

Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities (BRIC)

Fiscal Year 2024 & 2025 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)



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FY24/25 BRIC Program Priorities



Application Opened: Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Application Closes: Thursday, July 23, 2026, at 3 p.m. ET

- Shifts federal funding from post-disaster response to proactive hazard mitigation.
- Prioritizes infrastructure and construction projects that are ready to implement for immediate, measurable risk reduction.
- Emphasizes adoption and enforcement of modern, hazard-resistant building codes.
- Limits capability-building activities to those directly supporting infrastructure resilience.
- Caps funding per project and applicant to increase geographic distribution and support new and small impoverished communities.
- Focuses federal resources on projects that reduce future disaster losses and protect critical public infrastructure.

Key Programmatic Changes

- **Prioritize infrastructure investments to deliver risk reduction:**
 - Invest in hazard mitigation projects and activities that strengthen infrastructure resilience and risk reduction
- **Align eligibility to program goals:**
 - Capability- and capacity-building (C&CB) activities now strictly tied to infrastructure resilience
 - No minimum spend on C&CB to receive allocation funds
 - No Phased projects
 - No funding for new Hazard Mitigation Plans or updates
 - Designs to at least 30%. Conceptual designs are eligible
- **Simplify the review process:**
 - National Competition technical and qualitative evaluation criteria combined and simplified to 100 points
 - No National Review Panel scoring
- **Increase geographic distribution of funding:**
 - 15% cap on total available funding per applicant
 - Applicants or subapplicants that have not previously been selected in the BRIC National Competition will be prioritized.
 - Scoring criteria for new applicants or subapplicants

Key Programmatic Changes (continued)

- **Accelerate obligation and implementation of projects:**
 - Maximum federal share per project lowered to \$20M from \$50M for the Nation Competition.
 - Federal cost share is 75/25%, however small and impoverished communities are eligible for a 90/10% cost share
- **Increase state and local responsibility for resilience:**
 - Reduced technical assistance
 - No FEMA BCA development assistance
 - No enhanced cost share for Community Disaster Resilience Zone (CDRZ)
- **Requirements for Personnel, Partners, and Other Parties:**
 - Staff American, stay in America - Subapplicants should not have foreign nationals or noncitizens included or they must be properly vetted and adhere to all government statutes, policies, and procedures, and security requirements.
 - Subapplicants/subapplicants must submit short bios and resumes.

Applicants and Subapplicants Eligibility



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Available Funding

Maximum Federal Share per Applicant

Funding Category	Covering all activities/projects, including Management Costs
States and Territories Allocation	Up to \$2 Million federal cost share
Tribal Set Asides	Up to \$2 Million federal cost share
State or Territory Building Code Plus Up	Up to \$1 Million federal cost share
National Competition	Up to \$20 Million federal cost share

*No applicant may receive more than \$150 Million MAX
(combined across all categories, including Management Costs)

Available Funding

Uses of Assistance

Total Available BRIC Funding in FY24/25: \$1 Billion

Uses of Assistance	\$112M State/Territory Allocation	\$50M Tribal Set-Aside	\$56M State/Territory Building Code Plus-Up	\$25M Tribal Building Code Plus-Up	\$757M National Competition
Hazard Mitigation Projects	✓	✓			✓
Building Code Adoption and Enforcement	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Capability- and Capacity- Building Activities	✓	✓			
Management Costs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

*No applicant may receive more than 15% of the total available funding in this NOFO (combined across all categories, including Management Costs)

Pre-Award Costs

What Are Pre-Award Costs?

Expenses incurred to develop and prepare the BRIC grant application or subapplication **before** the grant award date.

Examples of Allowable Pre-Award Costs

- Gathering data for environmental reviews (e.g., NEPA)
- Developing Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA)
- Preparing design specifications
- Consulting services for application development

Important Note

Pre-award costs must be clearly listed as individual line items in the application budget.

Only reimbursed if FEMA approves them at the time of award.

