



Delaware Emergency Management Agency

State of Delaware, Department of Safety and Homeland Security

MEMORANDUM

To: Delaware BRIC Program Subrecipients

From: A. J. Schall, Director
Delaware Emergency Management Agency

Date: April 7, 2025

Re: Update on the Status of Delaware BRIC Projects

On late Friday 4/4/2025, FEMA Acting Regional Administrator Lilian Hutchinson informed states that, in alignment with the President's Executive Orders and under the direction of Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Noem, FEMA has officially canceled the FY 2024 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). This means that there will be no funding selections or awards for the FY 2024 BRIC grant cycle.

In addition to the cancellation of the current grant cycle, FEMA has also announced the termination of the BRIC program. FEMA is now reassessing how grant funds can better align with the new Administration's priorities. This shift aims to ensure that grants support disaster planning, response, and recovery efforts for states and local communities in a more effective and efficient manner.

For projects selected for BRIC as of April 2, 2025, FEMA is implementing the following actions:

1. Cancellation of all the BRIC sub-applications selected but not obligated across all fiscal years 2020-2023. This includes project types such as safe rooms and shelters, flood reduction, phased infrastructure, hazard mitigation plans, project scoping plans utility and infrastructure protection and wildfire management.
2. Not approve any additional period of performance extensions on any BRIC projects without the FEMA Administrator's prior approval.
3. FEMA will review partially completed projects with grant recipients and collect information on:
 - a. The period of performance end date.
 - b. Amounts obligated and paid to the recipients.
 - c. Description of the work yet to be completed (FEMA will coordinate with the recipients to request a detailed status of each project); and
 - d. For Phased projects, any Phase 2 work not started will not be authorized.

For fully obligated projects, FEMA is implementing the following actions:

- FEMA will collect information on the period of performance end date and obligated amount; and

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- No additional extensions beyond the current period of performance end date will be granted without the FEMA Administrator's prior approval.

FEMA will end the obligation of all management costs and review the status of management cost requirements in line with the project review specified above. Remaining management cost funds may be de-obligated except those required to manage continuing partially or fully obligated projects.

What does this mean for Delaware's BRIC program?

- BRIC project applications for FY2024 will not be submitted for funding. Prior to the cancellation of this program, DEMA received interest from 15 communities for potentially 29 projects.
- FY2020 BRIC projects are complete and in closeout status. No impacts to this project.
- Two projects are currently active and will fall under #3 above.

	Sub-recipient	Description
FY2021	City of Wilmington	Lower Brandywine River Flooding Study and Mitigation Strategy
FY2022	DNREC	Wastewater Infrastructure Mapping for State

- Eleven FY2023 BRIC projects that were selected for pre-approval but under further review status have not been obligated, therefore will not be funded as indicated in #1 above.

	Sub-recipient	Description
1	Slaughter Beach	Direct Technical Assistance
2	Ocean View	Oakwood Avenue Flood Mitigation Project
3	Lewes	Construction – Permeable Streets – Railroad and Monroe Avenues
4	Fenwick Island	Flood Resilience Planning Study
5	Millsboro	Planning/Assessment/Design project – Cupola Park Bulkhead
6	Seaford	Construction – Oyster House Park Underground Electric Conversion
7	Greenwood	Hazard Mitigation Plan Assistance
8	DEMA	Delaware's All Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.
9	DEMA	Feasibility study- Green Power On Demand System
10	South Bethany	Feasibility study/Flood Mitigation Plan for Cat Hill
11	DEMA / TNC / SeaGrant	Feasibility Study to evaluate hazard-resistant statewide building code in Delaware.

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As additional guidance or new information becomes available from FEMA regarding the review process for active/partially completed projects, we will share with the project sub-recipient. If you have any additional questions regarding your project, please reach out via email to Phil Cane, Delaware State Hazard Mitigation Officer, at Phillip.cane@delaware.gov.