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**NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:
North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS)
North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM)
FY 2023 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)**

NCEM Hazard Mitigation (HM) is now accepting Letters of Interest (LOIs) for possible inclusion in the State's BRIC submission to FEMA for the BRIC 2023 Non-Disaster grant opportunity. Eligible applicants are local governments with approved and adopted Hazard Mitigation Plans. All LOIs must be received by NCEM HM no later than Close of Business (5pm) on **October 2, 2023**.

NOTE: If you intend to apply for this funding opportunity and **are not** currently registered in the System for Award Management (SAM), please take immediate action to register in SAM. It may take 4 weeks or more after you submit your SAM registration before your registration is active in SAM, then an additional 24 hours for [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) to recognize your information.

Effective April 4, 2022, the Federal Government transitioned from using the Data Universal Numbering System or DUNS number, to a new, non-proprietary identifier known as a Unique Entity Identifier or UEI. For entities that had an active registration in the System for Award Management (SAM) prior to this date, the UEI has automatically been assigned and no action is necessary. For all entities filing a new registration in [SAM.gov](https://www.sam.gov) on or after April 4, 2022, the UEI will be assigned to that entity as part of the [SAM.gov](https://www.sam.gov) registration process.

The information provided below is a briefing of the anticipated BRIC 2023 NOFO, which is delayed due to the August 2023 Immediate Needs Funding (INF) memo. Assumptions are based on last year's BRIC NOFO. Please review the complete document and accompanying support material at [www.NCDPS.gov/BRIC](https://www.ncdps.gov/BRIC). Federal funding availability and due dates are subject to change, but will be certain when FEMA's BRIC2023 NOFO is released.

Who?

The State is seeking Letters of Intent for FEMA's BRIC2023 Non-Disaster project competition. Local governments (city/county/state-recognized tribal) may submit ideas, plans and shovel-ready projects to the State, who will convene peer review panels to score and rank the projects using the qualitative and technical scoring criteria outlined in the FEMA-NOFO. Extra points are available for economically-disadvantaged rural communities **and prior-year BRIC applicants**.

What?

Funds can be used for Capability- and Capacity-Building (C&CB) activities, cost-effective mitigation projects and management costs (5%). Total available funding for the program is still

pending FEMA's final published NOFO, but in 2022, approximately \$2.3B in projects were awarded.

- a. State/Territory Allocation Subtotal: \$ 112,000,000
- b. Tribal Set-Aside Subtotal: \$ 50,000,000
- c. National Competition Subtotal: \$2,133,000,000

C&CB projects will be funded using North Carolina's state allocation of \$2M and the mitigation (**construction**) projects will compete nationally after being prioritized in two state peer review panels.

Projects scoring is heavily weighted to favor those that incorporate **partnerships** and nature-based solutions and those that consider climate change or other future conditions, such as sea-level rise and population changes.

Where?

LOI's must be submitted in Salesforce at <https://ncdps.my.site.com/EMGrants/s/login/>

There is a 10-minute account set-up tutorial video at www.NCDPS.gov/BRIC

After being invited by the state to proceed to the full application, those will be completed in the new FEMA-Go software at <https://go.fema.gov/>

When?

Group	Key Dates:	Required
All	01 September 2023	NCEM NOFO Released
Local	02 October 2023 (5pm):	LOI submitted via Salesforce
State	13 October 2023	Local jurisdictions notified if selected to apply
Local Gov't	13 October 2023	Begin Grant Sub-Applications in FEMA-GO
Local Gov't	17 November 2023 (5pm)	Sub-Application due in FEMA-GO
State	30 Nov -01 Dec. 2023	NCDPS State Prioritization Panel
State/Local	4-6 December 2023	Meetings Sharing Scores & Return for Improvements
Local Gov't	05 January 2024 (5pm)	Final Sub-Application due in FEMA GO
State	22 January 2024 (3pm):	State's Application Target Submission Date

How?

The Period of Performance (POP) is 36 months, starting on the date of the recipient's federal award. This process starts with the LOI referenced on page 1. For more information, contact:

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Cost share is required for all subapplications funded under this program. Generally, the cost share for this program is 75 percent federal / 25 percent non-federal. This means federal funding is available for up to 75 percent of eligible costs. The remaining 25 percent of eligible costs must be derived from non-federal sources. For example, if the total cost of the activity is \$400,000 and the non-federal cost share is 25 percent, then the non-federal contribution is \$100,000: 25 percent of \$400,000 is \$100,000. This amount would be provided by the applicant. Likewise, the federal share of that activity would be \$300,000: 75 percent of \$400,000 is \$300,000. This amount would be provided by FEMA. FEMA will provide 100 percent federal funding for management costs.

The non-federal cost share may consist of cash, donated or third-party in-kind services, materials, or any combination thereof. Cash and third-party in-kind matches must consist of eligible costs (i.e., same eligibility as the federal share). Applicants cannot apply other federal award funds toward the BRIC non-federal cost share unless the other federal statutory authority allows the funds to be used to meet cost-share requirements. **Extra points are available for communities who provide an overmatch (see FEMA NOFO, page 28, Technical Review Criterion #6)**

Economically Disadvantaged Rural Communities are eligible for an increase in cost share up to 90 percent federal / 10 percent non-federal. The definition of an Economically Disadvantaged Rural Community is a community of 3,000 or fewer individuals identified by the applicant that is economically disadvantaged, with residents having an average per capita annual income not exceeding 80 percent of the national per capita income, based on best available data.

Application/Submission Information and Instructions

Local Governments (or other eligible agencies) are "sub-recipients" or "sub-applicants". The State (NCEM HMGP) is the "recipient" or "applicant". The sub-applicant (Local Governments) will first submit Letters of Interest (LOI) to the applicant (State) in Salesforce no later than **October 2, 2023** (5pm). The State (applicant) will screen sub-applications using staff and peer review panel and notify those that meet State priorities and eligibility. The State (applicant) will notify sub-applicants to proceed with the application process in FEMA GO no later than October 13, 2023. Sub-applicants may begin their application build in FEMA GO at that time. Sub-applicants are then required to complete their sub-applications no later than November 17, 2023. The State will then review subapplications using a peer review panel which will rate and rank the projects using the same qualitative criteria outlined in the FEMA-BRIC NOFO. The State will then share the panel's findings and return the subapplication to the local governments during scheduled meetings December 4-6, 2023. **The final draft of those subapplications MUST be completed in FEMA-GO by 5:00 p.m on January 5, 2023**

BRIC will require access and use of **Salesforce** and **FEMA GO**. Instructions for Salesforce and FEMA GO have been provided separately with this NOFO and are available at www.NCDPS.gov/BRIC. Sub-applications and applications are processed through the FEMA

GO system. To access the system, go to <https://go.fema.gov/>. Hard copies of the NOFO can also be downloaded at Grants.gov, once it is released.

Please review the full FEMA Notice of Funding Opportunity, along with NCDPS's BRIC grant development webinars and other helpful tools at www.NCDPS.gov/BRIC.

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