Costs for project implementation before the award date are not eligible.

If the application is not selected, pre-award costs will not be reimbursed.

Management Costs

BRIC Management Costs (2025 HMA Guidance)

- Management costs are allowable expenses for grant administration and oversight.
- Activities covered include reporting, procurement, monitoring, staff salaries, travel, and training.
- Recipients use management costs to manage the overall BRIC grant; subrecipients use them for their individual projects.
- “Management costs are allowable expenses for activities directly related to the administration and oversight of BRIC grants and subawards.”
(FEMA HMA Guidance, 2025)
- Management costs are governed by federal regulations in 2 CFR Part 200

Two Types of Management Costs

▪ Recipient Management Costs (RMCs)

- Sometimes known as State Management Costs (SMCs)
- Recipient Management Costs are applied for in a separate subapplication
- Includes a scope of work, schedule and budget
- Submission is an estimate based on subapplications submitted by state

Up to 10% of the total funds requested in their application cost estimate

▪ Subrecipient Management Costs (SRMC)

- Subrecipient Management Costs are included in the subapplication
 - Should include a budget narrative
 - Submission is 5% of total project cost

Maximum of 5% of the total funds requested

If the recipient is also the subrecipient, management costs can be combined for a total of 15%
Additional information on management costs can be found in BRIC FY24-25 NOFO (Page 16)



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Application Criteria for FEMA BRIC National Competition

Subapplication Requirements

- BRIC Infrastructure projects must be:
 - Eligible mitigation activities
 - Feasible and effective at mitigating hazards
 - Cost-effective
 - In compliance with all applicable Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation (EHP) laws and regulations



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Subapplication Requirements (cont.)

Capability- and Capacity-Building Activities

Activities directly supporting infrastructure resilience (e.g., hazard-resistant building code adoption, enforcement, implementation)

Eligible only if tied to specific infrastructure projects

Examples: building code adoption/enforcement, technical training, scoping for infrastructure projects.

