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Dear Butler County Community Partner,

Butler County Emergency Management Agency and Ohio EMA is sharing this opening of the application cycle for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grants. The Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Guidance document includes criteria that must be met in order to apply for the BRIC and FMA grant programs. The HMA Guidance document can be downloaded from FEMA's website: <https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation>. This year there is \$500,000,000 available through BRIC and \$160,000,000 available through FMA.

PLEASE NOTE: The application deadlines listed in this email are the BRIC and FMA deadlines that must be met. The deadlines in the attached Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) are later to allow the state time to compile all sub-applications and submit them to FEMA.

- **September 11, 2020 - HMA Pre-application form due to Ohio EMA for entities interested in applying for BRIC and/or FMA (attached form)**
- **November 2, 2020 – Draft applications due to Ohio EMA**
- **January 5, 2021 – Final applications due to Ohio EMA**

If you, or a community, is considering developing a sub-application for one of these programs please complete the attached *"HMA Pre-application Form"* and email it to saferryman@dps.ohio.gov by **September 11, 2020**. Communities that submit a completed form by the deadline will be assigned an Ohio EMA Mitigation Specialist to provide technical assistance during application development. There is funding available for mitigation projects (e.g. acquisition/demolition, elevation, community safe rooms, storm water etc.) and local mitigation plan updates. FEMA's priorities for both programs are listed in the NOFO and accompanying fact sheets.

FEMA will be conducting webinars on the details of the NOFO and how to develop successful mitigation project applications. Details for how to register for these webinars which begin on August 18 can be found at: <https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/fy2020-nofo#>.

Applications for BRIC and FMA are collected through the NEW federal online application system referred to as "FEMA GO". The new FEMA GO system is not yet fully operational and is not expected to be so until September 30, 2020. Additional information on how to register and navigate in FEMA GO will be sent as it becomes available.

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A Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) is required for all HMA project applications. The BCA must be able to document that the benefits of the project are greater than the costs, or the project is not eligible. Online BCA training is available at: <https://www.fema.gov/grants/guidance-tools/benefit-cost-analysis>. Ohio EMA Mitigation Branch staff are also available to provide technical assistance on BCA development.

Sub-Applications for BRIC and FMA must be submitted in FEMA GO and are due to the Ohio EMA by 5:00 PM on November 2, 2020. This will ensure that Ohio EMA mitigation staff have time to review the draft sub-application and make recommendations that will improve its competitiveness at the national level. **Sub-applicants will have from November 2020 through January 4, 2021 to refine their sub-application and then resubmit it to Ohio EMA through FEMA GO by 5:00 pm on January 5, 2021.**

The respective NOFO and fact sheets are posted on the Butler County EMA website – Mitigation Page. These provide additional details on the application development process. As always, do not hesitate to contact Butler County EMA OR Mr. Steve Ferryman (OEMA) direct if you have questions about this information.

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