

**NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services  
FY 2020 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) and  
Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)  
Letter of Intent (LOI) for Planning Grants**

Please use this LOI for the following categories under FEMA's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) programs. Please check the box for the program under which you are submitting this LOI. DHSES may reject incomplete LOI submissions.

- ☐ Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)  
- Capability and Capacity Building (C&CB): includes Hazard Mitigation Planning and Planning Activities
- ☐ Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)  
- Project Scoping (previously Advance Assistance)  
- Flood Hazard Mitigation Planning

DHSES encourages subapplicants to submit LOIs for the update of HMPs that will expire before July 2023. The state will not support funding for plans that evaluate risk to a single community in a county, or to a County's assets without including those of all participating jurisdictions.

**LOIs are due 9/30/20 @ 5:00 pm.** Submit completed LOI to [HazardMitigation@dhses.ny.gov](mailto:HazardMitigation@dhses.ny.gov)

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**Name of Current/Lapsed FEMA Approved Hazards Mitigation Plan:**

Albany County Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Date of Approval: 10/03/2018

**Planning Proposal Information:**

Estimated Cost: \$100,000 Estimated Timeline for Completion: 2023, subject to completion of Resiliency Plan

For Hazard Mitigation Planning (including Flood Hazard Mitigation Planning) and Planning-related activities, on a separate sheet of paper, please identify:

- a) Communities to be covered by the new/updated plan;
- b) Combined population of all communities to be covered by the plan;
- c) Any communities that will be new participants;
- d) Any communities that will not be participants, and why.

For other C&CB activities and Project Scoping, on a separate sheet of paper, please provide a detailed description of the problem or the risk to be addressed and a detailed description of the proposed activity.

**I certify that** I am a subapplicant or an authorized point of contact, and that the information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that during the application development phase I will have to certify that the non-Federal funding share (at least 25% of final project cost) will be available if an award is received.

Signed:  Date: 9/30/2020

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## **MEMORANDUM**

To: NYS DHSES  
From: County of Albany  
Date: 9/30/2020  
RE: FY2020 BRIC Letter of Intent

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### Project Summary – Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

*Objective:* Albany County's Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan expires in 2023. The County is applying for the BRIC grant to update its Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) and identify actionable mitigation projects based on the update. The update will incorporate the County's Resiliency Plan and will be guided by the FEMA Community Lifeline framework.

Since the most recent approval of the County's HMP in 2018, FEMA has launched the Community Lifelines framework. Updating Albany County's plan through the lens of this framework will allow the County to draw explicit connections between Community Lifelines and hazard mitigation. Additionally Albany County is beginning the development of a Countywide Resiliency Plan, which will ultimately allow the County to identify specific resiliency projects and plan for their implementation. The Resiliency Plan should be completed by late 2021/early 2022, at which point the update to the HMP would commence.

Using the information identified during the planning and development of a Resiliency Plan, Albany County will update its Hazard Mitigation Plan to align with the Resiliency Plan and incorporate the Community Lifelines framework to guide the update of its HMP. Updating the Hazard Mitigation Plan following this process allows the County to streamline how its plan is updated and ensures a comprehensive approach – thereby building resilience to both the direct and cascading impacts of the most likely disruptive events. The County plans to retain a planning and engineering consultant to assist with the update to its HMP.

All jurisdictions in Albany County will participate and be covered by the new/updated Hazard Mitigation Plan. This covers a population of roughly 308,000 (ACS, 2018).