***Not eligible: Hazard Mitigation Plan development/updates, project scoping not tied to specific infrastructure**

Hazard Mitigation Projects

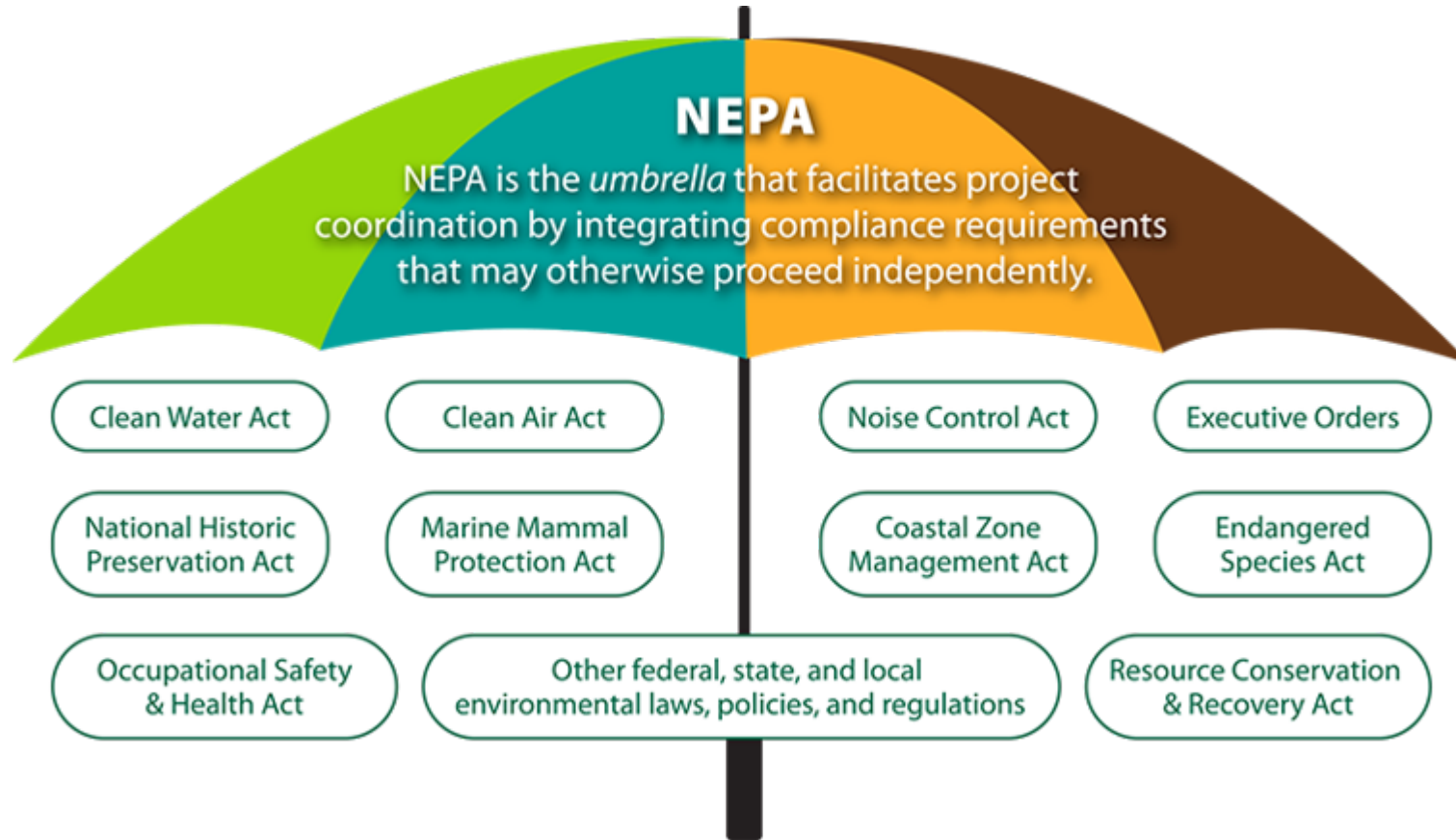
Cost-effective infrastructure and construction projects

Goals: Increase resilience, public safety, reduce injuries/loss of life, minimize property and infrastructure damage from natural hazards.

