

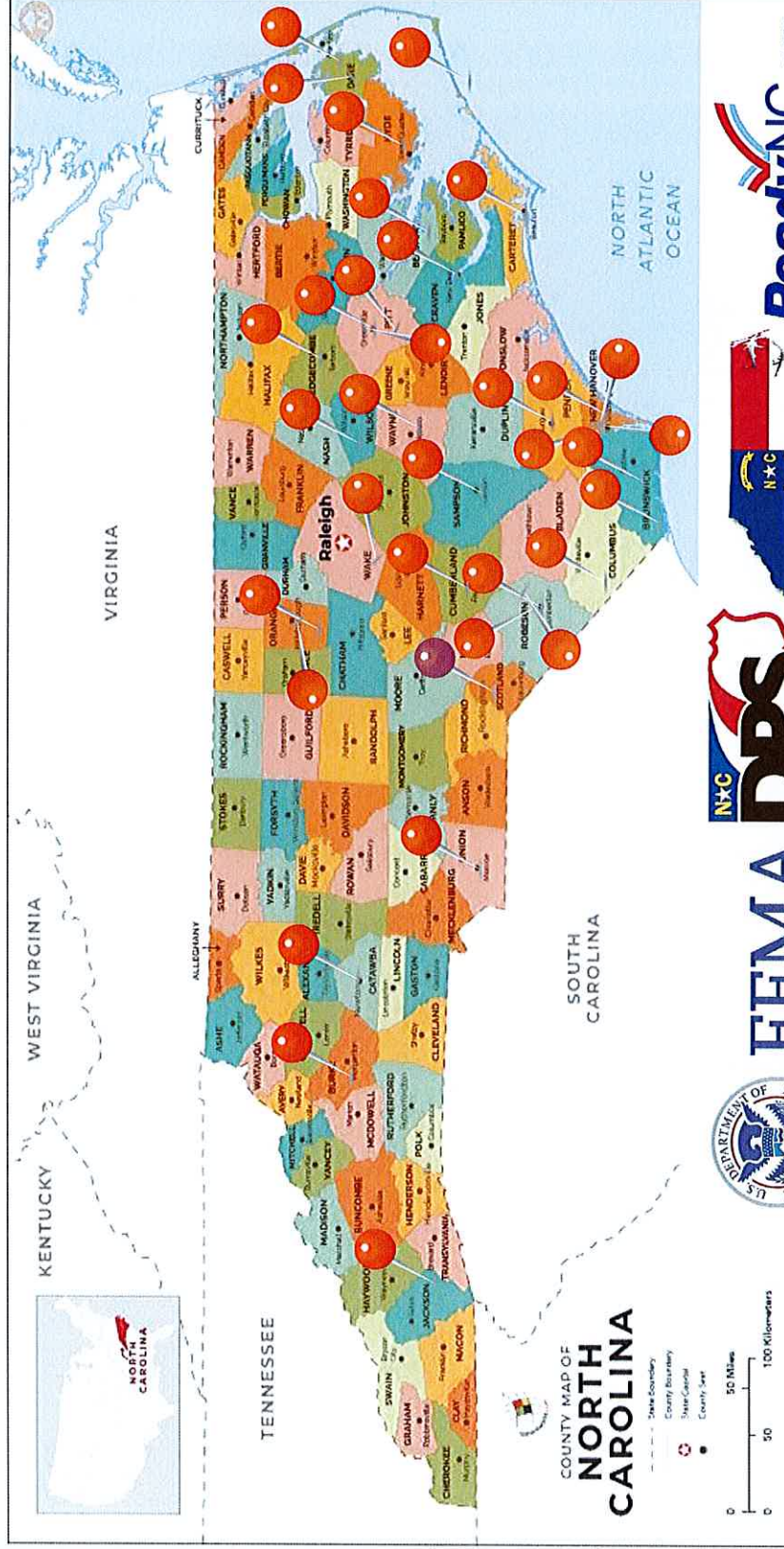


# BRIC

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities

# Project Map

\$175M In Pre-Screened Projects



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August 20, 2021

### MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the North Carolina Building Code Council (BCC)

From: Kaine Riggan, Grants Development Specialist, NCDPS

CC: Jason Pleasant, NCDPS  
Steve McGugan, State Hazard Mitigation Officer

Attachments: FEMA Scoring Criteria for Infrastructure Grants Briefing

Subject: **Potential to Lose Millions in Federal Funding Due to IRC/IBC Adoption Schedule**

It has come to our attention that the BCC does not intend to adopt to the 2018 or 2021 version of the International Building Code/ International Residential Code until 2024. Please be advised that starting this year, FEMA has adjusted/weighted the scoring criteria for non-disaster infrastructure grants to offer half points for states with only a 2015 adoption. Only states with the more current 2018 or 2021 version adoptions will receive full points in that criterion.

