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Millions of Dollars in Grants Available to Reduce Disaster Impacts

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has recently announced funding for two 2020 hazard mitigation programs: The Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program and the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program. These programs help communities lower the impacts and costs of disasters by investing before disasters occur.

The BRIC Program provides funding opportunities to State agencies, County governments, and certain Private Non-Profit (PNP) organizations to implement mitigation projects to protect lives and properties. To be eligible, a project must be listed in the State Mitigation Plan or County Mitigation Plan. This program authorizes that 75% of the project cost will be funded by Federal funds. The sub-applicant is responsible for the remaining 25% which must be from a non-Federal source.

Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA) will review all applications and will determine the funding priorities in conjunction with the State Hazard Mitigation Forum.

“In terms of flood mitigation, these two grants are great opportunities to plan ahead during hurricane season,” said State Hazard Mitigation Officer, Larry Kanda. “The BRIC program funds a range of projects to help Hawaii protect against hurricanes, floods, wildfires and the impacts to critical infrastructure.”

The FMA grant program provides funding assistance to State agencies, County governments, and certain PNPs to reduce risk or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures which are insurable under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). As in the case with the BRIC program, eligible projects must be included in the State Hazard Mitigation Plan or County Mitigation Plan.

Further details are available on the FEMA FACT SHEET

The deadline to submit the notice of intent (NOI) to HI-EMA is September 18, 2020.

If you have questions, require further information, or require technical assistance, please contact Larry Kanda, State Hazard Mitigation Officer at (808) 733-4300, ext. 516 or larry.kanda@hawaii.gov.

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