Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Non-Financial Direct Technical Assistance

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Agenda

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  • BRIC Funding

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  • DTA Communities
  • How Does DTA Work?
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  • DTA-Supported Activities
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• Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) Section 1234, which amends Section 203 of the Stafford Act

• Funded by a 6% set-aside from federal post-disaster grant funding

• Eligible applicants – states, territories, and tribes with major disaster declarations in past seven years

• Will replace FEMA’s existing pre-disaster mitigation (PDM) program
### BRIC’s Guiding Principles

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<td>Support Community Capability &amp; Capacity Building</td>
<td>1. Build a Culture of Preparedness</td>
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<td>Encourage and Enable Innovation</td>
<td>2. Ready the Nation for Catastrophic Disasters</td>
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<td>Promote Partnerships</td>
<td>3. Reduce the Complexity of FEMA</td>
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<td>Enable Large Infrastructure Projects</td>
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The BRIC Program is prioritizing assistance that benefits disadvantaged communities as referenced in Executive Order 14008 - Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad (2021)
BRIC Funding

BRIC DTA can support communities at all stages of the mitigation funding process.
**FY 2021 BRIC Funding**

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<th>Total Available BRIC FUNDING</th>
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What is Non-Financial Direct Technical Assistance (DTA)?

- During Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program design, applicants and subapplicants asked for more technical assistance during the project planning and application process.
- In fiscal year 2020, DTA was established as a new initiative under the BRIC program.
- BRIC and DTA are currently undergoing their second annual application, review, and award cycle.
  - Year 1 - 8 communities chosen
  - Year 2 - 20 communities recently announced (May 18, 2022)
Note: This map is a visual representation of DTA community locations.
How Does DTA Work?

• DTA is simple, customizable, and flexible.

• DTA allows FEMA to provide support in the following ways:
  
  □ Holistic planning support at the earliest stages of mitigation projects
  
  □ Support for development of a project or application development assistance
  
  □ Connection to providers, partners, or experts for additional support and assistance
Eligibility for DTA

Eligible Entities

- Tribal Nations
- Cities
- Towns
- Counties
- Special District Governments

Requested support must:

- Improve the community’s capability and capacity to conduct mitigation activities
- Increase resilience to natural hazards
- Identify projects that will do the same

**NOTE:** Eligibility does not require a BRIC subapplication or award, or a Hazard Mitigation Plan
DTA-Supported Activities

Scope

- Assisting community members in:
  - Reviewing needs and future plans
  - Identifying and engaging stakeholders
  - Identifying grant opportunities
- Building capability and capacity
- Increasing knowledge
- Increasing access to resources
- Furthering community resilience objectives

Support

- FEMA staff or staff assisting on behalf of FEMA
Technical Assistance Types

DTA Providers may assist with:

- Development of timelines and resources planning
- Identification, communication, and convening of mitigation stakeholders and partners
- Development or update of hazard risk assessments to identify specific mitigation projects
- Development of grant applications, including Benefit-Cost Analysis support
- Identifying possible relevant grant opportunities

DTA Providers may facilitate:

- A review of previous and existing efforts related to a project, including planning, data, and other mitigation projects
- Prioritization and assistance with mitigation projects conceptualization, including feasibility requirements, but excluding engineering design
- Training on Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant application development and grant management
BRIC Program Resources on FEMA.gov

- Building Code Activities
- BRIC Mitigation Planning Activities
- BRIC Direct Technical Assistance
- BRIC Phased Projects
- Hazard Mitigation Cost Share Guidance
- BRIC Application Tips
- BRIC Partnership Activities
- Project Scoping Activities
- Mitigation Action Portfolio
- BRIC Technical Criteria
- BRIC Tribal Information
- BRIC Qualitative Criteria

Federal Emergency Management Agency
BRIC DTA Webpage

For additional information please go to the BRIC DTA webpage

- Submit requests
- Host community examples and showcase success
- Identify engagement opportunities
- Helpful resource for communities to get acquainted with available program support materials
- Document list and links (found on the BRIC webpage)
  - BRIC Program Support Materials
  - BRIC Notice of Funding Opportunity
FEMA Helplines

- Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) Helpline: BCHelpline@fema.dhs.gov or 855-540-6744
- Building Science Helpline: FEMA-BuildingScienceHelp@fema.dhs.gov
- BRIC DTA: FEMA-BRICDirectTechnicalAssistance@fema.dhs.gov
- Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: EHPHelpline@fema.dhs.gov or 866-222-3580
- FEMA Grants Outcomes (FEMA GO) Helpline: femago@fema.dhs.gov or 877-611-4700
- Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Helpline: 866-222-3580
Thank you