

Target Funding Opportunities

FEMA BRIC – *disaster risk reduction projects up to \$50 million; competitive grants*

The FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities ([BRIC](#)) program is a multi-billion dollar national grant program. Funds are available annually and most of the funding is awarded competitively. This is one of the largest grants available for resilience project implementation (up to \$50 million per sub-applicant). Although FEMA grants require a high level of effort to prepare benefit-cost analyses and coordinate with State emergency management offices, BRIC is likely to be a durable source of funding for several years. Building up the regional capacity to apply for these grants over multiple cycles can help create a pipeline of projects to address regional climate risks (drought, flood, fire, heat, etc.) and reducing impacts to vulnerable communities.

DOT PROTECT – *dedicated set-aside for resilience planning for five years (2022-2026)*

The \$7.3 Billion, 5-year Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation ([PROTECT](#)) Program is intended help make surface transportation more resilient to natural hazards and extreme weather. These formula funds have already been allocated directly to States with a requirement that 2% of the total funds be dedicated to resilience planning. These are some of the most significant and accessible planning resources for resilience and can help support the development of other cross-sector funding applications, for example FEMA BRIC implementation funds for reinforcing evacuation routes.

Bureau of Reclamation Conservation & Efficiency Grants – *water, ag, and energy funds*

The \$4 Billion [Lower Colorado River Basin System Conservation and Efficiency Program](#) and the WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grants ([WEEG](#)) program are among several expanded federal funding programs through DOI, USDA, and DOE intended to respond to the severe drought in Western States. These programs can help Arizona bridge the gap between rural and urban resilience programs and address upstream and downstream challenges in the water and agriculture sectors. Local governments and organizations in Arizona can also learn from successful funding, capacity building, and implementation models in others states, such as the [Energy Trust of Oregon](#).

DOT Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) & EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) – *GHG emissions reduction planning and implementation grants*

Both the DOT and EPA have launched major new programs to support states and local entities in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The [CRP](#) program targets transportation sector emissions and supports a wide-range of project types from transit systems and technology upgrades and retrofits to deployment of alternative fuels. EPA's [CPRG](#) program is complementary and supports

the development of regional plans and a wider range of multi-benefit emissions reductions activities, such as building energy retrofits that can improve air quality and public health in EJ communities.

EPA Environmental Justice Grants – *\$100 million for equity, public health, environment*

The new \$30 million EPA Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving ([EJCPS](#)) program and \$70 million Environmental Justice Government-to-Government ([EJG2G](#)) program are rare large-scale opportunities for community-centered and community-led environmental justice projects to secure multi-year support for planning and implementation. These funds will be competitively awarded to local governments and community-based organizations or collaboratives (who can apply directly for EJCPS funds). Community organizations and local governments across Arizona that have been working at the intersection extreme heat, public health, and equity are especially well-positioned to leverage recent work and collaborative efforts and scale-up interventions to protect disadvantaged communities and the most vulnerable residents of Arizona.

Tribal Set-Asides – *multiple agency programs for planning and implementation*

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) includes over \$13 Billion in Tribal set-asides for sector-specific activities in Indian Country. These funds include formula allocations, discretionary funds, and competitive grants. A full list of funding opportunities is included in the White House [Tribal Playbook](#) (released in May 2022).

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