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FEMA News Release: Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grant Program Status Update

FEMA has recently announced a status update on the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program subapplicants for Fiscal Year 2023.

Summary of Fiscal Year 2023 Subapplications

This grant cycle, FEMA made \$1 billion available for the BRIC program. FEMA received 1,234 subapplications requesting \$5.66 billion in federal cost share from 50 states, five territories, the District of Columbia, and 35 tribes.

Selection Highlights

On July 2, FEMA announced the selection of 656 BRIC subapplications, totaling more than \$882.6 million in federal cost share. An additional \$116.2 million for recipient management costs brought the total amount of funding for this BRIC grant cycle to nearly \$1 billion. The National Competition had 56 projects totaling \$674.5 million. Below are funded project highlights.

- Geography Summary – 80% of subapplicants selected to receive funding from the National Competition are new subapplicants from several available funding categories.
- Disadvantaged Communities Summary – FEMA will be delivering 67% of the total funding of the selections to disadvantaged communities.
- Building Codes Summary – This year, BRIC received 137 building code subapplications, an 180% increase compared to fiscal years 2020-22. FEMA selected 129 subapplications totaling \$55.7 million for the new Building Code Plus-Up funding.
- Nature-Based Solutions Summary – Nature-based solutions incorporate natural features or processes into the built environment to promote adaptation and resilience. For this grant cycle, 57% of the National Competition-selected projects incorporate nature-based solutions.
- Project Activity Types Summary – The top two project types by federal cost share are flood control and utility/infrastructure protection. Selected flood control projects, consisting of projects aiming to eliminate or reduce flood damage, totaled \$395 million from twenty-eight subapplications. Thirty subapplications, representing \$237 million, have been selected for utility/infrastructure protection. These include projects such as elevating pumping stations, enhancing power poles, strengthening water towers, and floodproofing utility plants.

Additionally, FEMA stated that 67 diverse communities, three territories, and 23 tribal nations will receive non-financial direct technical assistance to help build local resilience.

For more information, please visit <https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/building-resilient-infrastructure-communities/after-apply/fy-23-status>.

Flood-Resistant Provisions of the 2024 International Codes®

In June, FEMA released a document containing excerpts of the flood-resistant provisions from the 2024 editions of the International Codes® (I-Codes®). The document includes a summary of changes to flood provisions from 2021 to 2024 editions of the International Building Code, International Residential Code, and other codes. The contents of this document can be used to complement FEMA P-2325, *Building Codes Toolkit For Homeowners and Occupants*, which contains information on building codes basics and useful templates, checklists, and guidance documents.

To view the *Flood-Resistant Provisions of the 2024 International Codes*, please visit <https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema-flood-provisions-2024-international-codes.pdf>.

To view the *Building Codes Toolkit*, please visit https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_building-codes-toolkit.pdf.

Read the I-Codes online at <https://codes.iccsafe.org/codes/i-codes>.

New FEMA Floodplain Management Training Website and Nationwide Survey

FEMA released a new Floodplain Management Training website in June to offer training and tools to help communities deal with floodplain risk. The website includes sections for courses, videos, and webinars.

Additionally, on the main page of FEMA's Floodplain Management Training website, there is information about the nationwide National Floodplain Administrator (FPA) Training Needs Assessment Survey. For context, FEMA has not conducted a nationwide outreach effort to all NFIP Participating Communities since 2009. The current survey, which was distributed by email and U.S. Postal Service, will help FEMA design a five-year national Floodplain Administrator Training Strategy coordinated by the Floodplain Management Division. FEMA is requesting that the FPA from NFIP Participating Communities complete the survey. Only one survey will be accepted from each jurisdiction. Completing the survey is voluntary and takes about 20 to 30 minutes to finish. The survey is open from **June 20 – August 30, 2024**.

National Floodplain Administrator Training Needs Assessment Survey

 English



Date: June 20, 2024 - August 30, 2024

Important Date

Take the Survey (in English)

Take the Survey (in Spanish)

To view FEMA's new Floodplain Management Training Website, please visit <https://www.fema.gov/floodplain-management/training>.

For more information on the survey, please visit <https://www.fema.gov/event/national-floodplain-administrator-training-needs-assessment-survey>.

NORFMA 2024 Annual Conference



The Northwest Regional Floodplain Management Association will host their 2024 annual conference in Pasco, WA, from **September 17 – 20, 2024**. The keynote speaker this year is Nick Zentner, an award-winning educator in the earth sciences and host of the PBS TV show “Nick on the Rocks.” Join the conference for an exciting opportunity to socialize, learn, and network with other floodplain management professionals.

To register for the conference, visit <https://norfma.org/meet-reg1.php?id=141>. CFM Continuing Education Credits (CECs) will be available for participants.

For more information on the conference and other NORFMA events, please visit NORFMA’s website at <https://norfma.org/>.

Ask the Help Desk:

The Region 10 Service Center is here to help local community officials and stakeholders with technical, training, mitigation, and mapping questions. **Email:** RegionXHelpDesk@starr-team.com.

Online Training Calendar

(All times Pacific)

Course	Date/Time	Continuing Education Credits (CECs)
STARR II: NFIP Basics	July 11, 10 am	1
CRS: Annual CRS Requirements	July 16, 10 am	1
CRS: CRS & Floodplain Species Assessment	July 17, 10 am	1
STARR II: Basics of Reading Flood Maps	July 18, 10 am	1.5
STARR II: Floodplain Regulations	July 25, 10 am	1
STARR II: Elevation Certificate Basics	August 1, 10 am	2
STARR II: Reviewing Elevation Certificates	August 8, 10 am	2
STARR II: Intro to SI/SD	August 15, 10 am	1
CRS: CRS and Natural Floodplain Functions	August 20, 10 am	1
CRS: Watershed Master Planning	August 21, 10 am	1
STARR II: Tools for Determining BFE	September 12, 10 am	1.5
CRS: Annual CRS Requirements	September 17, 10 am	1
CRS: Repetitive Loss Properties and the CRS	September 18, 10 am	1



To register for online courses, visit STARR II's training site: j.mp/starronlinetraining, or email RXTraining@starr-team.com.

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