***Eligibility: Must have at least a conceptual design; phased projects are not eligible**



EHP Compliance

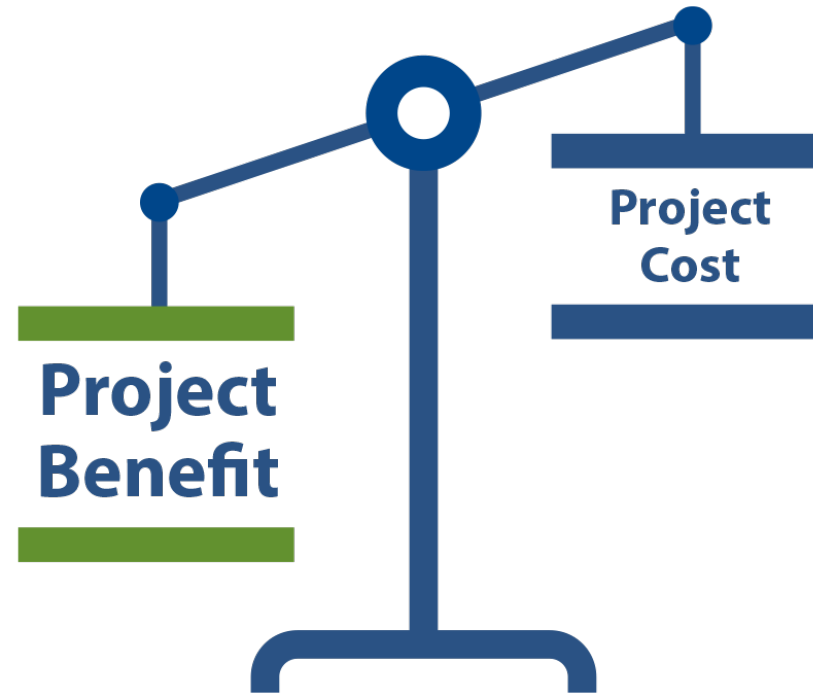


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Cost-Effectiveness

- Applicants and subapplicants applying for hazard mitigation projects are required to use FEMA-approved methodologies.
 - Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) Toolkit
- *Discount rate, increasing it from 3.1% to 7%.**

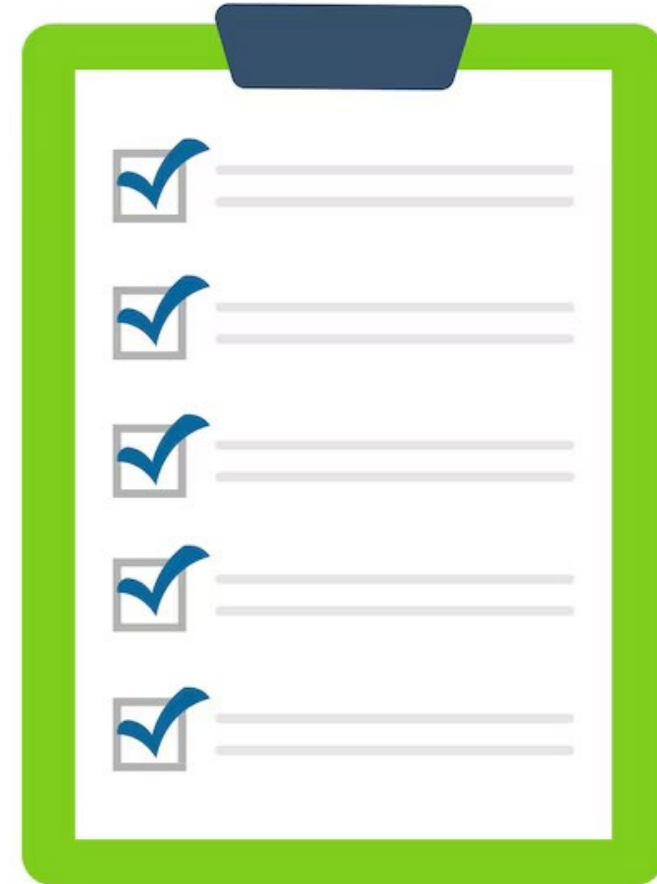


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Sub application Review Process

Evaluation Criteria Overview

- FEMA uses a point-based system to score subapplications.
- Criteria are designed to incentivize:
 - Project readiness
 - Participation by new applicants
 - Adoption and enforcement of strong building codes
 - Support for small, impoverished communities
 - Effective risk reduction and implementation strategies
- **Total possible points per subapplication vary by criteria met.**



National Competition Evaluation Criteria (100 Total Points)

Evaluation Criteria		Max Points
	Infrastructure Project Construction Readiness	30
	New Applicant or Subapplicant	15
	Building Code Adoption and Enforcement	20
	Small Impoverished Community	5
	Risk Reduction	20
	Implementation Measures	10
Maximum total score: 100 points.		

