cash payments (MVP Funding, Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistance Funding, FFIO, etc.)
 - For private homes, if there is a cost share, it typically comes from the homeowner
 - In-Kind Contributions (labor, equipment, materials, etc.)
 - Other Federal Funding typically not allowed as match

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