
[DPS.VEMFunding] Announcement: Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) FY45 & FY 25 Funding Notice

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Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) FY45 & FY 25 Funding Notice is now available.

The Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program is an annual FEMA funding program for hazard mitigation. BRIC support states, local communities, and territories as they undertake hazard mitigation projects to reduce the risk from natural hazards.

Full details can be found here: <https://vem.vermont.gov/non-disaster-based-funding>.

Please submit a **Notice of Interest form** using the following link: [BRICFY24&25 Notice of Interest](#)

- **Notice of Interest deadline: Friday, April 17, 2026**
- Projects found to meet all requirements will be invited to apply and provided technical assistance (if requested). Due to limited funding and program requirements, Vermont Emergency Management will review and prioritize proposed projects through a state review process. Submission of a Notice of Interest does not guarantee that a project will be advanced or submitted to FEMA.
- **State application deadline: May 15, 2026.** All applications must be submitted in FEMA GO, which requires entering a [Unique Entity ID](#) (sign up through [SAM.GOV](#)).
- **Eligible Applicants:** State agencies, Regional Planning Commissions, municipalities, and other government entities.
- The project area must have an approved Local Hazard Mitigation Plan at the time of application submittal and project award.
- FEMA recently added a requirement for BRIC subapplicants to provide basic information about their organizational leadership and governance structure. This includes a brief organizational description, a list of key leadership and governing body members, and **short resumes** for staff responsible for administering or implementing the project. A template will be provided to capture this information.
- **Funding Available for FY24/25:** There are 3 relevant funding pots for Vermont:
 - \$2,000,000 (federal share) set-aside for Vermont applications for scoping and infrastructure projects (including management costs).

- \$1,000,000 (federal share) set-aside for Vermont applications for "building code plus-ups" (see below).
- \$757,000,000 (federal share) is available for the national competition for scoping applications and mitigation projects.
- **Eligible Projects:**
 - Project Scoping for a specific infrastructure: this funding can be used for a specific structure, like a bridge or culvert, or for a larger area (e.g. floodplain restoration). Scoping projects typically include an analysis of alternatives, public outreach, designs (up to 100% bid documents), environmental and historic preservation analysis (EHP), cost estimate, scope for final design and construction, and Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) for the preferred alternative.
 - Infrastructure Projects: such as floodplain restoration, culvert upsizing, dam or bridge removal, road relocations, streambank and soil stabilization, utility or municipal floodproofing projects. Only infrastructure projects that have, at a minimum, a conceptual design are eligible; phased projects are not eligible. Projects that are still evaluating mitigation options or determining feasibility should apply for **Project Scoping funding** rather than an infrastructure project.
 - Building Code Plus-Ups: mitigation activities that carry out eligible building code adoption and enforcement activities, such as: evaluating adoption and/or implementation of codes that reduce risk; enhancing existing adopted codes to incorporate more current requirements or higher standards; and developing professional workforce capabilities relating to building codes through technical assistance and training.
 - Hazard Mitigation Plan Development or updates are not eligible projects.
- **Management Costs:** 5% of total project costs will be available to sub-applicants for managing the grant award. This portion is 100% federal funded.
- **Cost Share:** 75% federal, 25% local non-federal (cash and/or in-kind); 90% federal share is available for Economically Disadvantaged Rural Communities (EDRCs). If you have questions on whether your community would qualify for 90% cost share, please contact DPS.HazardMitigation@vermont.gov.

You can also reach out directly to dps.HazardMitigation@vermont.gov with any questions.

Thank you,

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