

# FEMA's BRIC Summer Engagement Series



The Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Summer Engagement Series will bring FEMA Subject Matter Experts and partners together one day a week during the month of July to discuss key elements of the newly developed BRIC program. These virtual sessions are geared towards leaders in states, local communities, tribes and territories, as well as private sector entities, private non-profit organizations, and individuals interested in learning more about the grant program.

**Each Wednesday in July from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), FEMA will host an engagement session.**

## UPCOMING JULY SERIES

### [BRIC Summer Engagement Series: Week 1: Introduction to Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities \(BRIC\) Grant Program](#)

**Wednesday, July 1, 2020 1:00:00 PM CDT - 2:00:00 PM CDT**

This 60-minute session will provide a high-level overview of the BRIC program.

### [BRIC Summer Engagement Series: Week 2: Meaning of the BRIC Name](#)

**Wednesday, July 8, 2020 1:00:00 PM CDT - 2:00:00 PM CDT**

This 60-minute session will cover the meaning of the BRIC name and how the BRIC program aligns with FEMA's Strategic Plan, the Administrator's Annual Planning Guidance and encourages innovation.

### [BRIC Summer Engagement Series: Week 3: BRIC and Building Codes](#)

**Wednesday, July 15, 2020 1:00:00 PM CDT - 2:00:00 PM CDT**

## BACKGROUND AND SIGNIFICANCE OF B-R-I-C

BRIC will support states, local communities, tribes and territories, as they undertake hazard mitigation projects reducing the risks they face from disasters and natural hazards. BRIC is a new FEMA pre-disaster hazard mitigation program that replaces the existing Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program and is a result of amendments made to Section 203 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act) by Section 1234 of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018 (DRRA).

The BRIC program guiding principles are supporting communities through capability- and capacity-building; encouraging and enabling innovation; promoting partnerships; enabling large projects; maintaining flexibility; and providing consistency.

The BRIC program aims to categorically shift the federal focus away from reactive disaster spending and toward research-supported, proactive investment in community resilience. FEMA anticipates BRIC funding projects that demonstrate innovative approaches to partnerships, such as shared funding mechanisms, and/or project design. Through BRIC, FEMA will continue to invest in a variety of mitigation activities with an added focus on infrastructure projects, and community lifelines.

A lifeline enables the continuous operation of critical government and business functions and is essential to human health and safety or economic security. Lifelines are the most fundamental services in the community that, when stabilized, enable all other aspects of society to function.

More details about Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities is available online at:  
<https://www.fema.gov/bric>

This 60-minute session will provide a structured conversation around the importance of building codes, as well as building code adoption and enforcement as it relates to the BRIC program.

#### [BRIC Summer Engagement Series: Week 4: BRIC and Community Lifelines](#)

**Wednesday, July 22, 2020 1:00:00 PM CDT - 2:00:00 PM CDT**

This 60-minute session will introduce community lifelines and how FEMA's grant programs support these efforts.

#### [BRIC Summer Engagement Series: Week 5: BRIC and Nature-Based Solutions](#)

**Wednesday, July 29, 2020 1:00:00 PM CDT - 2:00:00 PM CDT**

This 60-minute session will cover the value of nature-based solutions in building community infrastructure and resilience.