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### **Building Resilient Infrastructure in Communities and Flood Mitigation Assistance Program**

**Seeking Project Proposals for  
Fiscal Year 2024**

**Time Sensitive - Respond ASAP**

**Revised Deadline: Notices of Intent Due No Later than November 24, 2024**

In anticipation of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) opening the application period for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA), the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (MSP/EMHSD) is seeking Notice of Intent (NOI) forms – project proposals – for eligible hazard mitigation activities. The FEMA is expected to release the FY 2024 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for both programs in October 2024. The specific funding details and priorities will be revealed when the NOFO is released. We expect the program details to remain similar to FY 2023.

#### **Purpose**

Hazard mitigation activities are intended to reduce or eliminate future property damages and loss of life from natural hazards, such as floods, tornadoes, and storms. The FEMA BRIC and FMA programs provide funds for hazard mitigation planning activities and implementation of mitigation projects. Based on past funding cycles of the programs, FEMA's general priorities for the programs are as follows:

#### Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Priorities:

- Projects that incentivize natural hazard risk reduction activities that mitigate risk to public infrastructure and disadvantaged communities as referenced in Executive Order [14008](#).
- Projects that incorporate [nature-based solutions](#).
- Projects that enhance climate resilience and adaptation.
- Increased funding to applicants that facilitate the adoption and enforcement of the latest published editions of building codes.

#### Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Priorities:

- Project Scoping activities to develop community and individual flood mitigation projects.
- Projects that address community flood risk for the purpose of reducing National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) flood claim payments.
- Projects that mitigate the risk of flooding to individual NFIP insured structures.

Program grant guidance for BRIC and FMA can be found in FEMA's [Hazard Mitigation Assistance \(HMA\) Program and Policy Guide](#).

Each of the programs is distinct and has separate eligibility criteria and rules. Although cost sharing requirements vary by program, most grants are funded with a 75% federal share and a 25% local match.

Some examples of eligible mitigation project activities include: the construction of safe rooms; retrofit of structures for wind protection; protective measures for utility infrastructure; voluntary acquisition or elevation of flood prone structures; stormwater management projects that reduce flood risk; vegetation management for dune restoration or wildfire prevention; implementation of community flood mitigation projects (FMA only); and development of a community all-hazards mitigation plan (or update of an existing hazard mitigation plan). Additional Capability and Capacity Building activities may also qualify. These projects may include project scoping activities with the intent of developing high quality HMA projects and applications for future grants (there

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is expected to be an increased federal emphasis on funding scoping activities with FY 2024 BRIC funding) and activities that support the adoption and enforcement of building codes, standards, and policies that implement hazard mitigation. For more information refer to the [HMA Program and Policy Guide](#) Part 4.D. Eligible Activities; Part 4.E. Ineligible Activities; Part 11. Capability-and-Capacity Building; and Part 12. Mitigation Projects.

Projects must be cost [beneficial](#) for eligibility, meaning the anticipated cost savings from avoided future damages must outweigh the cost of implementing the project. For additional information, refer to the [HMA Program and Policy Guide](#) Part 5. Examples of completed hazard mitigation projects can be found there.

Commonly requested activities that are not eligible for this funding include early warning sirens, training except for building codes, preparedness actions, and generators (except for cost-effective generators that serve hospitals, police stations, fire stations, water, and wastewater treatment plants).

### Eligible Applicants and Subapplicants

The MSP/EMHSD is the applicant for the State of Michigan. Eligible subapplicants for these programs include state agencies; Indian tribal governments; and local governments/communities. Subapplicants must have a FEMA approved hazard mitigation plan that identifies and prioritizes the proposed project at the time of application submission and grant award (applications for hazard mitigation plan development/update as well as scoping activities are exempt from this requirement). Please refer to the HMA Program and Policy Guide Part 4 for specific eligibility requirements.

### Application Process

To be considered for funding, a potential subapplicant must submit a completed NOI form to the MSP/EMHSD. The completed form will provide basic details about the proposed mitigation activity, which will then be reviewed by the MSP/EMHSD team to determine if the activities described are potentially eligible for grant funding. The MSP/EMHSD team will then contact potential subapplicants inviting them to complete a grant application through the [FEMA GO](#) application system.

The link below should be used to access the NOI Microsoft Form. The form must be completed in its entirety to submit the information. A guide that includes a list of the information required to complete the form is attached below. It is strongly recommended that potential subapplicants review this document and collect all appropriate information prior to accessing the link, partially submitted information is not saved after closing the form. After completing and submitting the form, you will receive an email with the completed responses. If you do not receive this email, please check your spam and junk email folders prior to contacting the Hazard Mitigation Unit. Potential subapplicants submitting multiple NOIs must submit each separately. This can be done by reselecting the link below to open a new form or by selecting "Submit another response" at the end of completing each form.

Notice of Intent (NOI) Microsoft Form: [FY24 BRIC and FMA NOI](#).

### Revised Deadlines (dates may change by necessity once federal NOFOs are released)

- November 24, 2024 NOI forms must be submitted to the MSP/EMHSD.
- January 10, 2025 Applications due for EMHSD review (completed in FEMA GO).
- TBD After review and revision, completed final FEMA GO application deadline.

\*Applications submitted after this deadline will not be included in the State application to FEMA.

\*The MSP/EMHSD will process and submit applications to FEMA by the federal deadline (specific date to be determined once NOFOs are released).

### Do Not Delay

Applicants should not wait until the deadline to submit NOI forms. The sooner the completed NOI form is submitted, the more time there will be to develop an application.

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