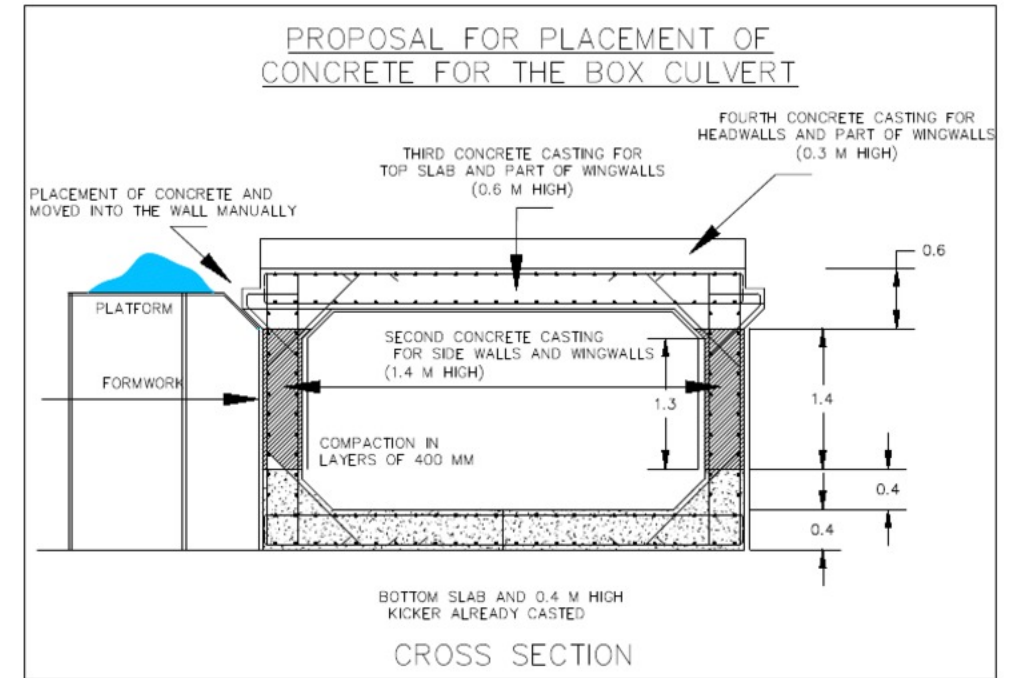
Construction Readiness (Up to 30 Points)

Conceptual Design (5 pts): $\leq 30\%$ design completed.

Preliminary Design (15 pts): $>30\%$ design, refined details.

Detailed Design (30 pts): $\geq 90\%$ design, ready for bidding/permitting/construction; may include environmental/historic preservation documentation.

****No phased projects****



Building Code Adoption & Enforcement (Up to 20 Points)

Subcriteria 3.1:

Building Code Adoption (5 pts):

Adoption of current/next most recent hazard-resistant model codes (IBC/IRC 2021 or 2024).

Locally Adopted Codes (5 pts):

Based on mandatory state/tribal/territory-wide adoption.

Building Code Enforcement (10 pts):

BCEGS rating of 1–5.

Subcriteria 3.2: Alternative Higher Standards (5 pts):

Narrative demonstrating higher hazard-resistant standards for primary hazard.