Be sure that this will cost the cities and counties millions in grant funding each year until this is addressed by the BCC. This year alone, FEMA's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program will award \$1B in funding. In 2020, our state won more of these nationally-competitive project grants than any other state – but then FEMA awarded full points for our 2015 adoption. That has changed and we will undoubtedly lose 10 points on a 100-point scale for the scoring of our community's funding proposals statewide. (see attached FEMA scale). And funding comes down to fractions of a point in these competitive programs.

We urge our distinguished BCC board members to revisit the adoption schedule and make efforts to update our version to 2018 as soon as possible. The deadline for this year's grant application, which will include over \$100M in requests from local governments throughout North Carolina is January 28, 2022. We may lose out this year, given that tight deadline, but these funds will be available each year as infrastructure funding continues to increase and the concept of waiting until 2024 to become compliant with FEMA's guidance is far too costly to consider.

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**The Department of Homeland Security (DHS)  
 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)  
 Fiscal Year 2021 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities**

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<b>Technical Evaluation Criteria for the National Competition</b>	
<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Potential Total Points</b>
Infrastructure project	20
Mitigating risk to one or more <u>community lifelines</u>	15
Incorporation of nature-based solutions. For more information on potential nature-based solutions, please reference <i>Building Community Resilience with Nature-Based Solutions: A guide for local communities</i> .	10
Applicant has <b>mandatory</b> tribal-, territory-, or state-wide building code adoption requirement ( <b>2015 version of International Building Code and International Residential Code</b> )	<b>10</b>
OR	OR
Applicant has <b>mandatory</b> tribal-, territory-, or state-wide building code adoption requirement ( <b>2018 or 2021 versions of International Building Code and International Residential Code</b> )	<b>20</b>
Subapplicant has Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) Rating of 1 to 5	20
Application generated from a previous FEMA HMA Advance Assistance or Project Scoping award, High Hazard Potential Dams (HHPD) award, or DHS Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency's (CISA) Regional Resiliency Assessment Program (RRAP), or the subapplicant is a past recipient of BRIC non-financial Direct Technical Assistance	10
A non-federal cost share of at least 30% (or, for Economically Disadvantaged Rural Communities as referenced in 42 U.S.C. § 5133(a) as small impoverished communities, a non-federal cost share of at least 12%). To receive the full points, the federal share requested can be no more than 70% (or 88% for qualified EDRCs).	5
Designation as an Economically Disadvantaged Rural Community (as referenced in 42 U.S.C. § 5133(a) as a small impoverished community)	15



## JUSTICE40 INITIATIVE

Adopted in  
2018

2015

Adopted in  
2021?

