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FEMA Seeks Public Comment for New Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

This week, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is announcing an invitation for the public to comment on the development and implementation of Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) Section 1234: National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) will focus on reducing the nation's risk by funding public infrastructure projects that increase a community's resilience before a disaster.

Communities from all levels of government federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial, as well as key stakeholders, including private businesses, citizens, vulnerable and at-risk populations, critical infrastructure sectors, and non-profit, academic, and philanthropic organizations are encouraged to provide comment. The development of the BRIC program – and how as a nation we can deliver those outcomes – is vital.

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Comments will be accepted from May 20 through July 15, 2019, on IdeaScale at <https://fema.ideascale.com/a/campaign-home/61112> or by email at BUILDBRIC@fema.dhs.gov.

Webinar Series

FEMA will also host a webinar series during the month of June to provide a brief overview of the different topic areas that are important for the development of the BRIC program. Each session will include an opportunity for stakeholders to comment through the chat platform.

For detailed information of each session, visit <https://www.fema.gov/drra-bric>. The call-in information is the same for each webinar:

Phone: 1-800-320-4330 Code: 338559#

Adobe Connect: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/engage-bric/>

- **Webinar 1:** Infrastructure Mitigation Projects and Community Lifelines
Thursday June 6, 2019 (2 - 4 p.m. ET)
- **Webinar 2:** Hazard Mitigation Planning, Grant Application & Evaluation, Risk Informed Funding
Thursday June 13, 2019 (2 - 4 p.m. ET)
- **Webinar 3:** Funding & Resource Management and Benefit-Cost Analysis
Thursday June 20, 2019 (2 - 4 p.m. ET)

- **Webinar 4: Building Codes and Enforcement and Capacity and Capability**
Tuesday June 25, 2019 (2 - 4 p.m. ET)

For more information on DRRA, visit www.fema.gov/disaster-recovery-reform-act-2018.