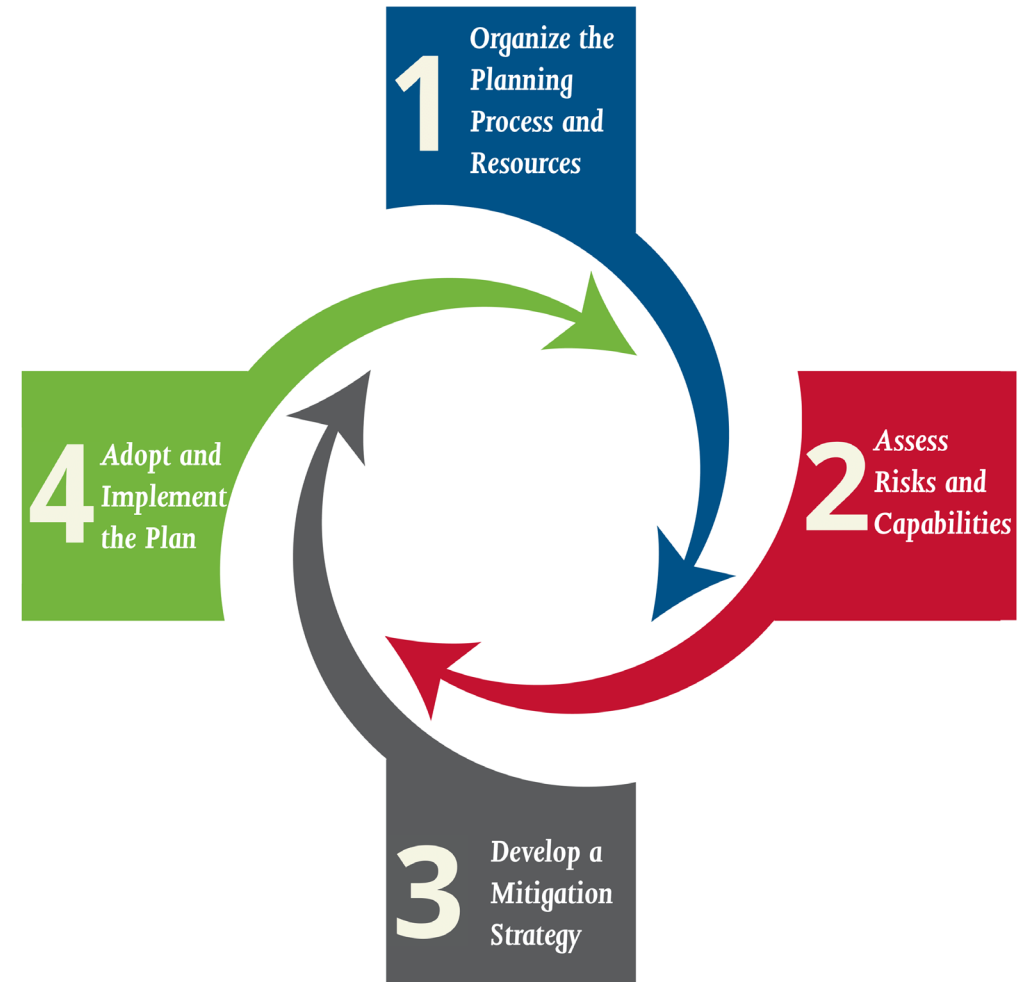
Risk Reduction (20 Points)

- Narrative scored on:
 - Identification of risk(s) and actions to reduce them.
 - Increased community resilience (preparedness, adaptation, recovery).
 - Ancillary benefits beyond primary risk reduction.



Implementation Measures (10 Points)

- Cost management processes.
- Schedule management and mitigation of challenges.
- Monitoring strategies, innovative techniques, and progress measurement.
- Availability of technical/managerial staff and resources.





Additional Points

- **New subapplicants or applicants (15 points):**
(State, territory, tribal) never previously selected in the BRIC National Competition.
- **Small Impoverished Community (5 Points):**
Designation as a small impoverished community (42 U.S.C. § 5133(a)).