2018

2021



## International Building Code

NOT UNTIL 2024

## BUILDING COMMUNITY RESILIENCE WITH NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS

A GUIDE FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

NC Building Codes Commission Meeting 9/14/21



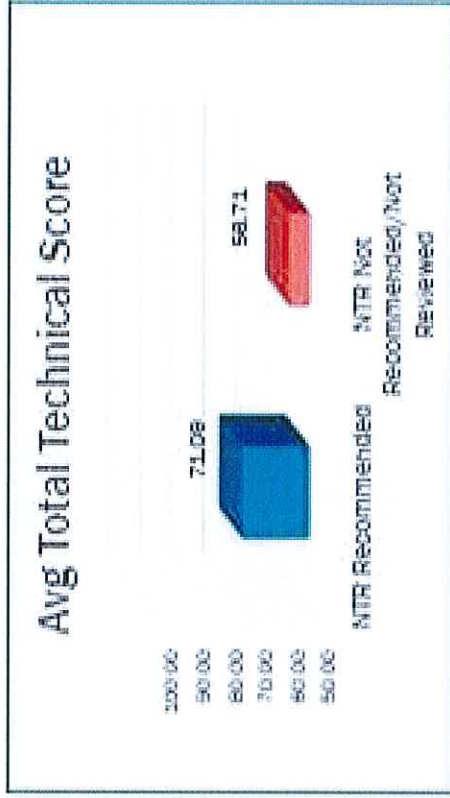
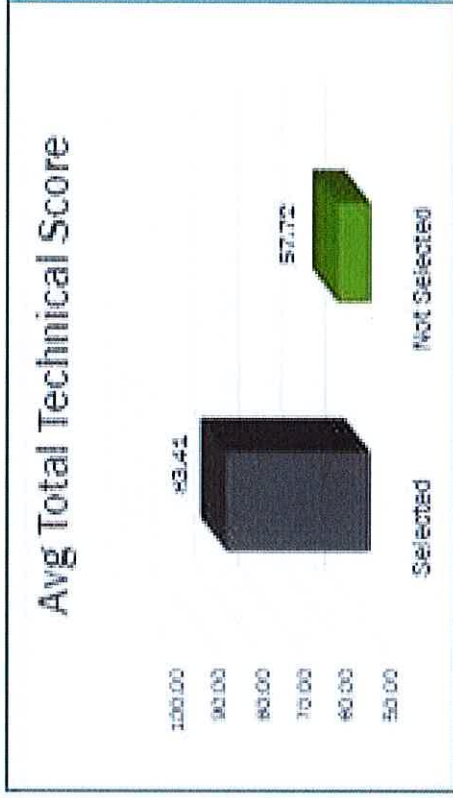
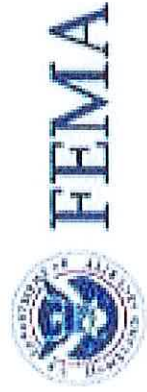
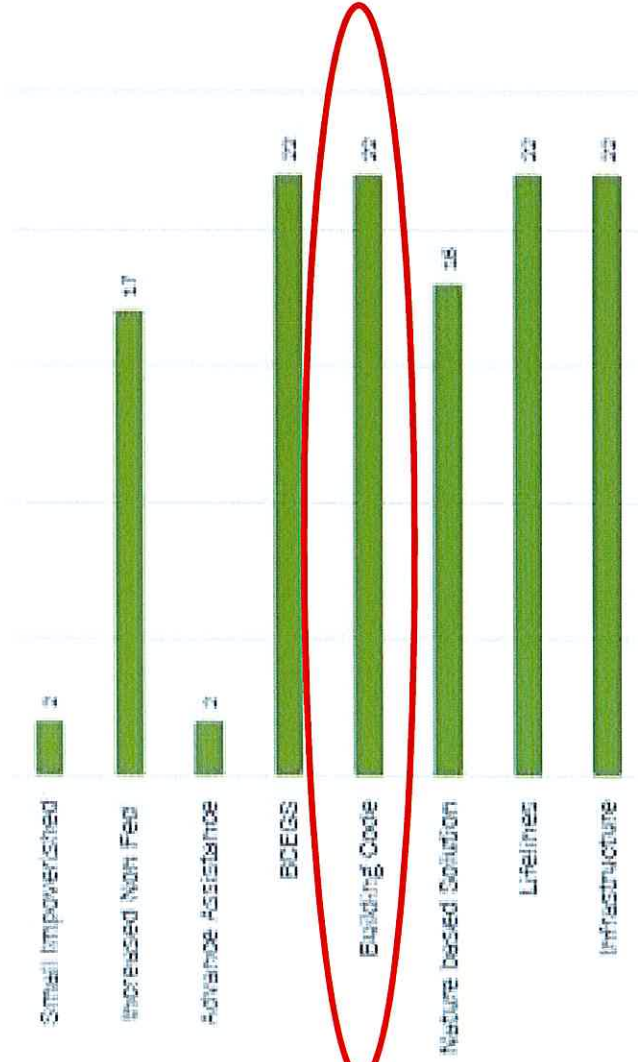
## BRIC Priorities

- Mitigate the risk to public infrastructure
- Incentivize resilient investments in disadvantaged communities, as referenced in EO 14008 (Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad)
- Mitigate risk to one or more community lifelines
- Incorporate nature-based solutions
- Enhance climate resilience and adaptation
- Incentivize the adoption and enforcement of the latest published editions of building codes

BRIC encourages mitigation projects that meet multiple program priorities

# Scoring: Technical Evaluation Criteria

TECHNICAL EVALUATION CRITERIA: SELECTED 22







# NC's BRIC/FMA 2020 AWARDS\*

## BRIC

- Morganton \$600,000
- Hickory \$5,400,000
- Hickory \$3,500,000
- Lumberton \$1,900,000
- Princeville \$10,968,390
- Duck \$1,800,000

## FMA

- Columbus Co. \$1,581,476
- Beaufort Co. \$1,423,898

**\$27,298,363**

\* Official Status is "Selected for Further Review"

