Partnering to Advance Resilience and Equity in Disaster Work
Outline

1. New at FEMA
2. Partnership Case Study
3. Resources & Opportunities
What’s new in policy & programs?
Changing Threat Landscape

- Bigger Disasters
- Greater Impacts
- Higher Costs
- Less Predictability
- Year Round
Resilience & Equity Developments

• BRIC
• HMGP COVID $$$
• Justice40
• Strategic Plan
BRIC—Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities

- Annual competitive mitigation program
- Less reactive disaster spending
- More proactive community resilience investment
- Issued by FEMA’s Federal Insurance & Mitigation Administration (FIMA)

Qualitative Evaluation Criteria

1. Risk Reduction/Resiliency Effectiveness
2. Climate Change and Other Future Conditions
3. Implementation Measures
4. Population Impacted
5. Outreach Activities
6. Leveraging Partners
COVID HMGP: State OEMs programming now

- New Jersey: $148 million
- New York: $378 million
- Pennsylvania $63 million
- Maryland $93 million
- Virginia $62 million
- Delaware $6 million
- DC $17 million
Is your work fundable?
Mitigation Action Portfolio

climate adaptation, raingardens, flood control, electrical systems, floodplain restoration, building code updates, buyouts, retrofits, stormwater infrastructure, environmental restoration, resilience parks, green infrastructure, tsunami communications, rockfall protection, microgrids, studies, plans

FEMA
Expanding Mitigation Guides

- Building Codes
- Disability
- Wildlife
- Whole Communities, Cemeteries
- Communications
- Electrical Power
- Municipal Financing, Transportation
- Public Health
- Agriculture
- Arts and Culture
- Equity
Justice40

• 40 percent of benefits from federal climate investments to go to disadvantaged communities

• Addresses the disproportionate impacts of climate change and pollution on low-income communities and communities of color

• Includes FEMA’s Flood Mitigation Assistance and BRIC programs
Where is FEMA headed?

• Equity
• Climate Resilience
• Readiness
Case Study: Long Island Smart Growth Partnership
# The Long Island Smart Growth Partnership

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**Goals**
- Smart growth
- Environmental justice
- Resiliency
- Hazard mitigation
- Use Best Data
- Analyze Health Indicators
Projects
• Symposium
• Community Viz Training
• Health Impact Assessment
• Resilient Codes Tool
• Community TA
• NYS Policy on Codes
• Ecosystem Services
RISE: Addressing Impediments to Implementing Resilience

• Local land use assessment tool
• Identify barriers to making changes
• Field–tested with coastal and riverine communities
• 250 examples and models from communities who’ve overcome similar challenges
RISE Components

Includes
Case Studies
Recommendations
Challenge
Questions
Prioritization
Guidance
Planning Templates
Lesson: Leverage complementary assets

Community Viz Training
- Facilitator
- Software

Ecosystem Services
- Research staff
- Travel funds

Resilient Codes
- Contractor
- Expertise

EPA provided

FEMA provided
Lesson: Sequence work to rally champions & cultivate partners

- Partnership
  - White Paper
- Political Leaders
  - Symposium
- Community Groups
  - Scenario Planning
- NGOs
  - Tech Assistance
- Academics

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Opportunities and Resources
Partnering in Disaster Recovery

Recovery Support Functions coordination hubs

Six RSFs
• Housing (HUD)
• Natural & Cultural Resources (DOI)
• Infrastructure Systems (USACE)
• Economic Recovery (EDA)
• Health and Human Services (HSS)
• CPCB (FEMA)
Other Federal Opportunities

• The $550 billion Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
• CDBG-DR and MIT funds for Ida recovery (HUD)
• Follow state agencies to find out what programs are emerging from new federal grants and mandates
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Resources

• Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities—BRIC
  - [2021 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities and Flood Mitigation Assistance Webinar Series](https://www.fema.gov) | FEMA.gov
  - [https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_resource-list-bric-grant-program.pdf](https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_resource-list-bric-grant-program.pdf)

• NFIP, Risk Rating 2.0: Equity in Action [Risk Rating 2.0: Equity in Action](https://www.fema.gov) | FEMA.gov

• NDRF—Working with Recovery Support Functions

• FEMA’s Strategic Plan 2022-26: [2022–2026 FEMA Strategic Plan](https://www.fema.gov) | FEMA.gov
Resources

• Guides to Expanded Mitigation
  https://www.fema.gov/about/organization/region-2/ Guides-expanding-mitigation;

• Mitigation Action Portfolio
  Hazard Mitigation Assistance Mitigation Action Portfolio (fema.gov)

• Building Community Resilience with Nature-Based Solutions

• Promoting Nature-Based Hazard Mitigation Through FEMA Mitigation Grants
  Nature’s Role in Mitigating Damages from Storms, Wildfires