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Best Practices

BRIC Application Submission Best Practices

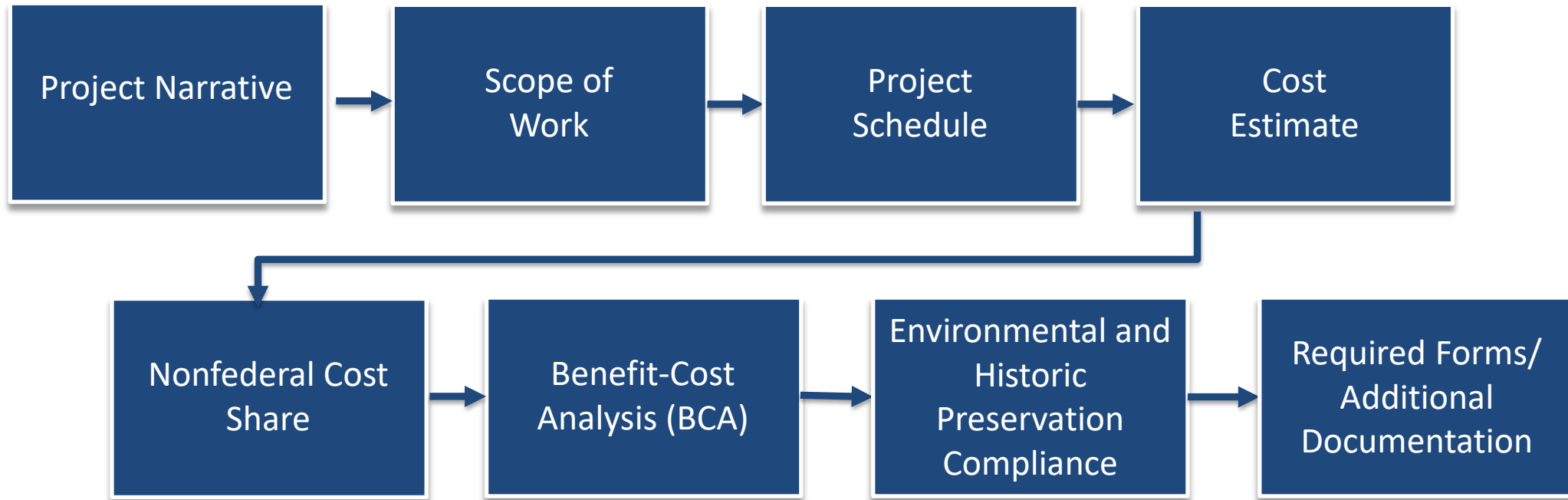
- 🕒 Start Early: Review NOFO and requirements ASAP; allow time for internal review.
- 📁 Organize Documentation: Gather all forms and supporting documents; label attachments clearly.
- ✅ Complete All Required Fields: Fill out all sections in FEMA GO; double-check for completeness.
- 💰 Define Scope & Budget: Provide detailed scope, timeline, and accurate cost estimates.
- ⭐ Address Evaluation Criteria: Respond directly to scoring criteria; highlight readiness and benefits.
- 📄 Include Pre-Award & Management Costs: List as separate line items in budget and scope.
- 👁️ Review & Quality Control: Have a colleague review for accuracy and consistency.
- 📤 Submit Before Deadline: Allow extra time for technical issues; confirm submission.



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BRIC Subapplication Components



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How to Apply: FEMA Grants Outcomes (FEMA GO)

How to Apply

- Eligible applicants must apply for funding using FEMA Grants Outcomes (FEMA GO) at the [FEMA GO Portal](#).
- Visit [FEMA GO for Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants](#) to view the technical user manuals and support materials.

Application Deadlines

- The application period opened on Wednesday, March 25, 2026.
- Applicants who experience system-related issues will be addressed until 3:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on Tuesday, July 21, 2026.
- Applications must be received in FEMA GO by Thursday, July 23, 2026 by 3:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.



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Resources

Helplines

- General questions about the BRIC and FMA programs can be directed to:
 - For Applicants: FEMA Regional Offices at www.fema.gov/about/contact.
 - For Subapplicants: State Hazard Mitigation Officers at www.fema.gov/state-hazard-mitigation-officers.
 - For immediate assistance, you may also contact the HMA Helpline: 1-866-222-3580
- For technical assistance with the FEMA GO system, contact the FEMA GO Helpline:
 - femago@fema.dhs.gov
 - 1-877-611-4700 (Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM ET.)
- For questions about cost-effectiveness and FEMA's Benefit-Cost Analysis software, contact the BC Helpline:
 - BCHelpline@fema.dhs.gov
 - 1-855-540-6744
- For questions about the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) or Environmental and Historic Preservation (EHP) requirements, contact the EHP Helpline:
 - FEMA-EHPHELPLINE@fema.dhs.gov
 - 1-866-222-3580
- For questions about FEMA's Building Science publications, contact: FEMA-BuildingScienceHelp@fema.dhs.gov
- For questions about FEMA's Safe Room publications, contact: Saferoomp@fema.dhs.gov

Questions?



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